West Asheville People

A

Abernethy, Walter Irwin; Zephyr Hills Sanitorium & the Preventorium; Shelbourne Rd.
Allen, Mrs. Joyce; 1st place, flower arranging contest
Allen, Robert; owner, Bob's Market; 1938
Alexanders, West Asheville; genealogy
Allison, Mrs. H.B. & Daughter Shirley; organist & pianist, 1955; Clinton Ave.
Anders, Burgin; Anders-Rice Funeral Home; Haywood Rd.; Starnes Cove Rd.
Anders, James B.; Anders-Rice Funeral Home
Anderson, Ann; creates winning slogan for Haywood Road banners; Shelburne Rd., 2004
Anderson, C. B.; Hall Fletcher principal dies, 1937
Anderson, Gay; city policeman among 1st in nation to be drafted; Nevada Ave.; 1936
Anderson, Dr. J.G., West A physician, founded Aston Pk Hosp'l; Haywood Rd.
Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. J. Wall; 50th anniversary; Haywood Rd.
Anderson, Newton M.; Chairman, Buncombe Co. Commissioners, 1928; Malvern Hills
Anderson, Mrs. Newton M. (Elizabeth); obituary, 1956
Anderson, Norman; Red Cross volunteer, 1947
Anderson, R.L.; Tarawa story, 1945; Virginia Ave.
Anderson, Rosa Belle Penland, oldest member West A Presbyt'n Ch., 1974
Anderson, Mrs. Tom E.(Evelyn); president, West Asheville Community Club, 1952; Clinton Ave.
Andrews, Clifton; wins Yule Lighting prize, 1959; Bear Crk. Rd.
Andrews, Herman; 7 year old child accidentally shot and killed, 1908
Arthur, J.N. "Pap"; founding scoutmaster, Troop #3, Trinity United Methodist Church; Louisiana Ave.
Atkins, Harry; Atkins-Harper Lumber Co., worked to get Teen Center for West A; 1952; Haywood Rd.
Atkins, Kay; Homecoming attendant, Lee Edwards HS, 1953; Haywood Rd.
Atkinson, E.B.; candidate for clerk of court, 1910
Atkinson, Luke; Luke Atkinson Furniture Company(1954); Delaware Ave.
Atkinson, Philip Henry; killed in airplane crash, 1928; Westwood Pl.
Atkinson, Natt; 1902
Austin, Abraham; father of Aunt Bessie & Aunt Ida, 1950
Austin, Frank J.; Morris-Austin Co.; President, West Asheville Men's Club; 125 Clarendon Rd.

B

Bader, William; Haywood Rd. man is marquetry expert, 1950; Haywood Rd.
Bailey, Virginia; wins doll
Baker, Hamilton D.; founded Baker Packing Co.; 140 Westwood Pl.
Balassa, Lincoln & Maya; biking on Haywood Rd., 2004; Bradley St.
Ball, Enoch G. Sr.
Ball, Enoch Jr.; Enoch Ball and the Joyfulaires, WKJV Gospel Expo'97; Deaverview Rd.
Ball, Everett; Ball's Service Center, 2005.
Ball, Ewart Sr.; Plateau Studios advertisement, 1930; Dorchester Ave.
Ball, Ewart, Jr.; Citizen-Times photographer, 1966; Balm Grove Ave.
Ball, Ewart III;
Ballew, Charles W.; w/bro. James, 1st Asheville casualty, WWII; 4 Hickory Terrace
Ballew, James Robert; w/bro. Charles, 1st Asheville casualty, WWII; 4 Hickory Terrace
Ballew, Mrs. William Wiley; West A War Mother, 1944; 4 Hickory Terrace
Ballew, William W.; obituary; 48 Olney Rd.
Ballinger, Mr. & Mrs. Popejoy; 50th anniversary, 1999
Bannister, Nell; Hall Fletcher student body secretary, 1945-46; Brevard Rd.
Barnard, Frank E; president, Cash Coal Co., 1960
Barker, W.E.; Department Store owner dies after long illness, 1934
Barrett, W. G.; Confederate veteran; 1924; 346 Westwood Pl.
Barry, Mrs. Edward P.; president, West Asheville Community Club, 1937; 117 Brucemont Cir.
Bates, Mr. & Mrs. A.H. & family; 2 sets of twins in this family, 1935; Brevard Rd.
Bates, Mildred; WAC spends furlough at home, 1943; Westwood Place
Bean, Mr. & Mrs. Allan; night-blooming cereus, 1944
Bell, Frank; Asheville's biggest newspaperman, 1930; 48 Langwell Ave.
Bell, John; Main Auto Parts, Craven St; stock car racing; Mitchell Ave., 2003
Bell, Jesse David; healthy child, 1927; 90 Salola St.;
Bell, Raymon; "8,000 mile journey in $15 Ford",1926; "News Personality of the Week", West A Air Raid Warden; 1943, Mitchell Ave.
Bennes, Anna; President, Asheville Classroom Teachers, 1958
Bennett, Dr. C.C., dentist, 82 Westwood Place
Bennett, Susan; catches bass, 1957
Best, John; retired police captain, veterans advocate; 130 Herron Ave., 1997
Bigsby, Suzanne; teacher, Emma School, 2000??
Bilbro, Dr. Q.T.
Bingham, Colonel; Bingham Military Academy, 1906
Bird, Mr. & Mrs. E.R.; English girl marries West A artillery Capt., 1946; 101 Vermont Ave.
Bishop, Herman; RR fireman collects rare coins; 1928; 43 Montana Ave.
Bishop, J.N.; Confederate veteran, obituary, 1922
Bishop, Jimmy; Christmas Pageant, Eugene Rankin school, 1941

Bizzell, Billy; Quarry blast victim buried at Green Hills, 1938; Hazel Mill Rd.

Blanchard, Mrs. Arta X. (Elta); Director, West A Jr. Music Club,1943; 77 Blue Rideg Ave.
Blankenship, Don W.; patrolman, APD, 1927; r 29 Allen St.
Blomberg, Harry; Harry's Cadillac-Pontiac, 819 Patton Ave.
Bolick, Alverta; SEE: Calvary Baptist Church
Bolt, Elizabeth; Hall Fletcher salutatorian, 1944; Blue Ridge Ave.
Bowman, Col. and Mrs. P.G.; Home destroyed by fire; 1915. Strawberry Hill
Bowman, Mrs. Frank & Barina; Westgate "Mother of the Year", 1965; Sand Hill Rd.
Bradley, Charles; lifeguard, Malvern Hills Pool, 1956; 6 Mitchell Ave.
Breedlove, Buel; taxi driver robbed & shot, 1955
Briggs, Mrs. Dick; West A home economist,1939; Westwood Pl.?
Bright, A.L.; mayor of West Asheville, 1913 – 1915
Brookshire, Guy; West Asheville druggist dies; 1947
Brookshire, Dr. Harley Gaskill; physician, 1940; Shelburne Rd.
Brookshire, L.W.; West Asheville Half Hour Laundry
Brookshire, L.B. (Balfour); Pharmacist, B & B Drug Store, & civic leader
Brown, Rev. Dr. Albert E.; Supt. Baptist Mission Board Mountain Schools dies at West Asheville home, 1924; Tremont St.
Brown, Bob (Robert J.); author & performer, Bob Brown's Science Circus, 20 Vandalia Ave.
Brown, Eugene H., owner of Asheville Seed Store; 29 Lucerne Ave.
Brown, Joe H.; Enka employee, Financial Accounting Section; 95 Belmont Ave.
Brown, Little Joe; WISE/WSKY (Westgate) radio announcer, 1997
Brown, Mary Gertrude Tallent; wife of Bob Brown, cooking show on WLOS
Brown, Rose Marie; Enka Scholarshipo recipient graduates from Asheville-Biltmore College; 95 Belmont Ave.
Brown, Tammie; spring in winter, photo, 1974
Brown, V.F.; obituary, 1930; Brevard Rd.
Browning, Charles; "Womanless Wedding", Vance PTA, 1954
Brownson, W. C.; physician, 1878.
Bruton, Bessie (Aunt Bessie); Aunt Bessie, Westwood Place
Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. & family; 25,000th Asheville telephone, 1950
Bryan, William F.; former Bingham Academy instructor dies
Bryson, Elvira; "Miss Asheville", 1936 Rhododendron Festival
Bryson, George "Spud"; present at invasion of Sicily, Salerno, etc., 1944; Maple Crescent
Bryson, Katherine; West Asheville adult polio victim
Buckner, Louisa J.; 80th birthday, 1929
Burleson, W.S.; former State Probation Supervisor; obituary, 1970
Burton, John; Asheville pioneer, Burton St. named for him
Buseck, Otto; Distinguished florist, owner of Middlemount Gardens, 1933; Sulphur Springs Rd.

C

Cahoon, L.D.; "Womanless Wedding", Vance PTA, 1954
Cannon, Ida; Aunt Ida, Westwood Place
Carrell, Dr. George; West Asheville dentist
Carrier, Albert Heath; son of Edwin Carrier, architect w/Smith & Carrier
Carrier, Edwin G.; businessman & early developer of West Asheville
Carrier, James D.; dies near Newton, NC, 1907
Carter, G.D.; President, Bank of West Asheville
Carter, Mrs. G.D., 1911; Narrowly escapes death at RR crossing
Carter, Laurie A.; West Asheville poet, Brevard Rd.
Carter, Parnell; West A Bus. Assoc. donates trash cans, 1986
Carter, Richard C.; WWII casualty, Germany, 1945; Tremont St.
Carter, S.J., wins automobile, 1920
Casbatt, J.F.; Civil War veteran, fought at Gettysburg
Case, Katherine; the "Bookmobile Lady"
Cathey, Bob B.; memories, information on Haywood Rd.
Cathey, Mary Elizabeth; wins doll, 1929
Chakales, Charles
Chakales, Mrs. P.H., head of Broadway Hosiery Mills, 44 Austin Ave., 1959
Chapman, Roy Ed; dog Tony rescues trapped motorist, 1952; Brevard Rd.
Cleary, Cathy; mentor for Team in Training, raising money for Leukemia Society, 2004;
Clem, Betty; celebrates 50th anniversary of motor car, Riverview Dr.
Cochrane, Robert; wins Atwater-Kent audition, 1932; Longview Ave.
Cogburn, Anne; West Asheville centenarian, Haywood Rd.
Coggins, George; Westgate developer, 2003
Cole, F. Jack; obituary, June 5, 2010
Coleman, Al; biking in French Broad River Park, 2003
Collins, Pfc. Edward N.; Ellice Islands campaign, 1944; Burton St.
Colyer,, Julia B.; votes for Dan Moore, 1964; Wilmington St.
Compton, Edith; wife of L.B. Compton, founder of Eliada Home
Compton, L.B.; founder of Eliada Home
Compton, Meryl; West Asheville WW II; 1945 Hanover St.
Compton, Peggy; Hall Fletcher valedictorian, 1944; Covington St.
Conner, E.E.; Supt. Public Welfare Buncombe Co., 1930-1946; Sand Hill Rd.
Corbin, Buddy; religious community comes together on terror anniversary, 2002
Corne, Wilma; wins Atwater-Kent audition, 1932; Brownwood Ave.
Cotterill, Doris; doll collector; 1978; Morningside Dr.
Cowan, Eugene; dies of burns, 1932; Oakwood St.
Cowan, Sammy; 3-yr. old performs at Mtn. Youth Jamboree, 1960
Coward, Bob; paper boy wins trip to Raleigh, 1949; Fairfax Ave.
Creson, Rev . W.F.; begins duties at West Asheville Presbyterian Church, 1929
Crohn, Max Sr.; News Personality, 1944; Mt. Vernon Circle
Crook, J.L.; sworn in as Mayor of West Asheville, Nov. 18, 1915; Montana Ave.
Crouch, L.G.; Ideal Drug Store, 1960

Currence, Eugene; King, Hall Fletcher Spring Festival, 1934
Currence, R.E.; city accountant of Asheville for 14 years, 1949; Haywood Rd.

D

Dalton, Elbert; describes battle of Anzio, 1945; Ezelle St.
Dalton, Rebecca; performs at Mtn. Youth Jamboree, 1960; Sand Hill Rd.
Dalton, Rose; performs at Mtn. Youth Jamboree, 1960; Sand Hill Rd.
Dalton, W. K.; treasurer of Asheville C-T, 1964; Brucemont Circle
Dalton, Mrs. W.K.; president, West A Community Club, 1938, Brucemont Garden Club, 1952
Damtoft, Walter J.; President, West Asheville Club, 1934
Danahy, Paige; local girl has role in movie;1990
Dargan, Olive; author of novels, plays, & poetry
Davis, Bertha M.; to receive M.D. degree, 1931; Brevard Rd.
Davis, Marcie; Asheville C-T calendar baby, June, 1960; Vermont Ct.
Davis, Nancy; Hall Fletcher home/school coordinator, 1986
Davis, Patricia; dancing in UDC Baby Show, 1938, photo; Trotter Pl.
Dawley, Capt. Noyes R.; fmr. Bingham Mil. School cadet, 1951
Deaver, R.M.; West Asheville commissioner, 1894
Deaver, Verda Mae; "Miss Emma", 1941
DeBruhl, Claude; insurance and real estate agency, 1964
Dees, Jesse D.; photographer; obituary & death certificate; 14 Michigan Ave., 1931
Deitz, Emmett; pres. Hall Fletcher Jr. HS student body, 1946; Brownwood Ave.
Demaree, C.C.; groundbreaking, West A Presbyterian Church Education Bldg; 1956; Sand Hill Rd.
DeNardo, Joseph; beloved Asheville bandleader & music teacher, 1926
Dermid Charles; West Asheville patrolman in the 1920s; later Asheville Chief of Police
Dermid, J. D.; member of West A. Board of Aldermen, 1916; Allen St.
DeVore, James; Emma 4-H Club, 1951; Hazel Mill Rd.
Devine, Hugh P.; fatally hurt in fall, 1946; Vermont Ave.
Dixon, Pearlie May; neighbors fix up house, 2006; Burton St.
Dryman, Brandy; office assistant, Hall Fletcher, 1986
Dodson, Edith; wins doll , 1928,; Allen St.
Duckett, A.L.; Asheville Fire Chief, BIO
Duncan, W.T.; Bus supervisor, White Transportation Co., 1970

E

Earwood, Deborah; builds home herself, 1925; Middlemont Ave.
Eblen, Joe; picked to WNC Sports Hall of Fame, 1977

Echols, Frank Lawson; most perfect baby, 1932; Vermont Ave.
Edens, Mrs. Lulu; poinsettia display, 1959; Fairfax Ave.
Ehle, John; noted author
Edwards, Mrs. Garrett; Pres. West A. Memorial unit Am. Legion, 1948
Evans, Alberta; winner in Doll contest, 1934
Eve, Arthur; WNC court reporter, Bingham Heights, 1932

F

Fairchild, George; West Asheville pioneer
Fairchild, Mrs. George (Chloe Eunice); West Asheville pioneer
Fain, Sammy; Hall Fletcher student body v-p, 1944-45; Brownwood Ave.
Fay, Dr. S. Scott; physician, West Asheville, 1965
Felmet, A.H., Civil War vet.& fmr. A'ville city treasurer, 1925; Montana Ave.
Felmet, Frances; graduate, Greensboro College, 1929; Brucemont Cir.
Felthaus, A.F.; baker, Quality Bakery, 1952
Fleming, E. Pearce; with MacArthur in Phillipines; Shelburne Rd.
Fletcher, Dr. Marshall Hall; physician, 1885; Hall Fletcher School named for him
Flynn, Alvah; Marine signal operator, 1943; Riverview Dr.
Follett, Mr. & Mrs. George, Sr.; 50th wedding anniversary, 1960; Tremont St.
Fortune, S.J. (Jack); Ideal Paint & Hardware Co., 1955
Foster, Mrs. Frank; dtr. Mrs. Sadie Bowles visits, 1948; Majestic Ave.
Fowler, William D.; signal corpsman transferred to Fort Monmouth, N.J., 1943; Herron Ave.
Fox, W. Bruce; policeman retires after 36 yrs., 1962; Blue Ridge Ave.
Frank, Charles M.; survives crash of bomber, 1945; Haywood Rd.
Franklin, Charles E.; wins 2nd medal & oak leaf cluster in North Africa, 1943; Westwood Place
Freeborn, Bryan; candidate for City Council, 2005; Carrier St.
Freeman, Mrs. Clyde, Carolyn, & Clyde, Jr.; at opening of Smoky Park Bridge, 1950; Westwood Pl.
Freeman, Don (current address, info on Lee Edwards Class of 1949)
Fullam, James; Camp Lee mess sergeant visits home, 1943; Brucemont Cir.
Fulton, Eileen; bn. Margaret McLarty; plays Lisa Grimaldi on *"As the World Turns"*, 2006

G

Gaines, Hoyt D.; commissioned as lieutenant at Brooks Field, TX, 1943; Logan Ave.
Gardner, Carl; Gardener's Shoe Hospital, 1979;
Gardner, Dr. G.D.; West Asheville physician, Brevard Rd., Haywood Rd.

Gardner, Graham; son of Dr. G.D. Gardener; amateur aviator, killed 1931
Garren, Mrs. Charles E.; Christmas tablecloth, 1959; 69 Covington St.
Gaskins, Mrs. C. Whit (Lenore); realtor & West A civic leader; Vance Crescent
Gassaway, Don; sports photo, 1950
Gaston, Josiah Perry; Civil War veteran; 1962; home on French Broad near Owen (Carrier) Field
Gaston, Thomas Logan; early settler
Gearing, Capt. W.P.; Asheville Salvation Army, 1932; Haywood Rd.
Gilbert, Edward Bruce Sr.; founder Gilbert Printing Co., 1966; Vermont Ave.
Gilliam, Jimmie Margaret; wins 4-H Club national award; 1951; Oak View Rd.
Glenn, William; patrolman, APD, 1927; r Wildwood Park
Goforth, Sonny Arthur; 3-D Christmas lights; 2011; Sand Hill Rd.
Gordon, R. P.; Bob Terrell column on golf, 1961
Gosnell, Ann; wins national contest, 1956-57 school year; State St.
Graff, Mrs. Charles H.; Pres., Jr. Rhododendron Club, 1941; Shelbourne Rd.
Grant, Gracie; "Husky" (patent medicine) advertisement, 1926; Waynesville Ave.
Grant, William M.; realtor, 1974; Mildred Ave.
Green, Gay; businessman & property owner
Green, Mike; playing soldier, 1965; Cranford Rd.
Greene, Mrs. A.W.; 70th birthday, 1956; Emma Rd.
Greenwood, Inez; Queen of Hall Fletcher Spring Festival, 1934
Greenwood, Ralph; West A man pictured w/his plane, 1938; Alabama Ave.
Gresham, Mrs. P.N.; West Asheville Flower Show Official, 1928
Grice, Rev. J. B.; pastor Calvary Baptist Church, 1918 – 1946
Griffin, Mrs. B.S.; obituary
Griffin, W.P. "Woody"; Supt., Asheville City Schools, 1960-1977; Westwood Pl.
Grinnan, Mrs. Robert Temple (dtr. of Colonel Rob't. Bingham); obituary, 1955; Bingham Heights
Groce, John Robert; Dunn & Groce Funeral Home, 1947; Tampa Ave.
Groce, June; Episcopal Church Women honor June Groce
Groce, Rev. T.A. Sr.; Methodist minister, Tampa Ave.; BIO
Guthrie, David; Red Cross blood donor, 1993; Delaware Ave.

H

Hackney Family; Louisiana Ave. 1971
Hall, Billie Marie; Essay Contest winner, 1935
Hall, Joseph L.; creates unique case for American flag, 1965; Mildred Ave.
Hall. S.D.; elected mayor of West Asheville, 1894; Sand Hill Rd.
Hall, Mrs. S.D.; obituary
Hamlin, Mrs. J.R.; elected to head West Asheville Community Club, 1934

Hamlin, Marjorie; NC Smallbore Rifle Champion, 1960; Buchanan Ave.
Hammond, Oveida; student at Notre Dame college
Hampton, Martha; Malvern Hills Water Carnival Queen, 1952; Salola St.
Hamrick, Michael W., obituary, 1949; Haywood Rd.
Handte, Jacob; Handte's Seed Store; Blue Ridge Ave.
Harris, Jack; "Womanless Wedding", Vance PTA, 1954

Harris, Rev. Robert E.; "The Circuit Rider", WKJV Gospel Expo '97; Oakcrest Dr.
Harrison, Melka; cooks for PJ's Day Care, talks about personalized funeral Options, 2004
Harwood, Guy; publishes book, 1936; West Asheville
Harwood, Roy; metal detector hobbyist, 1986;
Hauk, Mrs. Carl; Flower Show official, 1929; 166 Vermont Ave.
Hawk, Rev. Carlock; pastor, West Asheville Methodist Church (Trinity United Methodist), 1933; Balm Grove Ave.
Hawkins, Elizabeth; 20 years of Sunday School w/o missing, 1966
Hawkins, Mrs. H.N. & family; 5 generations, 1935; West Asheville Rt. 8
Hayes, Bernard ; inventor, 1951
Hayes, E.L.; catches 10-lb. bass, 1946; Brucemont Apts.
Hayes, Hubert; playwright; 1947; Louisiana Ave.
Hayes, Rutherford Platt; son of Pres. Rutherford B. Hayes; Falconhurst owner
Heinzerling, Dr. H.A.; raises goats, promotes goats' milk, 1932; Montana Ave.
Heinzerling, Jack; Tricycle rider is hit by auto, 1930; Montana Ave.
Hendricks, John A., visits at home, 1944; Westgate Rd.
Hendricks, W.P.; visits at home, 1944; Westgate Rd.
Henry, Catherine; obituary, 1917; lived at Acton.
Henry, Robert; discoverer of Sulphur Springs, photo
Henry, Cornelia; diary chronicles Battle of Asheville
Henry, William; Yankee troops were plunderers, Henry's diary reveals; 1965; the Sulphur Springs; obituary, 1900
Hensley, Willard F.; owner/operator, National Cleaners, 1960
Henson, Brenda; 3rd place in National Student Advertising Layout Competition; Haywood Rd.
Hewitt, Sgt. Jeff; killed in the line of duty, April 8, 2005
Hilliard, Russell; helps immigrants, 2002
Himes, Mrs. O.V. (Annie Lillian Logan); Child Garden School teacher; Logan Ave.
Hipps, Mrs. Floyd; Dorchester Garden Club member plants tomatoes
Hodges, Lt. James P.; missing, declared dead, 1945; Dorchester Ave.
Holland, H.F.; Victory Bus driver, White Transportation, 1943; Sulphur Springs Rd.
Honney, John; early radio enthusiast; 1927; Fifth Avenue
Hooper, Frank C.; patrolman, APD, 1927; r 279 Waynesville Ave.
Hopper, Freddie Mitchell; community worker & historian, Tanglewood Ave.
Hopper, Milo; remembered, 1979; Vandalia Ave.

Horney, J.T.; West Asheville developer, 1920s
Horton, Pat; back-to-school fashion show;
Houghteling, Laura; obituary; 1894. Strawberry Hill
Houghteling, Mrs. William D. (Marcia); obituary, 1902; Strawberry Hill
Howell, Elizabeth; perfect attendance, Vance elementary School, 1929
Howell, J.D.; perfect attendance, Vance Elementary School, 1929
Howell, John D.; West Asheville Major in Norway, 1951; Pennsylvania Ave.
Hughes, W. H.; West Asheville merchant, 1912; perpetrates multiple assaults
Hunt, T.H.; retires as Hall Fletcher principal, 1957;
Hyatt, Nelia; bluegrass & old-time music sessions in home, 90s?; Brevard Rd.
Hyde, Herbert; NC legislator, orator, attorney & author; 25 Sand Hill Ct.
Hyde, Kathryn L.; wife of Herbert Hyde; obituary

I

Ingle, Elizabeth; West Asheville Nursery School photo, 1944; Herron Ave.
Ingle, George W., patrolman, APD, 1927; r 104 Swannanoa Ave.
Ingle, Hubert; killed by train, 1929; Lamb Ave.
Ingram, Jack; NASCAR Hall of Fame, 2014;
Israel, W.H. "Bill"; owner, Blue Ridge Tractor Co., 1960
Israel, W.M., Jr.; fabricates car for Negro cripple, 1950; Tampa Ave.

J

Jarman, Margaret; Lee Edwards HS cheerleader, 1953-54; Morningside Dr.
Jarrett, Ben L.; West Asheville YMCA management committee, 1952;
154 Laurel Loop
Jarrett, L.E.; hwy solution, 1956; Jarrett Flower Ctr., Patton Ave; Monte Vista
Jarrett, Thomas; SEE Jarrett house notebook
Jarvis, Bob; catches nice string of bass, 1956;
Jenkins, Esther; religion brings peace, 1952; Dale Ave.
Jenkins, James; West Asheville native played in Negro League; 2005
Johnson, Gloria; president of Burton St,. Community, 2001
Johnson, Ned; first jack-o-lantern, 1940; Haywood Rd.
Johnson, Walter; West Asheville memories
Jones, Bailey B.; early tobacco buyer; 683 Haywood Rd.
Jones, Charles "Casey"; Retires, fireman for 29 yrs, 1973; Richmond Ave.
Jones, Charles "Pugg"; repairman, So. Bell Telephone & Telegraph, photo,
1924; 66 Brownwood Ave.
Jones, Eleura J.; "County's Paul Revere", (Civil War) 1936; Brevard Rd.
Jones, Minnie; African American community activist, 1996; Pisgah View
Jordan, Stephen; paper boy wins Enterprise Contest, 1963; Brucemont Cir.
Joyner, C.B.; enters race for constable, 1916;
Joyner, Joe; stabbed in fight, 1941
Joyner, Eddie; obituary, Novemeber 1973; Lucerne Ave.
Judd, O.J.; "News Personality of the Week", Judd Furniture,1943; Maple St.
Justice, Charlie "Choo Choo"; UNCCH football star, 1946-49, attended St. Joan

of Arc School

K

Keener, Alan; playing soldier. 1965;
Keightly, George "Pop"; early aviator, flew out of Carrier Field; 1930
Keller, Joyce; selected to attend Girls' State, 1952; Sand Hill School Rd.
Kesterton, Rev. Jefferson T.; pastor W A Presbyterian Ch., 1966; Wendover Rd.
King, Roy E.; goes to Camp Le, Va., 1943; Burton St.
Kinser, Clyde; Home Insulation Co.; 132 Vermont Ave. BIO
Kinser, C. Wayne; entrepreneur builds timeshare empire; 1997
Kirkpatrick, Jesse; air corpsman visits home, 1943; Brucemont Cir.
Kirstein, M.L., Rev; 62 Westgate Rd.
Kiser, Rev. Ronald M.; Buncombe Baptist missions leader dies, 2004
Knapp, Willard; killed in explosion at power plant, 1946; Harvard Pl.
Knollman, Viola T.; Knollman's Sunken Garden, Knollman-Pinner Florist
Knox, Amy; Amy's Club, 1959
Kooles, Gus; owner, Barbecue Inn, 1962
Kuykendall, Mrs. W.A.; "Husky" (patent medicine) advertisement; Richland St; 1926

L

Lamb, June; Hiroshima witness tells story, 2003; 16 Carrier St.
Lance, A. E.; beloved caretaker Eugene Rankin School, 1929
Lance, Garland; on furlough from WW II; Euclid Ave., 1944
Lance, Kenneth; arrives in England w/Engineers Battalion; Euclid Ave.
Langston, Lloyd C.; starts mop factory, 1931; Maple Crescent
Lanning, Jim; "Womanless Wedding", Vance PTA, 1954; Virginia Ave.
Lawrence, John L.; Lawrence AGA Grocery, realty, 1950s?; Logan Ave.
Lawrence, Robert D., "Bob"; Ideal TV; 2 Myers Ave, 1960
Ledwell, Frank Jr.; Farmers Federation photo, 1935; Old Haywood Rd.
Leppert, Frank; May's Mkt., Lions Club president, 1971; Brevard Rd.
Lilly, Brenda; creates TV hit, 2001
Lineberry, Mr. & Mrs. A.J.; 50th wedding anniversary, 1946; Oakwood Rd.
Liner, Jerry; Hall Fletcher student w/ science project, 1958; Clinton Ave.
Lingo, Mrs. Carmen; Belk's notice of appreciation, 1952; 79 Middlemont Ave.
Lingo, W.G.; groundbreaking, West A Presbyterian Church Education Bldg, 1954; Middlemont Ave.
Logan, Agnes Grace; Teacher Aycock School, 1955; Logan Ave.
Logan, Harry R.; Heads Buncombe Co. religious census, 1951; Logan Ave.
Logan, Sarah Irene; Dean of Women Mars Hill College, 1978; Logan Ave.
Logan, William B.; Supervisor Distributive Ed in NC, 1944; Logan Ave.
Logan, Mrs. W.E. (Rose Addie); renowned Bible teacher, 1932; Logan Ave.
Logan, W.E.; West A pioneer, 1916; Logan Ave.

Lunsford, Brenda; See: Lilly, Brenda Lunsford
Luther, Jane; West Asheville memories, 2002; Craggy Ave.
Lyman, Bishop Theodore Bennett; owner of Tahkeeostee Farm,a noted beauty spot between Smith's Bridge and Carrier's Bridge on the west side of the French Broad River; Bishop of North Carolina from 1881 til his death in 1893.

M

MacAlpine, Dr. Orville; tribute to West A physician, 2002
Maloy, George C. (Babe); restaurateur, ran Babe Maloy's Drive-In; 2002
Maney, Conrad, Donald, Howard; meet in Germany, 1945; Pennsylvania Ave.
Maney, Eddie; dies in Philadelphia Naval hospital, 1946; Hudson St.
Maney, William H; posthumous medal awarded; Herron Ave.
Marshall, Calvin W. ("Cal"); Businessman, v-mayor, 1978; Brucemont Cir.
Mastin, Sandy; Homecoming Queen, A-B College, 1966, 1967; Ormond Ave.
Matney, Grace Dew; teacher, Vance School, 1929; Westwood Pl.
Matthews, Banjo; 2nd in race at new Asheville track, 1963
Mauney, Mrs. Ada; Hall Fletcher teacher retires, 1964
May, Glenn; Hall Fletcher student body president, 1944-45; Brucemont Cir.
May, John B.; West A leader, May's Mkt., 1972; Brevard Rd.
May, John B, Jr.; obituary, 2005
May, Madeline; graduate, Mars Hill College, 1929; Brucemont Cir.
McBrayer, Dr. Louis Burgin; physician, pioneer in fight against tuberculosis; Buncombe Co. coroner, 1901-07; West Asheville resident, late 1896s – 1905; lived in Westwood neighborhood
McCabe, Grace Devine & Arthur;
McCall, M.L.; newspaper carrier, 1930; Logan Ave.
McFallin, Raymond; Missing, 1919; Westwood Place
McGuire, Henry; Names creek, 2003; Morris St.
McHone, James L.; patrolman, APD, 1927; r 57 Nevada Ave.
McIntyre, Rev. Paul & family; 7 children in 10 years, 1934; Deaver's View
McKee, Col. S. Reid; former Bingham School supt. Dies, 1946; Bingham Hts.
McKenzie, Walter L.; killed by train, 1929; Westwood Pl.
McLarty, Margaret. See: Fulton, Eileen
McLean, Joyce (Mrs. William); PTA pres. Rankin School, 1962; Stewart St.
McMillan, Sam; youth killed in air crash, 1931
McNeil, Roy; grandparent, Emma School
Melton, Bill; new band uniforms, Lee Edwards HS, 1954,
Menasche, Beulah; "Chubby Tot", C-T photo, 1930; Haywood Rd.
Merrimon, James H.; noted judge dies in West A, 1921; Westwood Pl.
Metcalf, Mr. & Mrs. J. F.; 50th wedding anniversary, 1937; State St.
Michael, Ed; Cobbles Dept. Store owner dies, 1962; Brucemont Circle
Miller, James V.; African American builder,1987; Brickyard Rd., Emma
Miller, Robert R.; flight engineer returns to Memphis base, 1943; Vermont Ave.

Mills, Charles E.; promoted to technical sergeant, 1943; Virginia Ave.
Mills, Marlissa; writes letter to Santa, 1956; Westgate Rd.
Mitchell, Harry P.; Cty. P'chsing Ag. & Commissioner, 1965; Sulphur Spr. Rd.
Mitchell, Louise; joins Army Nurse Corps, 1945; Virginia Ave.
Mixson, Ben; West A entrepreneur opens restaurant, 2011; Greeley St.
Moffitt, Barbara; Lee Edwards HS cheerleader, 1953-54
Moody, E.C.; Moody's Jewelers, 1960
Moody, John N.; catches 31-lb. fish, 1949; Haywood Rd.
Moore, Wendell; canoe trip to New Orleans, 1927
Moore, William; first settler west of the French Broad River, 1787
Moore, Wiley M.; awarded Air Medal while POW, 1945; Stewart St.
Morgan, Mrs. C.M.; "News Personality of the Week", 1944; Clinton Ave.
Morgan, Donald; New student body president, Lee H. Edwards HS, 1952; Haywood Rd.
Morgan, G.G. G.G. Morgan retires from Blind Shop, 1961; Vandalia Ave.
Morgan, James G.; Receives scolarship, 1969; Ormond Ave.
Morgan, Kyle; Busman's holiday for rocket researcher, 1959; Westwood Pl.
Morgan, Roger & Stacy; boys play prank on motorists, 1964; Trotter Pl.
Morgan, Z.K.; catches 6 ½ lb. bass, 1946; Westwood Pl.
Morris, Betty Jean; donates to Salvation Army, 1935; Dorchester Ave.
Morris, Mrs. Wilbur; Vance PTA President, 1929
Mulford, Bentley; SPCA employee has 3 monkeys, 1957; Virginia Ave.
Mulvaney, Frank, BIO; Spt. So. Rlwy, v-mayor, 1946; Brucemont Cir.
Mulvaney, Kay; back-to-school fashion show; Brucemont Cir.
Murphy, John; illustrator & creator of "Stupid Creatures" stuffed sock toys
Murphy, William J.; inventor, 1949; Cordova St.

N

Nash, Eddie; performs at Mtn. Youth Jamboree, 1960;
Nash, Howard "Panhandle Pete"; Big picnic attraction, Farmer's Federation, 1955; State St.
Nave, Virginia; selected to attend Girls' State, 1952; Brevard Rd.
Newman, Lauri; "Girlilla Gardening" in West Asheville, 2010; Green Oak Rd.
Nichols, Cpl. Grady; Korean War, C-T photo, 1953; Mitchell Ave.
Nichols, Paul T.; president, Home Furniture Co., 1960
Nicholson, A.S.; head of West Asheville Sanitary Dept., 1916
Nicholson, James H.; funeral rites today for grocer; 1st West A resident to lights, telephone, and water in his home; 1936; 6 Mildred Ave.
Nicholson, Mrs. J.H.; celebrates 80th birthday, 1929; Mildred Ave.
Nicholson, Mr. & Mrs. J.H.; married 64 years, 1930; Mildred Ave.
Nockow, Marvin; Red Cross blood drive for Korean War, 1951

O

Ogilvie, Mrs. Emma; "Gold Star" mother tells of trip to France
Oglesby, Alice io; Former WABA head to lead Asheville Chamber of Commerce Board
Olive, Henry J.
Orr, Dr. Porter; physician, Town of West Asheville Health Inspector, Haywood Rd.
Osborne, C.B.; founder of West Asheville News dies
Owen, Dr. J.E.; dentist & early aviator, Carrier Field, 1925
Owen, John R.; bails out over jungle, 1943; son of Dr, J.E. Owen
Owen, Margaret; missing, 1930; Virginia Ave.
Owens, Bobby; Hall Fletcher football star, polio victim, 1952; Westwood Pl.

P

Palmer, John; Scoutmaster, Troop5, West Asheville Presbyterian Church; Dallas St.
"Panhandle Pete" See: Nash, Howard
Pappas, Pete; 4 boys set to row to Mississippi, 1943; New St./
Parker, Horace P.; begins 2 ½ yr. submarine cruise w/US Navy; 1929; Vermont Ave.
Parris, Sgt. James H.; recounts time in Nazi POW camp, 1944; Maple Crescent
Parris, Rebecca; back-to-school fashion show;
Patterson, Lionel; Navy seaman on leave; 1951; Haywood Rd.
Patton, Sam; groundbreaking, West A Presbyterian Church Education Bldg, 1954; Vermont Ave.
Pazderka, Tom & Stacy; Home of the Week; Sulphur Springs Rd. 2011
Peacock, Roy M.; physician; 1941
Pearson, E.W.; African American developer, Burton St. area;
Pearson, Richmond, BIO; lawyer & diplomat, built Richmond Hill & Pearson's Bridge
Peeke, Mrs. William J. "Dot"; West A Dtr., Nom. NC Mother of the Year, 1968
Pelley, William; extradition, 1950
Penland, Robert C.; killed in the Pacific, 1944; Logan Ave.
Penley, Carolyn; performs at City auditorium, 1960
Penley, Ransome; Civil War veteran, 1929; Hazel Mill Rd.
Pennell, George; atty & noted local historian
Peterson, Brian; top mayoral candidate, 2001; Vance Crescent
Peterson, Gene; 4 boys set to row to Mississippi, 1943; Peace St.
Phillips, Mrs. Edna Walsh; mother, polio victim K. Bryson, 1966; Fairfax Ave.
Pierce, Archie; Hall Fletcher Middle School teacher; Zephyr Dr.
Pierce, Dan; History Dept., UNC Asheville; Holly Hill Dr.
Pinchot, Gifford ("America's first forester"). See: Houghteling, Laura

Pinner, Beaman; Pinner's drug Store, civic leader, 1976; 148 Brucemont Cir.
Plemmons, Dickie; Hansel Ave.; 1990
Pomfrey, Herb; builds own solar heater, 1975; Eola St.
Porter, Allen; new Christmas tradition, 2003; 6 Maple St.
Posey, Humphrey B. (H.B.); cashier, Bank of West A, 1926; Richmond Ave.
Price, Aaron; plays at West A Presbyterian Church benefit, 2006
Prince, Wilfrid W.; ice skates on Beaver Lake, 1934; Princeton Dr.

Q

R

Rader, Daniel; Christmas scents, 2004
Ramsey, Arthur D.; patrolman, APD, 1927, r 84 Indiana Ave.
Rankin, J.E. Eugene; Rankin School named for, photo, 1925
Rash, Bobbie; treasurer, Monogram Club, Lee Edwards HS, 1953; Hanover St.
Rathbone, Kathy; stylist enjoys life's curves, 1999
Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy; honored for service to community, 2006
Ray, Col. J.E.; aged Confederate dies, 1920
Redmon, Hamilton, patrolman, APD, 1927; r 82 Herron Ave.
Reid, Lane; owner, Image 420; 1999, insurance of small-business employees
Reid, Rom Miller; Editor, West Asheville News; 1943;
Revis, Ernest H.; stationed in Honolulu, 1941; Madeline Ave.
Revis, Thomas J.; apprentice seaman returns to Key West, 1942; Haywood Rd.
Reynolds, Mary; murder victim, SEE:
Rhoden, Jodi: SEE: BUSINESSES: Short Street Cakes
Rice, Martha; Christmas lights, 1999; Mildred Ave.
Rice, J.T.; Anders-Rice Funl Home, West A Kiwanis, 1963; Bear Crk. Rd.
Rich, Maurice; teacher, 1956; Brotherton Ave.
Rickman, Claude R.; commissioned as ensign; 1943; Indiana Ave.
Ripken, Cal Jr.; 1973 West Asheville All Stars, 1995
Roberts, Beryl; auditions for music scholarship, 1950; Brevard Rd.
Roberts, Devin; collects goods for needy families, 2001? Keystone Dr.
Roberts, E.D.; President of West Asheville Club, 1938
Roberts, Gallatin, BIO; twice mayor of Asheville, NC legislator; Brevard Rd.
Roberts, Kelly; WW I veteran to run for Commissioner of Highways
Roberts, Ralph; Alexander Books; Vietnam veteran, 2005
Robinson, Betty; Hall Fletcher, Treasurer, Ash. Classr'm Teachers Assoc., 1958
Robinson, Helen Louise; C-T baby photo, 1929; Haywood Rd.
Robinson, Margaret; winner in Doll contest, 1934
Robinson, Mary Ellen; Eliada Home orphan designs N.C. quarter; 2000
Rodgriguez, Rev. Samuel J.; Hispanic "church planter" elected to board of NC Baptist State Convention, 2006; 27 Lyndadle Ave.
Roueche, Rev. John F.; Pastor, St. Joan of Arc, 1946

Ruby, Fred; sports photo, 1950; Deaver St.
Ruby, Mike; qualifications for sheriff; 2002
Ruby, Walt Sr.; gardener, 1974
Russell, Everett .; air corpsman promoted to sergeant, 1943; Longview Rd.
Russell, Mrs. Robert; 1st president Buncombe PTA Council; Asheville City School Board, 1936-39; 1943; Majestic Ave.

S

Sams, Captain Edmund; 1750-1845; Sam's Ferry, later Jarrett's Ferry; lived just south of Smith Bridge (Craven St.)
Sanders, S.E.; makes gas-powered model airplane, 1942; Brucemont Cir.
Sapp, Stephen; wins Optimist Club Oratory Contest;
Sawyer, William; returns to duty, 1943; Logan Ave.
Schoenfeld, Otto.; boxer, potential owner of Carrier Track, 1905
Seigler, James C., Jr; born Feb. 29, 1932; Beverly Rd.
Sellers, Paul G.; Sellers Cabinet Shop; 417 ½ Haywood Rd., 1960
Sexton, Rev. Dr. Ralph; WKJV Gospel Expo '97, Trinity Baptist Church, Shelburne Rd.
Shepherd, Shannon; Hannah, Grant & Katie Stroupe
Sherlin, Allen; returns to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, 1943; Swannanoa Ave.
Sherlin, Mrs. Harrison; 1st prize, CP & L essay contest, 1939; Swannanoa Ave.
Sherrill, George D.; photo of home, 1065 Haywood Rd.; home built in 1920s
Shieder, Dr. G.A.; West Asheville Pharm., Carolina Pharm., 1952; Westwood Pl.
Shipman, Carol; wins scholastic awards at Hall Fletcher; Rex Dr.
Shipman, Gwen; back-to school fashion show
Shipman. Uva; plans solo flight to Europe, 1931;
Shock, S.H.; senior paper carrier in contest, 1930; Emma
Shoemaker, Sandra; Plays "Snow White" in Tanglewood production; Miss Asheville
Shook, Mrs. Paul; West Asheville adult polio victim, 1951; Dale St.
Shotwell, Betty Anne; working polls, Precinct 15, 1960s; Wilburn Rd.
Shumate, W.J.; West Asheville policeman, 1929; Virginia Ave.
Sinclair, Sue; Queen of May, Cullowhee, 1934; Aylmar Ave.
Smathers, Oda; wounded in raid on Rumanian oil fields, 1943; Tremont Park
Smathers, Orville; tenor wins 2nd place, 1931; Haywood Rd.
Smith, Francis; elected sec., Lee Edwards Verse Choir, 1940; Riverview Dr.
Smith, James M.; ran Smith's Ferry, and built Smith's Bridge.
Smith, G.N.; Smith Printing Company; 11 Herron Ave
Smith, Lois; majorette, Lee Edwards HS, 1954; Swannanoa Ave.
Smith, Riley W.; Riley Smith's All-Night Singing, 1951
Smith, W.P.; RR worker who lost both legs becomes accomplished carver, 1950; Deaverview Rd.
Snelson, Philip; West A fireman, Comm.Center employee, 1971;

Snipes, Jimmy; plays prank on motorists, 1964;
Snipes, Marcie; Girl Scout cookie sale
Snipes, Mrs. Ralph; Girl Scout cookie sale
Soesbee, Ginger; sponsor, Lee Edwards football game, 1953
Soesbee, Russell; West Asheville Nursery School, 1944; Branning St.
Spaanbroek, Henny; wins essay contest, 1931; Brevard Rd.
Spake, Bill; president Asheville HS student body 1957, author; Westwood Pl.
Spaulding, Dr. Jenny; West Asheville osteopath, 1929; Haywood Rd.
Spencer, Clyde & Josephine; Entertainers win praise of listeners, 1927; Vermont Ave.
Sprinkle, Rev. A.P.; WKJV Gospel Expo '97, Craven St. Baptist Church; Emma Rd.
Starnes, Bert; president of West Asheville HS senior class, 1916-17; 1917
Starnes, Blanche; Min. of Music, Calvary Church, 1934; 1st graded choir in NC; Dorchester Ave.
Starnes, Charles & Terry Ann; raising chicks, 1940; Herron Ave.?
Starnes, George H., Family; 1971
Starnes, Mrs. George H.; Mother's Day tribute, 193?; Haywood Rd.
Starnes, Glenn; home on furlough, 1943; Dorchester Ave.
Starnes, Mr. & Mrs. Nane; account of wedding, 1935; Haywood Rd.
Starnes, O.E., Jr.; on furlough in France, 1945; Houghton Pl.
Starnes, W.H., missing , 1932
Stevens, Bill; Bob Terrell column, 1981
Stroup, H.B. Sr., and H.B., Jr.; Stroup Sheet Metal Works, 1956; Dorchester Ave.**; Mr. & Mrs. H.B. Stroup,** 50th wedding anniversary, 2004
Stubbs, Adrian; shows chickens for Pullet Show and Sale; 1952, Brevard Rd.
Sumner, Clarence R.; editor of "Tar Baby", UNC-CH magazine; 1920; Westwood Pl.

T

Taylor, Catherine; gardening during WW II; Haywood Rd.
Taylor, Edgar; "somewhere at sea", 1943; Virginia Ave.
Teague, Kenneth; immunizations, Vance School, 1942; Sulphur Springs Rd.
Terrell, Bob; memorial articles, June 2009; Morningside Dr.
Thatcher, George and Eva; Thatchers volunteer at Arboretum, 2001; Pole Creasman Road
Thomas, Jimmie; 4 boys set to row to Mississippi, 1943; State St.
Thomas, Nannie; owner Meadows Dry Goods, Haywood Rd.; obituary, 2006.
Thomas, W.G.; pastor, groundbreaking, West A Presbyterian Church Education Bldg, 1954; Vermont Ave.
Thomason, Miriam; C-T spring photo Deaver View Rd., 1944; Oakwood Rd.
Thompson, Paul K.; Yorktown seaman describes battles, 1943; Deaverview Rd.
Thrash, P.H.; Purchases Carrier/Gaston boundary w/Gay Green, 1905
Tiernan, J.A.; prominent Polo player, dies in West Asheville; 1947; Louisiana Ave.

Troute, Robert; 4 boys set to row to Mississippi, 1943; Haywood Rd.
Turner, James A.; ends convalescent leave, 1943; Allen St.
agle **Tweed, Clyde;** linotype operator, West Asheville News, 1946; Nevada Ave.

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V

Van Valkenberg, Mrs. J. Frank; Victory Garden Sweepstakes winner,19 Dorchester Ave.; 1942
Vance, William J. & Vera; Post. Purple Heart awarded, 1946; Wamboldt Ave.
Varner, Harry; wins in debate regional finals, 1945; Hanover St.
Von Ruck, Dr. Karl; tuberculosis treatment pioneer; last owner of Belmont Hotel at Sulphur Springs; 1849-1918

W

Walker, George E.; Army Reservation Names Street in Honor of Walker; Johnston Blvd.; 1944
Walsh, Don; Outstanding Handicapped Employee award, 60s?; Nebraska Ave.
Wamboldt, Mrs. M.M.; mother of Wickes Wamboldt,
Wamboldt, Wickes, BIO; Asheville mayor (1933), columnist, radio commentator; Beverly Rd.
Ward, Walter A.; owner, West Asheville News; 1945, Vance Crescent
Ward, Walter Jr.; wins election at Lee Edwards HS, 1952; Vance Crescent
Watts, Barbara K; manager, Roses, West Asheville, 1960
Webb, Julia; Queen of Rhododendron Festival, 1930; Middlemont Ave.
Weir, Weldon; Asheville City Manager, 1950-68
Wells, Percy; operated 1st movie theater in NC (Wilmington), 1941;
West, David; Gudger's Flowers, Hometown Hero, 2002; Haywood Rd.
West, Jeter; paper carrier; 1930
White, Eleanor G.; Vance Elementary School teacher retires, 1965; Westwood Place
Wilkerson, O.W.; catches 9-lb. largemouth bass, 1955
Williams, H.L.; dies on duty at during fire at Bon Ton Cleaners, 1944; Vermont Ave.
Williams, Harriet; murdered, 1890
Williams, Sgt. H. E.; describes plane crashes in Italy, 1944; Vandalia Ave.
Williams, H.L.; fireman dies while at Bon Ton Cleaners blaze;
Williams, Joseph; West Asheville Nursery School, 1944; Haywood Rd.
Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Pascal U.; celebrate golden wedding anniversary, 1951; Vandalia St.
Williams, Quentin; run over by school bus, 2003; Pisgah View Apts.
Wills, Rufus; African-American candidate for West Asheville commissioner, 1894

Wilson, Mrs. Fred (Nancy); 1st President, Hubbard Ave Garden Club, 1930s?; Hubbard Ave.
Wix, Mrs. F. M., wins Belk's Tello-Test contest, 1950; Fairfax Ave.
Woody, Dora; receives wheelchair at Vance School, 1951;
Worley, C.M.; on Hazel municipal ticket, 1891
Worley, Charles; top mayoral candidate, 2001
Worley, W.M., former Sheriff of Buncombe County; early West Asheville resident; 1863-1925
Mrs. W.M. Worley; obituary, 1915; buried in Green Hills cemetery
Wright, J.L.; 1st prize, NC Dept Conservation photo contest, 1937; Virginia Ave.
Wynne, Dick; president & publisher, Asheville Citizen-Times, 2003; Brevard Rd.

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Y

Young, Don C.; lawyer, politician, 1966; Brucemont Cir.
Young, Louise; 3 yr old gives voice recital; 1930;
Young, W.C.; Raising poultry is his hobby, 1934; Salola St.
Yow, Paul; air crash victim, 1931; Haywood Rd.

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Zimmerman, J.S.; violin maker; Hanover St.; 1938

West Asheville People

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Kiwanis Preventorium Will Begin '43 Season on Friday

The Kiwanis Preventorium will open Friday.

The Preventorium has been operated by the Kiwanis club each summer since 1935. It is designed to prevent tuberculosis by providing youngsters with good food and rest to help them build up their resistance against disease.

Col. and Mrs. William George Anderson of Sebring, Fla., retired Salvation Army officers, will be in charge of the children during their stay at the Preventorium. Mrs. Anderson was for many years in charge of a large Kiwanis camp for underprivileged boys at Star Lake, Butler, N. J.

W. H. Kindler, chairman of arrangements, visited the Preventorium today, with members of the club, to complete final arrangements, and to supervise the opening of the building. Dr. John Huston is Preventorium physician, and Dr. and Mrs. Walter I. Abernethy, operators of Zephyr Hill sanitarium, next door to the Preventorium, are "father and mother" to the children during their stay.

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THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By TOM CUSHING

West Ash. News - 9-28-45

WALTER IRWIN ABERNETHY

This is the story of two people, inseparable in their work as they are in loyalty and devotion to each other and to the humanitarian effort they began, together, years ago. True, my heading names only my good friend Walter Abernethy, since he it was I talked to yesterday. But any story about Walter Abernethy would be incomplete without Mrs. Abernethy, or "Mrs. Ab", as she is so fondly called by the patients at Zephyr Hills sanitarium and the Preventorium of the Asheville Kiwanis club.

Longfellow put it very well when he wrote, "As unto the bow the cord is, so unto the man is woman . . . useless each without the other." Honestly, he must have been thinking about Walter and Linda Yow Abernethy when he wrote that, for I have never seen two people more complementary to each other than Mr. and Mrs. Walter I. Abernetry. In their work, in their wholesome recreations they have been a delightful One since January 8, 1921. Before that,

Walter Irwin Abernethy was born on a farm in Mecklenburg county near Charlotte. His parents were the late Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Abernethy. "Dad was just a country doctor," Walter said, and I add, "a country gentleman, too." Else his son would not possess such unlimited gentlemanly characteristics.

Mrs. Walter Abernethy was born in Thomasville, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Yow. Her father was a merchant and manufacturer in a small way; and her selfless career is likewise a tribute to her parents.

Both the Abernethys completed their public schooling and Walter went on to finish at Oak Ridge, one of the South's most outstand- one of the South's mst utstanding military schools. Mrs. Ab, on graduation, took nurse's training at Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte. Then Walter went back home to operate the large farm where he was born, and Miss Lida Yow continued as a charge nurse at Presbyterian.

Early in his career as gentleman farmer ("Mr. Ab" to the people at his Zephyr Hills sanitorium, lost his health. His family took him to Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte, and there he met the lovely, vivacious Lida Yow. On December 2, 1921 the bride and groom came to Asheville, he to rest and she to be his devoted helper,—"in sickness and in health, till death us do part."

The Abernethys have one daughter, Nancy, a graduate of the Woman's College, U. of N. C.

In the Land of the Sky this perfect Abernethy team did very well in every way. Just about the first thing they did was to win the hearts of everyone who met them. Both were splendidly trained for sanitorium work and in 1931 they bought the Zephyr Hills establishment.

Along about that time the local Kiwanis club adopted as its major civic effort an idea fathered in the public-spirited mind of one of its most loyal member: Dr. J. W. Houston. This idea was the founding of a permanent Preventorium at which local children with pre-tubercular tendencies might receive preventative treatment. With other members of the Kiwanis club committee on the Preventorium project, Dr. Houston went to see Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abernethy at Zephyr Hills in an effort to enlist their aid. Walter became so impressed with the work of Kiwanis that he was soon one of its most enthusiastic members. He has already completed his 13th year of perfect attendance at meetings, and in 1938 he served as the club's president.

It did not take Dr. Houston and his committee long to convince Mr. and Mrs. Ab that their hospital grounds on Shelbourne road in West Asheville was the very place for the Kiwanis Preventorium. It was so established, and it has always been one of the most important things in the lives of the Abernethys, especially Mrs. Ab. Here each summer two group of sixteen children receive the finest care and expert nursing provided by the Kiwanis members for the community and directed by our wholesome, faithful Abernethys. Below the cottages of the Preventorium is an outdoor fireplace, and here the Kiwanians usually have a summer outing, with Walter Abernethy doing the planning. How well do I remember a delicious broiled steak supper . . . but that was Before Rationing! Regardless of which, the kiddies at the Preventorium have a most beneficial and a happy stay during their weeks under the care of their beloved Mr. and Mrs. Ab.

One day I went out to Zephyr Hills to see a patient friend. Walter took me upstairs and there in a sunny glassed-in porch I saw several of the most cheerful patients I ever met, though I'd spent many years in a hospital myself. After Walter left us I asked my friend how it was that all the patients seemed so happy, so contented and busy with writing and little things they were making with their hands. My friend did not answer in words; he merely nodded toward the door. I looked around—just as Mrs. Ab entered the room. She smiled, and then I knew why a hospital ward could be such a cheerful place to be.

A Mason, and elder in the First Presbyterian church of Asheville, Walter I. Abernethy is a loyal, hard worker in any activity he undertakes. But both his hobby and his job are Zephyr Hills sanitorium and the Kiwanis Pre-

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ventorium! "Though I do raise a few chickens on the side," he said.

Walter Abernethy did not want me to write this story about him. "Dr. Houston is the one you should see in doing a feature about the Preventorium. This fellow Abernethy isn't worth a story. . ." Which is characteristic of the modest Mr. and Mrs. Ab. I explained that I could not get in touch with Dr. Houston; but my friend never did agree for me to write this piece concerning him and his charming wife (who, incidentally, knows nothing about its being done).

I know enough fine things about the Abernethys to fill a book. Honestly, I wish I could tell you more. For there is not in all this land a nicer couple to know than Walter and Lida Abernethy.

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WALTER I. ABERNETHY

One of The Seven
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Successful in Business -- Unselfish in Service to All Asheville!

Mr. Abernethy, who is manager and operator of Zephyr Hill Sanitarium, presents to the people of Asheville a long record of worthy accomplishments in business, civic and religious fields.

A particularly helpful project which he assisted in organizing, and of which he is now manager, is the Kiwanis Preventorium which has won wide praise for its effective health work among our children. Mr. Abernethy is past president of the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club, member and director of the Asheville Executives Club, director of Asheville Federal Savings & Loan Association, member of the Buncombe County Tuberculosis Association, former member of Asheville Federal Housing Commission, member of the Family Life Council, and is now a member of the Asheville City Council.

Mr. Abernethy's church affiliation is with First Presbyterian, where he is an elder and past deacon, and past president of the Men's Group. In this field he is chairman of Men's Work in the Synod of The Appalachia, and member of the Men's Council of the Southern General Assembly.

Such a record of successful and unselfish service will, we feel sure, appeal strongly to our Asheville citizenship.

BURGIN PENNELL, Mgr.
Administration Campaign Committee

The ADMINISTRATION TICKET
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New ABC

Asheville - Alcoholic

Chairman Is Named

Abernethy Picked To Succeed Groome

Walter I. Abernethy, former city councilman and vice mayor, was named chairman of the Asheville Alcoholic Beverage Control Board yesterday.

City Council picked Abernethy to fill the top ABC post left vacant last Tuesday by the resignation of W. Jennings Groome. Abernethy will complete Groome's unexpired term which runs out in November, 1959.

Other ABC board members are Lawrence C. Merchant, whose term runs to November, 1958, and Hyman Dave, whose term expires this November. Robert N. Grice was named supervisor of the system last month.

WILL KEEP CITY JOB

Abernethy at present is affiliated with the City Tax Department and will continue to hold that post. He is owner of Zephyr Hill Sanitarium and is a member of the board of directors of the Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Assn.

A native of Mecklenberg County, Abernethy came to Asheville in 1921. He served as a member of City Council from 1947 until September of 1955, when he resigned. He served as vice mayor from 1952 until his resignation.

He is a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he has served as church school leader and chairman of the Christian education committee for 15 years. He has served as president of the Men of the Church and the Men of the Presbytery, and has been a member of the Men's Council of the Synod of Appalachia and of the Southern General Assembly.

Abernethy is a past president of the Asheville Kiwanis Club and a former director of the Chamber of Commerce.

GETS $100 PER MONTH

Under a resolution adopted by City Council last February, the ABC board chairman receives $100 per month and the other two members $75 per month each for their part-time jobs. Previously, board members received $11 per day of service.

In other business yesterday Council:

Heard City Manager J. Weldon Weir report that plans for improved street lighting in the downtown area are nearly complete and will probably be presented to Council next week.

Approved a suggestion by Councilman Theodore B. Sumner that copies of reports of electrical inspections of city schools by the county electrical inspector be made available to Council as completed.

Was told by Weir that following recent rains Bee Tree Reservoir is holding steady at 14 feet below the spillway and North Fork Reservoir has a small overflow. Weir said one of two pumps used to boost water flow from North Fork has now been cut out.

Council members present were Mayor Earl W. Eller, Vice Mayor Frank M. Mulvaney and Councilmen Sumner, William F. Algary and Carter M. Preslar.

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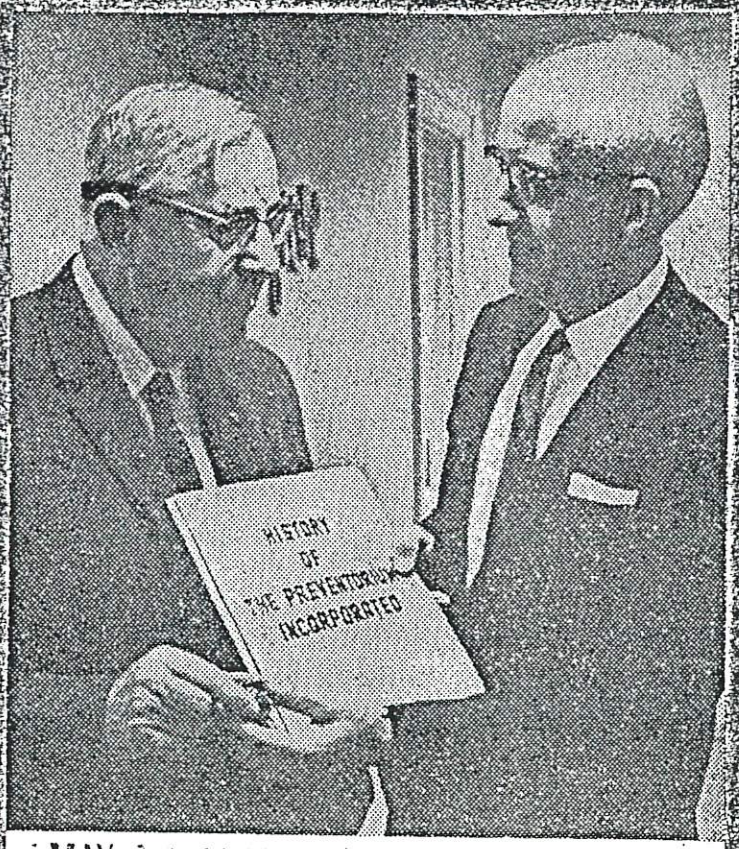

MAY 19 1964 CITIZEN

SPECIAL AWARDS for outstanding service were presented to Walter I. Abernethy, left, by Postmaster Mark Sumner Sr., at the 62nd annual dinner meeting of Buncombe County Tuberculosis and Health Assn., Monday night in Battery Park Hotel. Abernethy received a pin for 25 years service on the board and a booklet, prepared by Miss Mae McFee on the history of the Preventorium. The Asheville Kiwanis Club operated the Preventorium from 1935 to 1946 on the old Zephyr Hill Sanatorium property on Shelburne Road. Dr. Kaye Hatch Kilburn, associate professor of medicine at Duke University, spoke on "Lung Diseases Due to Inhaled Materials." Mrs. Harold Clark, president, presided during the business session. (Staff Photo)

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W. I. Abernethy Dies; Served City And Area

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Walter I. Abernethy, 74, who came here for his health in 1921 and remained to become a leading business and public figure and a campaigner against tuberculosis, died Monday in a hospital.

He had been ill for two weeks.

He was a four-term city councilman, resigning in 1955 after serving also as vice-mayor for the last three years of his tenure, and currently was chairman of the local Alcohol Beverage Control Board. He also was a director of the Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Assn.

His home at 216 Shelburne Road in past years was Zephyr Hills Sanatorium from 1932 until 1961, when it was closed to patients.

Mr. Abernethy was recognized for his service to the community in the fight against tuberculosis, for which he received a special award in 1961 from the Buncombe County Tuberculosis and Health Association, of which he was a member of the executive committee.

WALTER ABERNETHY

He also assisted in the organization and served as manager of the Kiwanis Preven-

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torium, an institution dedicated to health work among children.

He was a past president of the Asheville Kiwanis Club and a former member of its board of directors, and also a former director of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Asheville Federal Housing Commission and the Family Life Council.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he served as church school superintendent and chairman of the Christian education committee for 15 years, for which he was honored in ceremonies in 1956 at the church. He also served as an elder in the church, president of the Men of the Church and the Men of the Presbytery, and as a member of the Men's Council of the Synod of Appalachia and of the Southern General Assembly.

The son of the late Dr. J. S. and Lenora Potts Abernethy, Mr. Abernethy was born and reared on a farm in Mecklenburg County. He came to Asheville in 1921 for health reasons.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Lida Yow of Thomasville, whom he married on Jan. 8, 1921; one daughter, Mrs. Nancy A. Norton of Atlanta, and five sisters, Mrs. Alexander McNeill of Wade, Mrs. C. W. Harbison of Morganton, Mrs. Walker Thomas and Mrs. C. H. Duty, both of Asheville, and Miss Sarah Abernethy of Riverside, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a. m. in First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. A. Allen Gardner Jr., pastor, the Rev. Leroy Secrest, assistant pastor, and Dr. C. Grier Davis, president of Mountain Retreat Assn., Montreat, officiating.

Pallbearers will be J. W. Byers, Robert N. Grice, Ira B. Jones, Raymond A. Wanner, J. O. Angel, Franch Gooch, Murray Strain and Arnold C. Shaw.

Honorary pallbearers will be elders and deacons of First Presbyterian Church, directors of Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Dr. Edward W. Schoenheit, Dr. Samuel Crow, Dr. C. C. Belcher, Dr. Edwin J. Chapman, directors and employes of the Asheville ABC board, members of the Asheville Kiwanis Club, Mayor Earl Eller, J. Weldon Weir, city employes and directors of the Buncombe County Tuberculosis and Health Assn.

The body will be taken to Harry and Bryant Funeral Home in Charlotte for burial on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in a family plot at Hopewell Presbyterian Church near Charlotte.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made to the building fund of Asheville First Presbyterian Church.

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Descendants of Avery Alexander

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1. AVERY[3] ALEXANDER *(JOHN[2], WILLIAM[1])* was born July 25, 1819 in Buncombe Co., NC, and died March 12, 1900 in Buncombe Co., NC. He married JANE EVELYN ALEXANDER March 19, 1842 in Rabun Co., GA, daughter of JAMES ALEXANDER and MARY. She was born January 13, 1824 in Cumberland Valley Tennessee, and died January 24, 1909 in Buncombe County, NC.

Notes for AVERY ALEXANDER:
According to the Census of 1880, Avery's father was born in Tennessee and his mother was born in North Carolina.
Avery was a Carpenter.
When Avery was a boy, he was involved in a prank, that he thought resulted in a neighbor being frightened to death. He fled over the mountains to North Georgia where he worked for a farmer named James Alexander in Rabun County, who with his wife (reportedly from Scotland). They had moved to Georgia from Tennessee. This farmer had fought in the Revolutionary War???? and the Mexican War. (The Rev. War could have ment The War of 1812). These Alexanders had a daughter named Jane Evelyn who Avery fell in love with and had two children John L (1845-1863) and Elizabeth A. (1846-1913), while still in Georgia. Theythen returned to Western North Carolina (West Asheville), to discover the neighbor in question alive and well. They settled in Leicester and then in West Asheville and had five more children that were born in Buncombe County. John L. died in a hospital in St. Louis, Mo. after he was wounded and captured by the Union Army and was buried there. (Provided by James and Tari Alexander of South Carolina).
(The following information was given to us by Barbara Bumbgardner of Rock Hill, South Carolina)
James???Avery Alexander was of Scotch Irish Decent, he was born in Buncombe County in 1816?? and died in Asheville NC in 1901?? at age 85.
(HERE IS A POEM WRITTEN BY AVERY ALEXANDER TO HIS WIFE AFTER THE DEATH OF THEIR SON JOHN)>
On mother no (know) your little son is rich he is not poor for him there is a home in heaven for him a treasure shure
His father is the King of Kings and now to him he's gon (gone)
Now he shall weare a beauteous robe, white as the spotless snow
And never will that garment faid (fade) it never old can be
It is the givt of him we love of him who died for us
How happy he will make you there no words of mine can tell
he there shall have no want no sin but with the angels dwell
So do not grieve and say poor child when in the grave he's laid
but think how rich with gold he is tho that great price he paid
And Mother seek to meet him there and you his sisters dear
So rich and happy you will be when your no longer heare (here)
And in that city bright above at last a garthered band
we'll ever bless our Saviours name by whom redeemed we stand.
(Addressed to Mrs. Jane E. Alexander)(A copy was given to us by Mary Lynn Fletcher of Asheville North Carolina)
(Birth and death dates for Avery was provided by Mable Alexander Wilson of Asheville)Avery was said to have been born ih Haywood County, NC and also in Buncombe Co. NC. He was a Carpenter and Casket Maker. He is believe to have a sister named Ella? Eliz? Elrod? from Waverly, SC.
We do have a letter written to Avery and Jane calling them brother and sister.
Believe that Avery lived with John George Miller and Anna Alexander Miller, reason is unknown, unless his father died when was just born. Perry Julian Alexander always said that Avery's farther died young and Avery's mother married a Miller.

More About AVERY ALEXANDER:
Burial: March 1900, Balm Grove Meth. Church/later Jarretts Cem. in unmarked grave

Notes for JANE EVELYN ALEXANDER:
Birth and death dates are from a book that Mable Alexander Wilson had
written her birth and death dates.
(Following from Rev. James Alexander as told to him by his Father William Bryan telling him abourt Jane and Avery Alexander
Jane was born in the Cumberland Valley of Tennessee, and moved to
Georgia when she was very young.
Janes mother came from Scotland as an aduld and spoke with an accent.
He has a vague memory of being told that Jane had some Indian blood, possibly her grandmother was a Cherokee Indian.
Jane smoked a pipe and dipped snuff. She often plowed the garden with a mule.
Jane was red headed and fiery of temperment. Jane lived with Perry and Magdalina after Averys death for some time. Jane wanted to baby Perry, so she did not get along well with Magdalina. Jane eventually moved back to the house on the farm where Marcus was living. My daddy who was born in 1896, remembered Jane because he had to sleep on the floor while she was staying wing them. Janes brother James came to the area and married.

Jane was born in the Cumberland Valley of Tennessee, her Father and Mother were born in North Carolina.
Birth and death dates are from a book that Mable Alexander Wilson had written her birth and death dates.

More About JANE EVELYN ALEXANDER:
Burial: January 26, 1909, Balm Grove Meth. Church/latter Jarretts Cem. in unmarked Grave

Children of AVERY ALEXANDER and JANE ALEXANDER are:

i. JOHN L.[4] ALEXANDER, b. Bet. 1844 - 1845, Georgia; d. January 29, 1863, St. Louis, MO.

Notes for JOHN L. ALEXANDER:
From the Alexander Genealogy by Mildred Lux: Taken captive in the battle of Stone's River, Murfreesboro, TN, on 01/02/1863. Died in City U.S.A. General Hospital, St. Louis, MO of Typhoid Fever.

More About JOHN L. ALEXANDER:
Burial: February 1863, St. Louis, MO
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever

ii. ELIZABETH ADELINE ALEXANDER, b. November 12, 1846, Rabun Co., Georgia; d. December 16, 1913, Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina GH Cem; m. SAMUEL BOYD, June 06, 1866, Buncombe County, NC Bond # 1042; b. Unknown, ?; d. Unknown, Asheville NC.

More About ELIZABETH ADELINE ALEXANDER:
Burial: December 1913, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

More About SAMUEL BOYD:
Burial: Unknown, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

2. iii. JAMES HARRISON ALEXANDER, b. October 1848, Buncombe County, North Carolina; d. October 19, 1945, Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina GH Cem.

3. iv. FRANCES MARION ALEXANDER, b. November 1850, Buncombe County, North Carolina; d. 1910, Buncombe County, North Carolina GH Cem.

v. MARCUS A. ALEXANDER, b. October 22, 1853, Buncombe County, North Carolina; d. January 03, 1932, Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina GH Cem.

Notes for MARCUS A. ALEXANDER:
Marcus was a Carpenter.

More About MARCUS A. ALEXANDER:
Burial: January 1932, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC, Unmarked Grave
Fact 1: January 03, 1932, Book 19 Page 351

vi. MARY ANN ALEXANDER, b. February 26, 1858, Buncombe County, North Carolina; d. April 29, 1878, Buncombe County, North Carolina.

Notes for MARY ANN ALEXANDER:
Died of Pnemonia: Born-February 26, 1858 in Buncombe Co., NC.
Died-April 29, 1878
Buried at Trinty Methodist Church in Rear next to bulding. Other Graves moved for Construction of Addition. West Asheville NC.

More About MARY ANN ALEXANDER:
Burial: Unknown, Trinity Methodist Church Asheville NC
Cause of Death: Pneumonia
Medical Information: Died at around the age of 16.

4. vii. PERRY JULIAN ALEXANDER, b. December 30, 1862, Buncombe County, North Carolina; d. April 13, 1950, Buncombe County, North Carolina/Green Hills.
5. viii. ROBERT LEE ALEXANDER, b. February 17, 1866, Buncombe County, North Carolina; d. April 09, 1943, Buncombe County, North Carolina/Green Hills.

Generation No. 2

2. JAMES HARRISON[4] ALEXANDER *(AVERY[3], JOHN[2], WILLIAM[1])* was born October 1848 in Buncombe County, North Carolina, and died October 19, 1945 in Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina GH Cem. He married MARY E. BURNETTE January 25, 1869 in Henderson County, North Carolina, daughter of WADE BURNETTE and MARTHA J.. She was born March 30, 1852 in Buncombe County, NC, and died April 26, 1935 in Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina GH Cem.

Notes for JAMES HARRISON ALEXANDER:
Page 111, Marriage Book, Henderson County following note on James and Mary: James H. Alexander, age 21, son of A. & Jane E. Alexander, and Mary E. Burnette, age 17, dau. of Martha Burnette, were married 25 Jan. 1869.
James was born in North Carolina, His father was born in North Carolina, and his mother was born in Tennessee.
James was a Wagonmaker.

More About JAMES HARRISON ALEXANDER:
Burial: 1912, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

Notes for MARY E. BURNETTE:
Mary's Father and Mother were born in North Carolina

More About MARY E. BURNETTE:
Burial: April 1935, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

Children of JAMES ALEXANDER and MARY BURNETTE are:

i. GILBERT L.[5] ALEXANDER, b. 1871, ?; d. Unknown, ?; m. SALLIE DUCKETT, October 04, 1891, ?; b. Unknown, ?; d. Unknown, ?.
ii. LEWIS EDGAR ALEXANDER, b. April 07, 1873, Buncombe County, NC[1]; d. December 29, 1964, Buried Avery's Creek Freewill Baptist Church[1]; m. CELIA ELVIRIA SHEPHERD, January 06, 1897, Buncombe County, North Carolina; b. November 09, 1880, ?; d. May 03, 1948, Buried Avery's Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Notes for LEWIS EDGAR ALEXANDER:
[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-L, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Nov

12, 1997, Internal Ref. #1.111.5.4731.82]

Individual: Alexander, Lewis
Social Security #: 241-22-7216
SS# issued in: North Carolina

Birth date: Apr 7, 1873
Death date: Dec 1964

Residence code: North Carolina

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Individual: Alexander, Lewis
Social Security #: 241-22-7216
SS# issued in: North Carolina

Birth date: Apr 7, 1873
Death date: Dec 1964

Residence code: North Carolina

More About LEWIS EDGAR ALEXANDER:
Fact 2: SS# issued in: North Carolina[1,2]
Fact 5: Social Security #: 241-22-7216[3,4]

More About CELIA ELVIRIA SHEPHERD:
Fact 1: May 03, 1049, Book 35 Page 1029

iii. WADE H. ALEXANDER, b. 1875, South Carolina.
iv. BESSIE M. ALEXANDER, b. July 1876, Buncombe County, NC.
v. SAMUEL H. ALEXANDER, b. 1878, Buncombe County, NC; d. 1919, Buncombe County, NC; m. LAURA, Unknown, ?; b. Unknown, ?; d. Unknown, Buncombe County, NC.

Notes for SAMUEL H. ALEXANDER:
VALOR OF EMMA MAN RECOGNIZED 36 YEARS LATER.
HOUSE VOTES TO AWARD $ 6,349.00 TO WIDOW OF S.H. ALEXANDER.
Thirty-six years after the later Samuel H. Alexander, former assistant postmaster at Emma Post Office, the federal government has taken official recognition of his act.
The House of Representative yesterday passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing the payment of $ 6,349.00 to Mrs. Alexander , widow of the former postal official. Mrs Alexander lives at 40 White Fawn drive.
The measure, which was introduced by Representative Zebulon Weaver, was passed by unanimous consent in the house and was ordered sent to the Senate.
In reporting the bill to the house, the committee said that Alexander, in fighting off two armed bandits who sought to rob the post office,"played the heroic part in a scene packed with more action than a western fiction thriller."
The attempted post office robbery, which took place on the night of Feb 8, 1901, attracted state-wide attention at the time it happened and the heroism of the 23 year old mountaineer, the house recognized, was appreciated then by the people of North Carolina.
The post office was held up by four armed bandits, two of whom forced their way into the building and compelled Alexander to open the safe. One of these two bandits, a white man named Frank Johnson, started to rifle the safe, leaving his pistol on its top, while the other bandit, a negro named Ben Foster, covered Alexander with his pistol.
While Johnson was rifiling the safe a cat in the rear of the room jumped and caused sufficient nois to cause the bandits to turn their heads. When they did Alexander grbbed Johnson's gun and shot Foster through the chest near the heart. He attempted to shoot Johnson also but a scuffle resulted and Foster, although seriously

wounded, succeded in shooting Alexander through th abdomen, the bullet carrying away the lower part of Alexander's limb and coming out near the spine.
At this point Johnson opened a clasp knife and seriously cut Alexander. Foster had backed off to fire but Alexander forced Johnson around so that Johnson received the bullet in the jaw. The fighting continued and although suffering from serious wounds, Alexander forced his way to the outside of the building and called for help.
Johnson and Foster disapeared along with their two accomplices, R. S. Gates, a white man, and a negro named Harry Mills, who had remained outside. The bandits forced a hack driver to take them to Asheville. The driver notified police and soon the bandits were captured. Subsequantly they were convicted and sentenced to be hanged. The two bandits who had not entered the building were, on appeal, given life imprisonment while Johnson and Foster were executed in 1902.
Alexander lived until 1919 but, according to the house report aswell as the files of the post office department, he was unable to work full time and much of his income had to go for medical attention.
Under a ruling of the post office department the award could be paid to Alexander for his service in protecting government property.
In reporthe the Weaver bill to the house the claims committee said, " Under all of the circumstances your committee is of the opinion that congress should properly recognize an heroic service to the government shuch as this.
((Copy in Asheville Paper in 1937 month and day not known))

vi. AVERY E. ALEXANDER, b. May 1892, Buncombe County, NC; d. October 19, 1945, ?.

3. FRANCES MARION[4] ALEXANDER *(AVERY[3], JOHN[2], WILLIAM[1])* was born November 1850 in Buncombe County, North Carolina, and died 1910 in Buncombe County, North Carolina GH Cem. He married MILLIE O'KELLY January 11, 1877 in Buncombe County, North Carolina. She was born 1848 in ?, and died Unknown in Buncombe County, North Carolina GH Cem.

More About FRANCES MARION ALEXANDER:
Burial: 1910, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

More About MILLIE O'KELLY:
Burial: Unknown, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

Child of FRANCES ALEXANDER and MILLIE O'KELLY is:

i. BEULAH[5] ALEXANDER, b. Unknown; m. SHIPLEY.

More About BEULAH ALEXANDER:
Burial: Unknown, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC, Shipley Plot

4. PERRY JULIAN[4] ALEXANDER *(AVERY[3], JOHN[2], WILLIAM[1])* was born December 30, 1862 in Buncombe County, North Carolina, and died April 13, 1950 in Buncombe County, North Carolina/Green Hills. He married MAGGIE MADALINE REABEN June 16, 1888 in Buncombe County, North Carolina, daughter of GASPARD REIBEN and ALADELAINE. She was born November 27, 1861 in Bern, Switzerland, and died December 1940 in Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina GH Cem.

Notes for PERRY JULIAN ALEXANDER:
Taken from Certificate of Death of Perry Julian Alexander:
Repaired cars in own business. condition leading to death: Hypostatic
Pneumonia, myocarditis, moderate hypertension. Lived at 5 Mildred Avenue,
West Asheville, NC.

More About PERRY JULIAN ALEXANDER:
Burial: April 1950, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC
Fact 1: April 13, 1950, Book 37 Page 233

More About MAGGIE MADALINE REABEN:
Burial: December 1940, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

Children of PERRY ALEXANDER and MAGGIE are:

i. MARY JANE[5] ALEXANDER, b. March 19, 1889, Buncombe County, NC; d. November 20, 1951, Buncombe County, NC; m. WILLIE CLYDE TAYLOR, September 13, 1911, Asheville, NC; b. August 03, 1886, Buncombe County, NC; d. March 25, 1954, Buncombe County, NC.

ii. MAUDE ALEXANDER, b. September 10, 1890, Buncombe County, NC; d. November 21, 1964, Detroit, MI; m. WALTER BUNYON BROOKS, April 03, 1920, Buncombe County, NC; b. October 23, 1886, Buncombe County, NC; d. February 19, 1955, Detroit, MI.

iii. ANDREW JACKSON ALEXANDER, b. March 10, 1892, Buncombe County, NC; d. December 25, 1940, Buncombe County, NC.

Notes for ANDREW JACKSON ALEXANDER:
Death Registered on Book 27, Page 305, Buncombe Co., NC.

iv. GEORGIA ALEXANDER, b. August 13, 1893, Buncombe County, NC; d. January 11, 1990, ?; m. MELVIN CARLAND, September 26, 1915, ?; b. November 17, 1888, ?; d. January 19, 1940, ?.

v. BRYAN WILLAIAM ALEXANDER, b. March 18, 1896, Buncombe County, NC[5]; d. October 21, 1974, Buncombe County, North Carolina[5]; m. HELEN INGLE, October 03, 1934, ?; b. June 26, 1915, Buncombe County, NC.

Notes for BRYAN WILLAIAM ALEXANDER:
[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-L, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Mar 28, 1998, Internal Ref. #1.111.5.4629.188]

Individual: Alexander, Bryan
Social Security #: 239-03-6158
SS# issued in: North Carolina

Birth date: Mar 18, 1896
Death date: Oct 1974

Residence code: North Carolina

ZIP Code of last known residence: 28806
Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Asheville, North Carolina

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Individual: Alexander, Bryan
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Birth date: Mar 18, 1896
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Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Asheville, North Carolina

Bryan W. Aslexander, 78, of 120 Oakview Road, died Monday in an Asheville Hospital after a long illiness.

A native and lifelong resident of Buncombe County, he was a graduate of Rutherford College, a Navy veteran of World War I and an elder at Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, where he taught the Men's Sunday School Class. He retired in 1961 from Biltmore Dairies with 33 years of service.
Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Helen Ingle Alexander; a son, James Julian Alexander of El Dorado, Ark.; three daughters, Mrs. Joy Colvard of Dahigren, Va. and Mrs. Esther Clements of Savannah, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Georgia Carland of Asheville; and five grand daughters.
Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Groce Funeral Chapel. The Revs. Tom Cook, James Alexander and Don Clements will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Hugh Lamb, Jerry Hill, Ernest Henderson, Claude Bartlett, Roger Norvel and O.E. Starnes Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be deacons of the church, Johnny Keylon and Dwayne Morgan.
The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain.

More About BRYAN WILLAIAM ALEXANDER:
Burial: October 23, 1974, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC
Fact 2: SS# issued in: North Carolina[5,6]
Fact 5: Social Security #: 239-03-6158[7,8]

5. ROBERT LEE[4] ALEXANDER *(AVERY[3], JOHN[2], WILLIAM[1])* was born February 17, 1866 in Buncombe County, North Carolina, and died April 09, 1943 in Buncombe County, North Carolina/Green Hills. He married SALLIE ELLEN GREENE June 23, 1895 in Buncombe County, North Carolina, daughter of JAMES GREENE and SARAH PRITCHETT. She was born December 31, 1875 in Greenville. South Carolina, and died April 09, 1959 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee GH CEM.

Notes for ROBERT LEE ALEXANDER:
Note about Robert: Buried in Greenhills Cemt., Asheville, Buncombe,
County, North Carolina.
Worked on Biltmore Estate and was almost killed by falling timbers. Was very
weak and sick the rest of his life.
Lived at one time on: 121 Hudson Street, West Asheville, NC
Dogwood Road, West Buncombe (Enka Twp)

More About ROBERT LEE ALEXANDER:
Burial: April 1943, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC
Fact 1: April 09, 1943, Book 30 Page 220

Notes for SALLIE ELLEN GREENE:
Notes about Sallie: Died in Knoxville, Tennessee but is buried in
Greenhills Cemt., Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina.
Mrs Sallie Green, age 84 passed away in a Knoxville TN hospital, at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, after a lingering illness.
Mrs Alexander was formerly of Asheville
NC moving to Morristown TN three months agotobe in the home of her son.
Surviving are three sons, J. A. Alexander, Morristown; G. B. Alexander,
Oak Ridge, TN: and Dr. E. A. Alexander , Charlotte, NC; three daughters, Mrs
W. H. Thomas, Atlanta, GA; Mrs G. H. Fletcher, and Mrs C. H Baumgardner,
Asheville, NC; and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. The
body will be returned to Asheville for Funeral Services and interment Sat.
Buried at Greenhill Cemt., Asheville NC.

More About SALLIE ELLEN GREENE:
Burial: April 1959, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

Children of ROBERT ALEXANDER and SALLIE GREENE are:

i. ERNEST AUDLEY[5] ALEXANDER, b. June 18, 1896, Buncombe County, NC; d. November 04, 1975, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; m. MARY AGNES HUTCHINS, Unknown, ?; b. March 25, 1913,

Birth date: Mar 5, 1911
Death date: Oct 1979

Residence code: North Carolina

ZIP Code of last known residence: 28715
Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Candler, North Carolina

ZIP Code of address where death benefit payment was sent: 28715
Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Candler, North Carolina

Buncombe Death Certificate: Book 66, Page 1755.

More About CARTER WILLIAM HOLCOMBE:
Fact 2: SS# issued in: North Carolina[18]
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Lewis Edgar: 4, 5
Marcus A.: 3, 4
Mary Ann: 4
Mary Jane: 7
Maude: 7
Perry Julian: 4, 6, 7
Robert Lee: 4, 8
Samuel H.: 5
Susie M.: 12
Wade H.: 5
William: 2, 4, 6, 8
Baumgardner -
Charles Holmes: 11, 12
Boyd -
Samuel: 3
Brooks -
Walter Bunyon: 7
Brumfield -
Cuzzie Inez: 9, 10
Burnette -
Mary E.: 4
Wade T.: 4
Carland -
Melvin: 7
Davis -
Lois Adella: 11
Duckett -
Sallie: 4
Fletcher -
Hubert Gaston: 11
Greene -
James K. Polk: 8
Sallie Ellen: 8
Holcombe -
Carter William: 12, 13
Hutchins -
Mary Agnes: 8, 9
Ingle -
Helen: 7
J. -
Martha: 4
Laura -
Unnamed: 5
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Maggie Madaline Reaben (aka: Ruiben): 6, 7
Mary -
Unnamed: 2
O'Kelly -
Millie: 6
Pritchett -
Sarah Jane: 8
Reiben -
Gaspard: 6
Ruiben -
(name: Maggie Madaline Reaben): 6, 7
Shepherd -
Celia Elviria: 4, 5
Shipley -
Unnamed: 6
Taylor -
Willie Clyde: 7
Thomas -
William H.: 10, 11

Columbus, GA; d. November 28, 1965, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Notes for ERNEST AUDLEY ALEXANDER:
Charlotte News - Wed., Nov. 5, 1975:
Dr. Ernest Audley Alexander, 79, of Hawthorne Nursing Center died yesterday. Dr. Alexander was an optometrist in Charlotte for 37 years.
Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Forest Lawn Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Gilland, pastor of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist, officiating.
Born June 18, 1896, in Buncombe County, he was the son of the late Robert Lee and Sarah Green Alexander.
Dr. Alexander was a member of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church. He served as past president of the North Carolina Optometrist Society and of the Southern Optometrist Congress. He was a former member of the Charlotte Lions Club.
Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Mary Alice Alexander Bass of Greenville, SC, one brother Jasper Allen Alexander of Asheville; one sister, Mrs C. H. Eva
Alexander Baumgardner of Charlotte, and three grandchildren.
The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow at Hankins and Whittington Funeral Home.

More About ERNEST AUDLEY ALEXANDER:
Burial: November 06, 1975, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Charlotte, NC

Notes for MARY AGNES HUTCHINS:
Charlotte News - Mon., Nov. 29, 1965:
Funeral Services for Mrs. Mary Agnes Hutchinson Alexander, 52 of 1218 Harding Pl., will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Hankins and Whittington Funeral Chapel. The Rev. W. Moultrie Moore Jr., rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, will officiate.
Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery.
Mrs. Alexander died yesterday at her home.
Born March 25, 1913, in Columbus Ga., she was the daughter of C.O. Hutchinson and the late Annie L. Taylor Hutchinson.
Surviving are her husband, Dr. Ernest A. Alexander; a daughter Mary Alice
Bass of Charlotte; her father; a sister, Mrs. Carr Robinson of Charlotte; two brothers, A.D. Hutchinson of Albany Ga., and Chares Edward Hutchinson of Puan, Ga., and two grandchildren.

More About MARY AGNES HUTCHINS:
Burial: November 30, 1965, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Charlotte, NC

ii. GILBERT BLAKE ALEXANDER, b. November 22, 1897, Buncombe County, North Carolina[9]; d. November 05, 1968, Oak Ridge, Tennessee[9]; m. CUZZIE INEZ BRUMFIELD, Unknown, ?; b. December 01, 1901, North Carolina[10]; d. July 02, 1976, Oak Ridge, Tennessee[10].

Notes for GILBERT BLAKE ALEXANDER:
[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-L, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Oct 5, 1997, Internal Ref. #1.111.5.4681.136]

Individual: Alexander, Gilbert
Social Security #: 239-05-1141
SS# issued in: North Carolina

Birth date: Nov 22, 1897
Death date: Nov 1968

Residence code: Tennessee

ZIP Code of last known residence: 37830
Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

More About GILBERT BLAKE ALEXANDER:
Fact 1: First married Jonelle Camper and had
Fact 2: SS# issued in: North Carolina[11]
Fact 3: Kimball b. June 14, 1940 and had
Fact 4: Leslie Kimball and Lauren Elizabeth
Fact 5: Social Security #: 239-05-1141[11]

Notes for CUZZIE INEZ BRUMFIELD:
[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-L, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Apr 13, 1998, Internal Ref. #1.111.5.4644.107]

Individual: Alexander, Cuzzie
Social Security #: 239-03-8405
SS# issued in: North Carolina

Birth date: Dec 1, 1901
Death date: Jul 1976

Residence code: Tennessee

ZIP Code of last known residence: 37830
Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

More About CUZZIE INEZ BRUMFIELD:
Fact 2: SS# issued in: North Carolina[12]
Fact 5: Social Security #: 239-03-8405[12]

iii. BLANCHE LEE ALEXANDER, b. March 25, 1900, Buncombe County, NC; d. March 31, 1990, Austell, Georgia; m. WILLIAM H. THOMAS; b. February 26, 1906, ?[13]; d. October 1962, ?[13].

Notes for BLANCHE LEE ALEXANDER:
Services for Mrs. Blanche Alexander Thomas, 74, of Austell, Ga., formerly of Ashevillle, who died Saturday, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Groce Funeral Home. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery.
She was the widow of William H. Thomas, who died in 1962.
Surviving are a son, John S. Thomas of Douglasville, Ga.; two brothers, Dr. Ernest Alexander of Charlotte and J. A. Alexander of Asheville; and a sister, Mrs. Eva Baumgardner of Charlotte.
The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral Home.

More About BLANCHE LEE ALEXANDER:
Burial: April 03, 1990, Green Hill Cem., Asheville NC

Notes for WILLIAM H. THOMAS:
[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 2 M-Z, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Apr 12, 1998, Internal Ref. #1.112.5.94584.50]

Individual: Thomas, William
Social Security #: 711-14-8079
SS# issued in: Railroad Board

Birth date: Feb 26, 1906
Death date: Oct 1962

More About WILLIAM H. THOMAS:
Fact 2: SS# issued in: Railroad Board[13]
Fact 5: Social Security #: 711-14-8079[13]

iv. ANNA MAE ALEXANDER, b. June 17, 1903, Buncombe County, North Carolina; d. September 22, 1959, Buncombe County, North Carolina; m. HUBERT GASTON FLETCHER, June 21, 1930, Greenville County South Carolina; b. January 23, 1893, Buncombe County, North Carolina; d. July 14, 1959, Buncombe County, North Carolina.

Notes for ANNA MAE ALEXANDER:
(Donated by Barbara Bumbgardner Aycock of Rock Hill SC).
Anna Mae wrote to a firm in New York NY after she joined the DOC and got the Alexander Coat of Arms and the Family tree record.

v. JASPER ALLEN ALEXANDER, b. September 21, 1905, Buncombe County, North Carolina[14]; d. June 28, 1991, Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina[14]; m. LOIS ADELLA DAVIS, Unknown, Green County South Carolina; b. March 09, 1911, Suffolk County, Virginia; d. October 20, 1971, Buncombe County, North Carolina.

Notes for JASPER ALLEN ALEXANDER:
[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-L, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Aug 10, 1997, Internal Ref. #1.111.5.4708.86]

Individual: Alexander, Jasper
Social Security #: 239-05-1259
SS# issued in: North Carolina

Birth date: Sep 21, 1905
Death date: Jun 28, 1991

More About JASPER ALLEN ALEXANDER:
Fact 1: 1973, Married Helen Nelson[14]
Fact 2: SS# issued in: North Carolina[14]
Fact 3: Social Security #: 239-05-1259[15]

Notes for LOIS ADELLA DAVIS:
Lois Adelle Davis was born at Suffolk, VA March 9, 1911.
Lois Adelle Davis was married to Jasper Allen Alexander in Greenville, SC.

More About LOIS ADELLA DAVIS:
Fact 1: October 20, 1971, Book 58 Page 1601

vi. CHARLES OTIS ALEXANDER, b. February 12, 1908, Buncombe County, NC; d. May 17, 1918, Buncombe County, North Carolina.

More About CHARLES OTIS ALEXANDER:
Fact 1: Drown at age of 8.

vii. EVA LILLIAN ALEXANDER, b. June 22, 1911, Buncombe County, NC[16]; d. March 01, 1988, Mecklenburg Co., NC[16]; m. CHARLES HOLMES BAUMGARDNER, Unknown, Buncombe County, NC; b. 1909, Cullowhee, North Carolina; d. May 13, 1954, Dahloraga, Georgia.

Notes for EVA LILLIAN ALEXANDER:
[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-L, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Dec

29, 1997, Internal Ref. #1.111.5.4667.141]

Individual: Alexander, Eva
Social Security #: 238-05-0362
SS# issued in: North Carolina

Birth date: May 6, 1903
Death date: Mar 31, 1990

ZIP Code of last known residence: 28207
Primary location associated with this ZIP Code:

Charlotte, North Carolina

More About EVA LILLIAN ALEXANDER:
Fact 2: SS# issued in: North Carolina[17]
Fact 5: Social Security #: 238-05-0362[17]

Notes for CHARLES HOLMES BAUMGARDNER:
Charles Holmes Baumgardner, 45, an accountant of 10 Redfern St., died unexpectedly tuesday night in Dahlonega, Ga; He had suffered a heart attack.
Baumgardner who maintained an office in West Asheville, had gone to Dahlonega Monday on a business trip.
A native of Cullowhee he was the son of the late Charles and Susan Holden Baumgardner. He had live here for the past 30 years.
Baumgardner was well known in West Asheville, was a active member of the Asheville Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.
Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Eva Alexander Baumgardner; four daughters, Mrs Daniel Aycock of Salina Kans., and Miss Margaret Baumgardner, Miss Judy Baumgardner and Miss B;everly Baumgardner, all of the home; two sons, Charles Holmes Jr., a student at Furman University and David Baumgardner of the home; three brothers, F.E., Miles and John Baumgardner, all of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. C.A. Epparson of Louisville, Ky, and Mrs. Othelia Westmoreland of Pasadena, Texas.
Dunn and Groce Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements which were incomplete last night.

More About CHARLES HOLMES BAUMGARDNER:
Cause of Death: Heart Attack.

viii. SUSIE M. ALEXANDER, b. March 06, 1914, Buncombe County, NC; d. January 16, 1938, Buncombe County, NC; m. CARTER WILLIAM HOLCOMBE, Unknown, ?; b. March 05, 1911, Buncombe County, NC[18]; d. October 21, 1979, Buncombe County, NC[18].

Notes for SUSIE M. ALEXANDER:
Buncombe Death Certificate: Book 25, Page 1250. Died in Child Birth.

Died in the 7th Day Adventist Hospital in Asheville NC. The Obit says Susie died following an illness of six weeks. Gloria said she had breast cancer but
I thought she had peritonitis. Buried in Liberty Baptist Cemetary on Monte
Vista Road in the Enka/Candler Area.

Notes for CARTER WILLIAM HOLCOMBE:
[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-L, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Apr 8, 1998, Internal Ref. #1.111.5.110239.112]

Individual: Holcombe, Carter
Social Security #: 241-09-9301
SS# issued in: North Carolina

BOB'S MARKET SELLS QUALITY MEATS HERE

One of West Asheville's newest business concerns is Bob's Market, located at 707 Haywood road. This firm is headed by Robert Allen, who is well known in the market business in Asheville. Mr. Allen reports a very favorable and steady increase

ROBERT ALLEN

in his business, and expects it to be even better when the colder weather sets in, as that is the time when more meats are eaten, he states.

Bob's Market carries a complete line of the finest quality fresh, smoked, cured meats, and game in season. They are said to have exceptionally low prices at all times, and the quality is always maintained so that you are assured of getting the best at the very lowest possible price. "Bob" states that, due to his low overhead expense he can make the lowest possible prices without sacrificing quality.

Bob's Market also has fresh fruits and vegetables, strictly fresh and stamped eggs, and many other food items that the housewife needs in her every day menus. Prompt delivery service is assured those who phone 4404 ... just ask for "Bob" or "Bill" (Bill Fox) and you will get excellent prompt attention, just like you were right in the store.

Asheville Citizen August 22, 1938

THE ALLISONS AT HOME

Music in the Home

Mrs. H. B. Allison and her daughter, Shirley, have combined their talents at the piano and organ. Their organ is a new acquisition and getting it into their home at 79 Clinton Ave. meant a complete dismantling and reassembling job.

Asheville Citizen September 11, 1955

NEAR TOP—These two Asheville men held serial numbers that were among the first 15 drawn in the national selective service lottery at Washington Tuesday They are Gay Anderson (left), city policeman who resides at 19 Nevada avenue; and William Campbell Johnson of 46 St. Dunstan's circle, an employe of the Appalachian forest experiment station. Mr. Anderson held serial number 2670, order number 10; and Mr. Johnson held serial number 2748, order number 15. Both are married and have one child.

Anders, Burgin

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

BURGIN ANDERS

The man with a friendly smile and an ever helpful disposition in time of trouble. That's Burgin Anders in a small nutshell, but not the personality altogether.

Four characteristics give a more complete picture of the man—modesty, honesty, a remarkable memory and professional ability.

For a person of a quite unassuming manner, Burgin Anders personally knows as many people in Buncombe county as any other one person. Also, he has many friends and a host of acquaintances throughout Western North Carolina, having had charge of or assisted in funeral arrangements in every county in this mountain region.

When on a funeral he is perhaps the most inconspicious person in the entourage, but when the rites are completed not a detail is left undone. And this modesty marks all of his day's activity.

As for the above said second quality, we quote from one of his contemporaries: "Burgin Anders is one of the straightest fellows I ever knew."

And Burgin has one of the most unusual memories you ever came across. For instance, when one of his fraternal organizations wants a ritual recited, Burgin is often called upon. He can quote a ritual by heart from "kiver to kiver." Burgin belongs to the Junior Order, Improved Order of the Red Man, and the Loyal Order of the Moose. His church affiliation is with Calvary Baptist.

In his profession, Burgin is more than an embalmer; he is an artist. And this appraisal also comes from a member of his calling.

Burgin started his profession in 1918 with the McKoy-Hare company. Three years later he became connected with the Reynolds mortuary until 1937 when he went into business for himself in copartnership with C. T. Rice in the firm of Anders-Ricec, at 820 Haywood road. In July of last year the mortuary moved into its present home, 521 Haywood road.

Burgin completed his mortuary course at Hohenschuh Carpenter College of Embalming, of Des Moines, Iowa, in 1922, and passed the North Carolina Board of Embalming in 1923.

Burgin recalls that his first years in the business was in the horse and carriage days. He says that if war conditions should happen to force his business to return to that mode of transportation, he hopes he doesn't experience such mishaps as that occurred one time when a three-seated open carriage turned over en route to the cemetery.

Back in those days a funeral was a whole day affair. Today the average time is about two hours.

A native of Madison county where he attended the public schools, Burgin came to Asheville in 1909 and attended the old Asheville Business college. Then, in the intervening years he engaged in the grocery business, being associated with the E. C. Jarrett, and Estes and McGuire.

Mr. Anders was married to Miss Florence Icenhower of Leicester in February, 1920. He recalls he had met her at a funeral.

The Anders have two children, Mrs. Vivian Long and Ruth, a student at Aycock.

Yes, everybody around here seems to know Burgin Anders. And for this column's part, knowing him is a pleasure.

N.C. - Asheville - Biography - Anders, James Burgin

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, Friday, Sept. 13, 1974

James B. Anders Dies; Funeral Home Founder

James Burgin Anders of 128 Starnes Cove Road, retired Asheville mortician and founder of Anders-Rice Funeral Home, died Wednesday in an Asheville hospital following a short illness.

A native of Madison County, he had lived in Buncombe County for 65 years and retired in April of 1957 as co-owner of Anders-Rice Funeral Home. He attended Blanton Business College, was a graduate of Holtzclaw-Matthews Course of Mortuary Science and received his embalming license in 1922. Mr. Anders began funeral work in 1916 and was employed with Reynolds Funeral Home at the time he entered business with Curtis J. Rice in 1937. He had formerly served as secretary and treasurer of Anders-Rice Mutual Burial Association and was a member of Starnes Cove Baptist Church, where he belonged to the London Bible Class and was a member of the Brotherhood. He had served as treasurer for 15 years and was a former deacon at Calvary Baptist Church and was treasurer at the time the new addition was built. He was also the last living member of the local council of Junior Order of United American Mechanics and had served as its financial secretary. He was a son of the late John H. and Leekie Buckner Anders.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Florence Ecenhour Anders, to whom he married Feb. 22, 1920 two daughters, Mrs. Vivian B. Long of Elizabethton, Tenn. and Mrs. Ruth I. Forrest of Pleasant Valley, N. Y.: and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Anders-Rice Funeral Home. The Revs. Jesse Head and A. J. Buckner will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jack Ecenhour, George Becker, Harlen Barnes, Luther and Leonard Anders and Milton Shuford. Members of the Sunday School class at Starnes Cove Baptist Church will be honorary pallbearers.

J. B. ANDERS

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

C. B. ANDERSON, HALL FLETCHER PRINCIPAL, DIES

Is Stricken With Heart Attack While Attending Teachers' Meeting

C. B. Anderson, 51, principal of Hall Fletcher junior high school in West Asheville, died suddenly at 8 o'clock last night following a heart attack at Lee Edwards high school.

Mr. Anderson, who was at Lee Edwards high school attending the annual convention of the Western district of the North Carolina Education association, was talking to G. C. Brown, principal of Vance school, and G. T. Leonard, principal of Randolph school, when he suddenly slumped over in his seat in the school auditorium.

Doctor Summoned

Mr. Leonard and Mr. Brown placed Mr. Anderson on the floor of the auditorium and Dr. Julian Moore was called from Biltmore hospital. An ambulance also was summoned. When Dr. Moore arrived at the school he pronounced Mr. Anderson dead. The body was taken to the Dunn-Groce funeral home.

Out of respect to Mr. Anderson, last night's session of the teachers' meeting was adjourned. Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, before adjourning the meeting, told the assemblage that Mr. Anderson "has written his history in the lives of hundreds of boys and girls who have been better fitted to live their lives."

Mr. Anderson was considered to be in perfect health, and his sudden death came as a great shock to relatives and friends.

Surviving Mr. Anderson are his widow; one son, John Anderson, student at Lee Edwards school; one daughter, Miss Margaret Anderson, student at Greensboro Woman's college.

He also is survived by three brothers, B. A. Anderson of Peru, Ind., and George and Barley Anderson of Covington, Ky.; and three sisters, Mrs. Bradley Lake and Mrs. Emma Lake of Berea, Ky., and Mrs. S. A. Ball of Mount Vernon, Ky.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at Calvary Baptist church. The hour of the funeral will be announced later.

Born In Kentucky

Mr. Anderson was born in Orlando, Ky., in 1886. He received his early education in public schools of Kentucky and was graduated from Berea college in 1914. His first

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teaching experience was in Rock Castle, Ky., before his graduation from Berea college.

After his graduation from Berea, Mr. Anderson was on the faculty of the college for four years, serving in the rural demonstration school. About this time the United States entered the World war and Mr. Anderson enlisted. He served overseas with the American Expeditionary forces and at one time was in charge of the department of education of the entire fourth division of the army of occupation. His principal work in instruction in France was done at Baume.

At the close of the war, Mr. Anderson became assistant principal at Farm school, near Swannanoa. In 1922, he came to Asheville as principal of Aycock school. The next year Vance school was opened and he became principal of that school.

Taught At Normal

Mr. Anderson remained as principal of Vance school until 1931 when he was appointed principal of Hall Fletcher school. For eight years he taught in the summer school of Asheville Normal and Teachers' college. He held a master's degree from Cornell university and was a graduate student of Peabody college for teachers.

He was a past president of the West Asheville club, a member of Calvary Baptist church, and the West Asheville Masonic lodge, president of the Men's Brotherhood of Calvary church, and a member of the Phi Gamma Nu, a scientific organization.

Dies Suddenly

C. B. ANDERSON

Asheville Citizen October 16, 1937

MEMORIAL TREES WILL BE PLANTED AT HALL FLETCHER

The Hall Fletcher Parent-Teacher association will observe Arbor day at a tree-planting ceremony on the school ground tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Trees will be planted in memory of the late C. B. Anderson, former principal, and Dr. Hall Fletcher, for whom the school was named.

Members of the student body, faculty and parent-teacher association will participate. The trees will be accepted by the Rev. Paul Gresham for the Anderson family and Miss Jane Smathers for the Fletcher family.

Asheville Citizen March 20, 1941

WHEN THE TOWN CAME TO THE CITY—This shows the last Board of Aldermen of the Town of West Asheville as the Town voted to consolidate with the City of Asheville on June 9, 1917. Front row, left to right: J. D. Dermid, Mayor J. L. Crook and Dr. J. G. Anderson. Left to right, rear, are C. M. Johnson and F. B. Ingle. The other member of the board, not shown, is H. E. Hames. All members are deceased.

FOUND LYING IN ROAD WITH GASH ON HEAD

Last night about 8 o'clock a man was found lying in one of the streets of West Asheville who appeared to be in a rather serious condition—in fact he was thought to be dead or that was the message that was sent to Dr. Anderson, who arrived in his automobile soon after. The man was found to be John Swink, who lives in Asheville. He had a gash on the side of his head that had evidently been inflicted with some weapon and he was considerably the worse for drink.

Dr. Anderson took Swink, who is a paper hanger, to a drug store in the city and dressed his wound, which looked worse than it really was.

Swink told that he had been hit by W. H. Hughes of West Asheville, a merchant and brother-in-law of Swink. He said that he had been at Hughes' home and they had been discussing some property which is in dispute; that he had started to leave the house and that was the last he knew.

Asheville Gazette-News April 13, 1912

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN,

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY FLOWER MISSION

The following report of the flower mission and associated charities for the month of August has been submitted by the secretary: Applications, 28; visits by secretary, 35; sent to county home, 1; transportation furnished for 1; Dr. Anderson's visits, 129; office calls, 37; Dr. Frazer reports patients to medical department, 36. Dr. Herbert reports for surgical department—visits of new cases, 15, visits of old paatients 32; W. B. Williamson reports donations for August as follows: Miss Rita Rees, $2, from "charity drink" sales $14.10, R. J. Woodcock, $2, Mrs. M. D. Long, $6, city of Asheville, $100, county of Buncombe, $50.

The following donations were received by the secretary: From W. C. Carmichael, check for $14.10, amount of proceeds from the "charity drink," that was voted to the flower mission, the check being turned over to the treasurer; Mrs. Howland, .50 per week; Miss Maud Waddell, clothing; Mrs. Lewis Ellas, $1; Mrs. Shell, cot and clothing; Pallas Royal, hats; Mrs. R. F. Porter, clothing and ~~25 for~~ dray.

Brown's creamery has given to our poor and sick $16.15 worth of milk during the summer and is continuing this valuable work.

We are still indebted to the Asheville Power and Light company, the Southern railway, through their polite and courteous agents for continued favors, to the Asheville laundry for gratuitous work and to both the daily papers for kindnesses.

Respectfully submitted,
(MRS.) F. P. WILD, Secretary.

Asheville Citizen September 12, 1912

TWO ARE HURT AS THEY JUMP FROM BUILDING DOOMED BY FLAMES

Colonel and Mrs. P. G. Bowman Seriously Injured Making Escape From Handsome Home, Strawberry Hill, Destroyed by Fire Last Night.

Their escape cut off by flames before their peril was discovered, Colonel P. G. Bowman and Mrs. Bowman, narrowly escaped being burned to death after Mrs. Bowman had fallen and Colonel Bowman had been forced to jump from the second story of their beautiful country residence, Strawberry Hill, which was destroyed by fire shortly before 12 o'clock last night.

Finding his escape by the stairway rendered impossible by the rush of flames from below, Colonel Bowman attempted to lower his wife down by use of bedclothing, but her hands slipped and she fell to the ground beneath, breaking her right leg. Colonel Bowman jumped immediately from the second story and fell close by where his wife lay; in the fall he was so injured that he could not move himself nor aid Mrs. Bowman. Both lay nearly an hour almost within reach of the burning timbers of the house.

Neighbors Come.

After what seemed an age to the imperiled sufferers neighbors finally came and hastened to call a physician. Dr. J. O. Anderson was the first to get to the spot and he placed Mrs. Bowman in his automobile and hurried to the Mission hospital, where it was found that her right leg had been broken as a result of the fall. Shortly afterward Noland, Brown and company's ambulance, which had been called by telephone, arrived and Colonel Bowman was immediately taken to Meriwether hospital, where it was found he had a dislocated knee, fracture of several bones in the foot, and a large number of bruises about the body.

At the time the fire broke out, about 11:10 p. m., Mrs. Bowman was sitting up reading, and her first warning was a rush of smoke and flames up the stairway, which took the route probably because it offered the only opening. This was heightened by a draft of hot air from the cellar where the furnace was located, and from which the fire is supposed to have started.

When Mrs. Bowman fell from the end of the improvised rope on which her husband hoped to let her safely to the ground it was just 11:10; Colonel Bowman jumped immediately and both were on the ground practically unable to move from that time until 11:50. The fire was discovered by the cook who tried to warn the occupants of the house in which were only Colonel and Mrs. Bowman. The servant was returning from Asheville when she saw the blaze.

After the alarm was given a crowd of nearly 200 people went out from West Asheville to the burning house, but neither they nor the West Asheville fire department, which responded to the alarm, were able to do anything to prevent the destruction of the house and its valuable contents. This was due to the fact that the house was located nearly a mile from the end of the car line in West Asheville and beyond the reach of the water lines.

The house which was valued at $25,000 was partially covered by insurance. It was built in 1890 by W. D. Hoagland of Chicago, Ill., and was originally planned as a country club, but after its construction Mr. Hoagland used it as a residence for his family for about ten years. It was then sold to Dr. Winters, of Philadelphia, who occupied it for more than two years. Its last occupant was Colonel Bowman, who came to Asheville recently from Birmingham, Ala.

The destruction of the house was complete and it was impossible to save any portion of the furnishings.

EXERCISES CLOSE AT WEST ASHEVILLE

Fifty-Six Pupils Receive Certificates For Perfect Attendances Throughout the Term.

The largest crowds of the commencement attended the closing exercises at West Asheville school last night and heard Judge J. C. Pritchard deliver the graduation address. The medal for the recitation contest offered by Dr. J. G. Anderson, was won by Sara Penny who recited "Hagar," and was presented by S. B. Hall.

The declamation contest was won by William Reynolds, who recited "The Unknown Rider." His medal was presented by M. D. Shook, its donor being S. B. Hall. Nine boys participated in the declamation contest and in the other contest eight girls recited.

Diplomas were presented to the graduates, of whom there were five, their names following:

Wade Steelman, Albert Evans, Nell Reynolds, Zula Fairchild and Grace Beacham.

Superintendent W. H. Hipps was present last night and presented attendance certificates to fifty-six pupils, who were neither tardy nor absent during the term. Six of these were given an ovation by the audience for having been neither tardy nor absent for five years.

The school has just completed a year's work that will stand out in the history of the institution. The success that has been attained in scholarship, attendance and other work in the school has been marked and these factors, as much as anything else, were instrumental in carrying the bond election whereby $25,000 was provided for a handsome new building.

Asheville Citizen April 26, 1916

PROMINENT LOCAL PEOPLE ARE UNDERWRITERS OF MUSIC WEEK

In Order to Make the Great Week a Reality Local Citizens, Men and Women Guaranteed To Stand Good For the Actual Expense of Putting on the First Music Festival Ever Held in the City.

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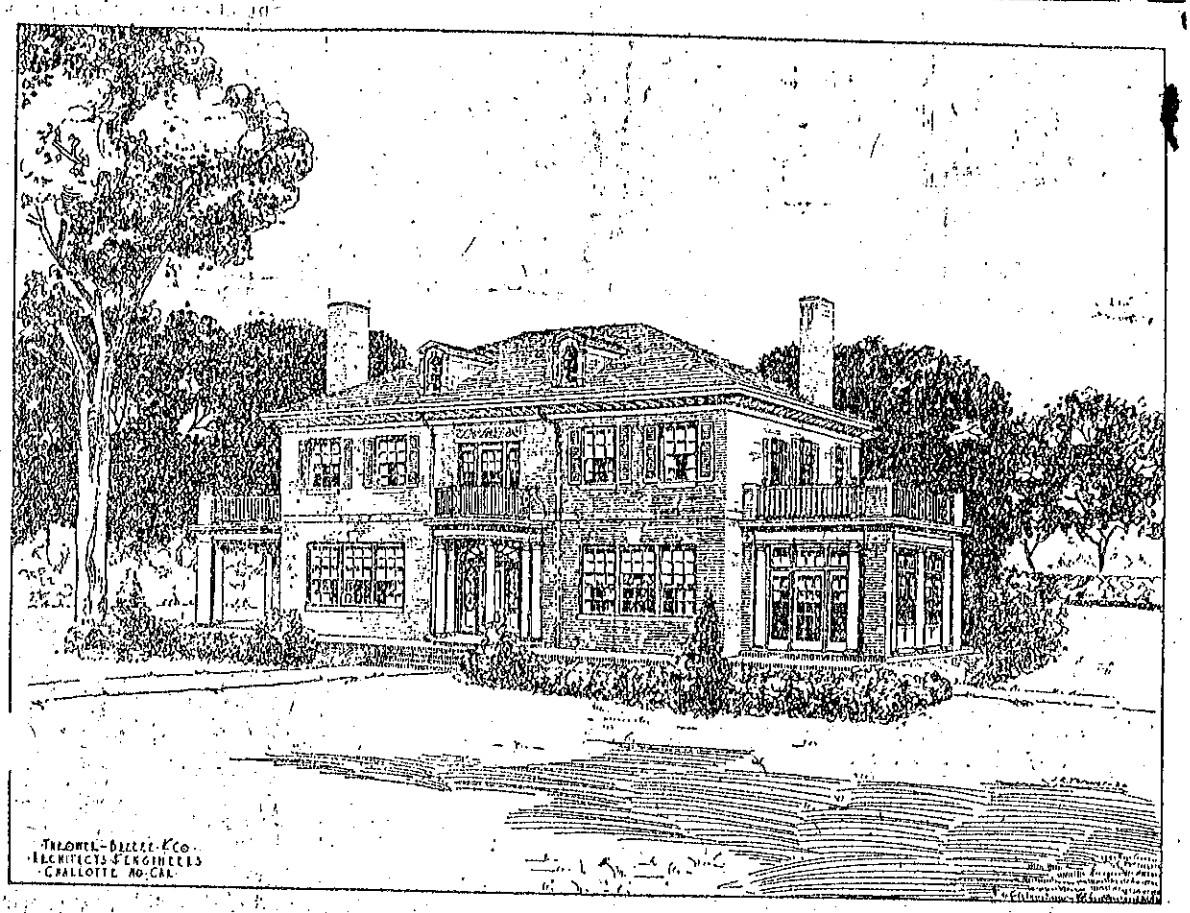
Dr. Anderson

New Home of Dr. J. G. Anderson Under Construction



Work was started the past week to make a reality of the above plan for Dr. J. G. Anderson's new Colonial home on Haywood Road and Tampa Avenue in West Asheville. L. L. Merchant Construction Co., is building the structure which will cost $50,000.

DR. ANDERSON IS BUILDING $50,000 HOME

Work Started On Corner of Haywood and Tampa.

A paldtial Colonial home costing $50,000 is now being erected by Dr. J. G. Anderson at the corner of Haywood Road and Tampa avenue in West Asheville. Work was started on the structure the past week by the L. L. Merchant Construction Company.

The new Anderson residence will be of pure Colonial detail throughout the interior as well as in exterior architecture. It will be made of brick and stone. When completed this home will be one of the handsomest and most luxuriously appointed in this section.

Plans for the Anderson home were drawn by Thrower-Breeze & Company, architects and engineers of Asheville and Charlotte.

DR. ANDERSON HAS DIFFICULT JOB TO PROVE HE'S ALIVE

Even after many of his inquirers had listened to his voice over the telephone as he assured them that he was still among the living, Dr. J. G. Anderson, prominent Asheville physician, had quite a difficult job last night in convicing many people that a report that he had dropped dead on the street was untrue.

"Why, I'm not dead I'm quite well, thank you," the doctor was forced to quote to numerous callers over the telephone at his home on Haywood road, West Asheville.

After countless trips to the telephone to give assurance to anxious friends and associates that he was at least enough alive to talk to them, Dr. Anderson used the telephone to send and S O S call to The Citizen, and requested that the paper announce that he is very much alive, but tired of answering his telephone.

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RITES HELD FOR NOTED PHYSICIAN

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January 12, 1930

Dr. Anderson Buried In Green Hill Cemetery; Died Early Friday

Attended by thousands of people from practically every section of Western North Carolina, funeral services for Dr. James Garrett Anderson, 48, prominent Asheville physician, civic leader, and citizen, who died at Aston Park hospital Friday morning at 8:20 o'clock, were held at the West Asheville Methodist church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In the audience which taxed the seating capacity of the church, were leading physicians, business men, public officials, and many others representative of every walk of life, who had gathered to pay a final tribute of respect to the man whom they had known as a friend through the years. Coincidental with the fact that Dr. Anderson passed away in the hospital which was the realization of the closest plans of his youth, the rites were conducted within the church which was erected through the careful planning and energetic efforts of himself and others.

Officiating ministers were the Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor; the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, former pastor and now presiding elder of the Statesville Methodist district, and the Rev. L. W. Colson, Methodist chaplain of the Oteen post chapel, U. S. Veterans' hospital, also a former pastor. Music was furnished by the male quartets of the West Asheville and Central Methodist church choirs, with physicians, attorneys, public officials, and other leading citizens and close friends of the deceased as pallbearers.

Co-Workers Are Pallbearers

Active pallbearers were leading physicians and surgeons of the city, who were associated with Dr. Anderson as members of the Aston Park hospital staff. They were as follows: Dr. Howard L. Sumner, Dr. A. B. Greenwood, Dr. B. E. Morgan, Dr. A. C. McCall, Dr. C. H. Hensley, Dr. H. S. Clarke, Dr. R. E. Fox, and Dr. Paul F. Weist.

Honorary pallbearers included fellow physicians, and other leading citizens as follows: Dr. Ben S. Merriwether, Dr. P. R. Terry, Dr. Joseph Adams, Dr. B. O. Edwards, Dr. Arthur Reeves, Dr. W. B. Murphy, Dr. John MacRae, Dr. H. G. Brookshire, Dr. G. A. Shieder, Dr. O. P. Edwards, Dr. D. M. Buck, J. A. Richbourg, Joseph W. Nichols, Dr. Donald MacRae, Dr. C. C. Orr, Dr. W. E. Baker, Dr. D. M. McIntosh, of Old Fort; Dr. Frank Roberts, and Dr. W. A. Sams, of Marshall; Dr. Willard Robinson, of Mars Hill; Dr. W. B. Robertson, of Burnsville; Dr. David Kimberly, of Hot Springs; Dr. T. W. Sumner, of Fletcher; Dr. Marion Buckner, of Swannanoa; Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, of Weaverville; Dr. H. H. Harrison, Dr. L. W. Ellas, Dr. S. E. Greenwood, of Mills River and Dr. Grady A. Morgan, Gilbert H. Morris, Wallace D. Davis, William Redwood, D. J. Weaver, G. D. Carter, H. B. Posey, Mayor Gallatin Roberts, J. M. James, Charles Byrd, and James S. Howell. Members of the board of stewards and the board of trustees of the West Asheville Methodist church also served as honorary pallbearers. Dr. Anderson was chairman of the board of stewards of the church, and one of its most active members.

Green Hill Service

Members of West Asheville Masonic Lodge, 665, A. F. and A. M., of which the deceased was a member, had charge of a brief service held in Green Hill cemetery, where interment took place. All member stores of the West Asheville Merchants' association were closed during the funeral including the Bank of West Asheville, of which Dr. Anderson was a vice president, director, and one of the organizers.

Dr. Anderson died Friday morning after an illness of several days, following a major abdominal operation which he underwent at the hospital last Sunday afternoon. His widow, his children and a number of other relatives were at the bedside when the end came.

The physician, who in 1922 founded the French Broad hospital, with the late Dr. Arthur T. Pritchard and the late Dr. A. W. Calloway, was president of the Tenth District Medical Society. He was born at Paint Fork, in Madison county, December 6, 1881, and received his education in the public schools, Mars Hill college, Wake Forest college, and the Louisville Medical college. Soon after completing his medical education, he entered active practice as a physician in Asheville. He was one of the most active members of the West Asheville Methodist church and his generosity and active work were highly instrumental in erection of the $150,000 structure.

Dr. Anderson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lottie Anderson, and five children, J. G. Anderson, Jr., Glenn, Garrett, and Arthur; also his father, D. N. Anderson, and the following brothers and sisters: John B. Anderson, Asheville attorney; Mrs. O. Whit Gaskins, of Asheville; Mrs. R. C. Shelton, Mrs. W. T. Martin, of Raleigh; Oscar and Kenneth Anderson, of Paint Fork; and Mrs. Ellis Robinson, of Ivy. His mother died several months ago.

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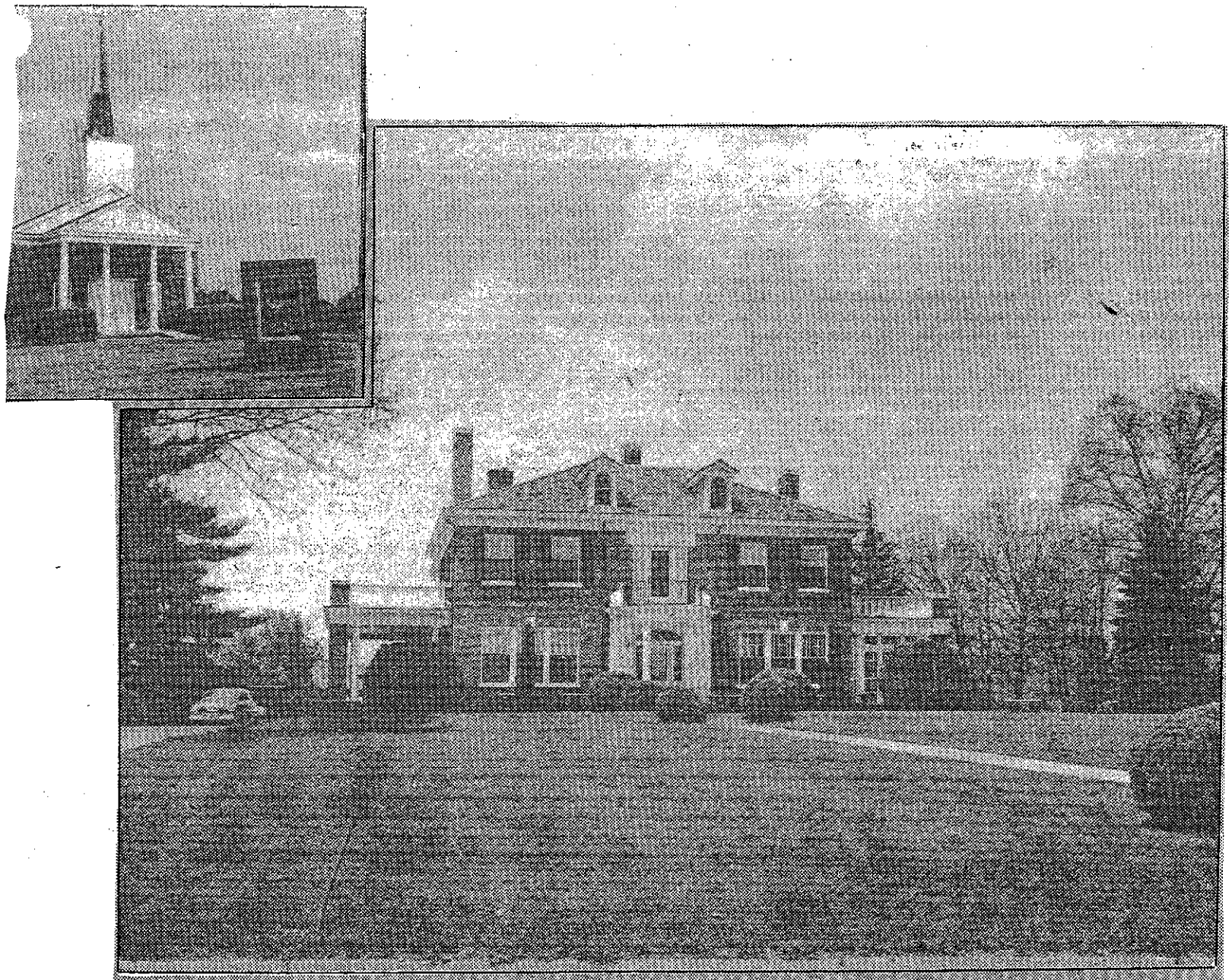

The congregation of Abernethy United Methodist Church will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the church at 11 a.m. Sunday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home where the first services were held. The insert is the present church building on Patton Avenue. The anniversary speaker is the Rev. E.H. Nease Jr., the first appointed minister of the church.

Entire Community May Benefit From Organization Of Club

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the eleventh of a series dealing with the federated clubs of Asheville and the individuals who have contributed to them.)

By DOROTHY SNYDER

Have communities ever been tangibly benefitted by the organization of a woman's club? The answer might be found in the history of one of Asheville's federated clubs.

The Community Club, originally known as the West Asheville Community Club, was formed in 1923 with 115 charter members, all residents of West Asheville.

At that time West Asheville had no express delivery, no gas mains, very few telephone lines and no clubhouse. The club worked untiringly for those advantages, all of which the community has enjoyed for many years now.

"A Beautiful City" was the club slogan, and the members worked for the conservation of trees, especially dogwood and holly, and was instrumental in getting a swimming pool for West Asheville.

These are only a few of the projects which have been undertaken by the club since tis organization, and their success of course is due to the unflagging zeal of the members through the years.

Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, who was the club's first secretary, is a charter member of the group. With the exception of Mrs. D. L. Gross, who is at present living in Milwaukee where her husband is stationed with the Navy, Mrs. Anderson is the only charter member still active in the club, which will observe its 30th birthday this year.

During those years, Mrs. Anderson has held practically every office in the club and has headed scores of committees. She has also served as district president of federated clubs, the highest district office and one which entails the responsibility of supervising the work of all federated clubs in the section.

Mrs. Anderson's work in civic projects has not been limited to the Community Club, however. Since coming to Asheville during World War I, she has been active in many organizations. For some time she has been on the board of trustees of Pack Memorial Library, and for the past 10 years has been working with the board to get a library in West Asheville —a library which is now nearing completion.

MRS. J. WALL ANDERSON

For 16 years Mrs. Anderson has served on the board of directors of the Buncombe County Children's Home—a work that she has especially enjoyed. During these years she has devoted a great deal of time to work at the home, and the children, who love her, look forward to her visits. She has missed only two of the annual Christmas parties at the home, and has planned the parties a number of times.

Though she has no children of her own, Mrs Anderson has been keenly interested in child welfare, and for many years was a member of the Vance School Parent-Teachers Association. She was one of a group of women who started a lunchroom at Vance School in the days when the school was first built.

Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Fanny Patton Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and is at present serving as its vice president. She also is a member of Esther Chapter 12, Order of the Eastern Star, and has served as worthy matron of the chapter.

For thirty years Mrs. Anderson was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and was a member of the church choir. When St. George Episcopal Church was formed in West Asheville, however, she felt that she was more needed there and is now an active worker in the new church.

Mrs. Anderson, the former Miss Almira Mahan, was born and reared in Baltimore. She and Mr. Anderson, now retired after working with the Railway Express Company for many years, moved to Asheville about 1917. Several years later they built a house in West Asheville and since that time have seen the community grow at a rapid rate.

Mrs. Anderson is a woman who enjoys club work, and she has been willing to serve in any capacity. There is no doubt, however, that the work she has most enjoyed has been in those projects which have contributed to the up building of West Asheville.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE N.C.
Thursday, May 15, 1952

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CLUB of West Asheville installed their officers for 1952-53 yesterday. The new leaders are, L to R, Mrs. J. W. Anderson, fourth vice president; Mrs. Tom E. Anderson, president; Mrs. Edgar Todd, third vice president; Mrs. J. A. Goforth, second vice president; Mrs. H. B. Almon, historian and retiring president; Mrs. Harry Atkins, treasurer; and Mrs. W. K. Dalton, parliamentarian. Mrs. John May is fifth vice president, Mrs. Charles Garren, first vice president; and Mrs. Leo Bagwell, secretary. (Citizen Photo)

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WELL STOCKED BRANCH LIBRARY TO OPEN FOR SERVICE MONDAY

Dedication Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock of the new Pack Meforial Library branch on Haywood Road, will mark a milestone in the progress of West Asheville. The library will share with the Fire Department, the new $100,000 building erected by the city. Miss Margaret Ligon, Pack Library supervisor, is enthusiastic about the literary facilities offered to the 20,000 citizens of Asheville living west of the French Broad River for which the structure with capacity for 8,000 volumes is admirably adapted. The library will be opened Monday morning with Mrs. Doan Ogden in charge and Mrs. Edith F. Jones, assistant. Anne Cloninger will be library page. Library hours will be from 9 to 6 o'clock daily.

Sunday atfernoon's dedication exercises, Miss Ligon, announced, will be appropriate to the day and occasion. Miss Annie Westall, chairman of the Library Board, will preside. Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of the West Asheville Baptist Church, will give the invocation. George H. Wright will make a short talk dealing with development of the public library in Asheville. The Hall Fletcher Junior High School band will play several numbers. The new library building unit will be presented to the citizens of West Asheville by Vice-Mayor Walter I. Abernathy with L. J. Montgomery responding. Miss Ligon will then introduce Mrs. Ogden, the branch librarian, followed by the benediction by Rev. J. H. Brendle, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

Plans for the West Asheville branch library were initiated a year or more ago by a committee of 15 of which Mrs. J. Wall Anderson is chairman and L. J. Montgomery, vice-chairman. Others on this committee include Mrs. Edward Coulson, Mrs. Curtis Snipes, Mrs. Keith Bradley, Mrs. C. M. Hills, Jr., Mrs. Austin Thompson, Mrs. George Todd, Mrs. Harry Atkins, Mrs. Dan Scott Mrs. J. W. Snow, Albert Fortune, Harold Hicks, E. B. Roberts, W. E. Michael and Kelly Roberts.

Mrs. Curtis Snipes is publicity chairman. Mrs. Wall Anderson is chairman of the Flowers Committee with Mrs. Coulson and Mrs. Bradley as co-members.

In discussing the new library branch, Miss Ligon said, "We have tried to anticipate the needs of the West Aseville reading public. We have the best basic stock that we could buy with at least 95 per cent new books. We have a small but good reference collection."

Mrs. Ogden, the librarian is a graduate of Western Reserve and Chatauqua School for Librarians, Chatauqua, N. Y. She came to Asheville from Michigan and served for a time on the staff of the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Oteen. During the past 15 months she has been connected with Pack Memorial Library.

Upon entering the library the visitor is immediately impressed with the extended panorama seen through the south windows with Mount Pisgah capping the view. The atmosphere is one of cultural inspiration.

The building of contemporary style, was designed by Six Associates. The shelves and other woodwork are of birch. The room is illuminated by overhead flourescent lighting. Columns are tinted in Swedish red. The floor is of slate gray tile. Windows run the full length of the library on the north and south sides. The building is designed so that the sun oes not enter the reading room except uring part of the winter. An electric charging machine has been installed. A metal book lift from the basement is a labor saving device.

Z. B. Robinson and Son are contractors for the dual purpose building. The sub-contractors are: United Electric Co., lighting; Price Piping Co., heating; V .M. Lyle Painting; and Moser Plumbing Co., plumbing.

A large basement room, as yet unfinished, will be equipped as the Children's Department. The basement has an outside entrance.

The Asheville public library is second in circulation in North Carolina, being outranked only by Charlotte.

Card holders of the main library may use the facilities of the West Asheville branch and the same courtesy will be extended to residents holding West Asheville cards.

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— Citizen-Times Photo.

BAKING CAKES FOR THE BAZAAR to be held in St. George's Episcopal Church in Malvern Hills Thursday are, left to right, Mrs. W. J. Slade, Mrs. Floyd Miller, Miss Hattie Rollins, Mrs. G. W. Morris and Mrs. Wall Anderson. The bazaar will open at 11 a. m. and will feature homemade cakes, pies and jellies and handmade articles. A light lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a. m. and a turkey dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m., by ticket only.

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MR. AND MRS. J. WALL ANDERSON of 822 Haywood Rd. are observing their 50th wedding anniversary today. They will celebrate with open house from 3 to 5 p. m. in the Rhododendron Clubhouse and all friends are invited. The Andersons were married in Washington, D. C., and have lived in Asheville since 1913. They are charter members of St. George's Episcopal Church, West Asheville.

N. M. ANDERSON SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

Private Funeral Services To Be Held Tuesday Afternoon At 3:30.

FOUNDED SCHOOL HERE

Asheville Man Had Nationwide Reputation As Educator.

Ash Times 2/3/36

Newton M. Anderson, nationally known educator, died at his home in Malvern Hills last night at 6 o'clock as a result of a heart attack. Mr. Anderson, who was 79 years old, was the founder and headmaster-emeritus of the Asheville School for Boys.

He had been ill last fall, but had sufficiently recovered to go to his office at the Asheville school, where he handled the alumni work and was editor of "Asheville School Views," the school newspaper.

Mr. Anderson was a pioneer in modern education and had a distinguished career with several educational institutions. He founded the Cleveland Manual Training school and the University School of Cleveland before coming here with C. A. Mitchell, a New Englander, who had been associated wtih him in Cleveland, to found Asheville school.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Arney Close; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Arney Anderson; a sister, Mrs. Susie A. Clark, of Waterbury, Conn.; and two brothers, Frank C. Anderson, of Philadelphia, and George Y. Anderson, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Anderson was a brother-in-law of Mrs. W. B. Northup and Mrs. Charles A. Webb.

Plan Private Rites

A private funeral service, for members of the family and intimate friends will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Northup, 66 Evelyn place, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, in charge. Interment will follow in Riverside cemetery.

The active pallbearers will be: Samuel J. Fisher, Dr. Arthur Ambler, Frank Coxe, Julia A. Woodcock, Jr., J. Grove Seely, and J. Fuller Brown.

It was announced that a memorial service is being planned by alumni of the Asheville school, who, with the vestry of Trinity church, will attend in a body. The service will be held at the the Chapel of the Asheville school, the date to be announced later.

CLAIMED BY DEATH

NEWTON M. ANDERSON

Native of Ohio

Mr. Anderson was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered with the first preparatory class at the University of Ohio when the institution was opened in 1873. At the time of his death he was the only surviving member of the graduating class of 1879.

From the time of his graduation until about six years ago, Mr. Anderson devoted most of his life to the cause of education and lived to see many of his early efforts in pioneering work generally adopted over the country.

After his graduation from the University of Ohio, Mr. Anderson spent one year in post-graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Leaving there, he became connected with the Bell Telephone company and was sent to Belgium, where he installed the first telephone exchange there.

Urges Manual Training

He returned to this country in 1881 and went to the University of Ohio, where he was instructor in physics. This was the beginning of his long career as an educator. Later, while teaching physics in a Cleveland High school, he became so impressed with the need for manual training classes that he went to the school authorities in an effort to induce them to place this type of instruction in the school curriculum. His efforts were in vain. The school officials thought his ideas were too fancy and too modern, and turned thumbs down on the proposal.

Not daunted by his failure to get official backing, Mr. Anderson rented a loft over a stable and had it fitted up with tools and work benches. Then he invited the boys whom he knew to be interested to enroll in classes after school hours.

Boys Enthusiastic

The suggestion was received wit enthusiasm and the classes grew steadily and the school became so popular that the capacity of the original quarters was taxed beyond what it could conveniently stand. The parents of the boys who were so vitally interested in the work came to his rescue and a new building was obtained. The new plant, which was erected and equipped with funds contributed by friends of the school, became the Cleveland Manual Training school.

Mr. Anderson found it necessary to give all of his time to this work and he remained at the head of the Cleveland Manual Training school until 1890 when the school authorities, reluctantly convinced, took over the work and the Cleveland Technical High school came into being. There are now two large high schools in Cleveland which sprang from the school started by Mr. Anderson.

Lauded By Hayes

Encouraged by the success that this first enterprise had received, Mr. Anderson conceived the idea of starting a country day school for boys. From this decision there resulted the University school, the first of its type, and it was opened in May, 1890, in temporary quarters while the administration building was being erected. When this school was completed it represented the finest in the country at the time.

The chief address at the formal opening was made by Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, who paid a high tribute to the work of Mr. Anderson as an educator. The building had been planned especially for the work of the school and ample provision had been made for sports. This resulted in the school's turning out some of the finest preparatory teams in the country of that period.

Pick Site Here

Mr. Anderson remained with this school for ten years. Then in 1900 he became associated with C. A. Mitchell, an educator with pronounced progressive tendencies that made him a fitting partner for Mr. Anderson. Together they hunted over the eastern part of the country for the ideal location for a boys' school which was to be the finest thing of its kind then available. They eventually selected the site where Asheville school is now located and erected the plant that was destined to turn out a great many outstanding men during the years of its operation.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Mitchell served as headmasters of the school until 1919 when Mr. Anderson purchased the interest of Mr. Mitchell in the institution. He then became headmaster and continued in this position until 1926 when he resigned to give his full time to the development of Malvern Hills on the old Sulphur Springs property which had long been famous in this section.

Serves On County Board

Mr. Anderson, in 1928, entered the race for chairman of the Buncombe county board of commissioners on the Republican ticket and was elected. He served in this capacity for two years.

In June, 1930, Mr. Anderson was present for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the University school and was a guest of honor for the occasion. A feature of the observance was the unveiling of a portrait of Mr. Anderson at the school. He also went to Cleveland where he visited the two technical high schools which traced their beginning to his little class started in the loft of a stable 55 years ago.

On this same trip he visited the University of Ohio, having at that time the distinction of being the only surviving member of the class of 1879.

Mr. Anderson was a past president of the Asheville Civitan club and a former vice-president of the Asheville Real Estate board. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal church, which he joined when he came to Asheville.

When we search out the story of such teachers, placed as Mr. Anderson was, we see their own attitude toward life reflected in the attitude toward life of those who have been under them. We can read this story in the records of scores and hundreds of the boys who were under Mr. Anderson at Cleveland and at the Asheville School which he helped to found and of which he was long the guiding spirit. Here in this high, clean place he has left his monument; and he lives on in the lives of those who learned from him how to live.

"So we can fit to him the words of the greatest of teachers when he said, for every tree is known by his own fruit and a good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good."

Asheville Times February 3, 1936

Newton M. Anderson

Ash. Times 2/3/36

SEVERAL natural factors combined to make Cleveland, Ohio, a great manufacturing and commercial center; but one big man-made factor must be credited to the technical knowledge and the social foresight of Newton M. Anderson.

A little more than 50 years ago, an instructor in physics in the Cleveland Central High School, Mr. Anderson saw the need for manual training. The school authorities regarded the scheme as visionary.

Mr. Anderson was looking into the future. He rented quarters over a stable, obtained tools and work-benches and invited the boys to enroll for instruction. They came in such large numbers that the authorities after a few years confessed their short-sightedness. From that foundation laid by Mr. Anderson grew the two large technical high schools of Cleveland today.

It was this initiative and grasp of a situation that had made Mr. Anderson a valued member of the Bell Telephone field force in the early days of that company. While with the Bell company he built the first telephone exchange in Belgium, at Liege.

Asheville, of course, knew Mr. Anderson best as founder, in co-operation with the late C. A. Mitchell, of the Asheville School for Boys, an institution which has meant so much, and still means so much, to this community.

Mr. Anderson had already established, in the University School at Cleveland, the first school of its kind for boys. He brought to the Asheville School ten years' experience with the University School, with the results that are familiar to everybody who knows and appreciates the Asheville School for Boys.

An educator nationally recognized, one of special gifts in dealing with boys, Mr. Anderson touched the lives of thousands who today will look back on their days under his tutelage with affection and gratitude.

Asheville Times February 3, 1936

N. M. ANDERSON

LAID TO REST AT RIVERSIDE

Ash. Times 2/5/36

Private Funeral Services Held For Nationally Known Educator.

Newton M. Anderson, nationally known in the field of education, who died at his home here Sunday night, was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery yesterday, following private funeral services at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Northup, 66 Evelyn place.

The Rev. George Floyd Rogers, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, conducted the rites, which were attended only by immediate members of the family and close friends of Mr. Anderson. Many others, though, paid respect to his memory by sending beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. Anderson, who was 79 years old, was headmaster-emeritus and co-founder of the Asheville School for Boys. He was active in civic and business circles of the city.

George Y. Anderson, of Cleveland, Ohio, a brother of the late Mr. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Webb, who were at their winter home in Clearwater, Fla., were among those who came here for the funeral. Mr. Anderson was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Webb.

Pallbearers were Dr. Arthur Ambler, Julian A. Woodcock, Jr., J. Fuller Brown, Frank Coxe, Samuel J. Fisher and J. Grove Seely.

Surviving Mr. Anderson are his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Arney Close; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Arney Anderson; a sister, Mrs. Susie A. Clark, of Waterbury, Conn., and two brothers, Frank C. Anderson, of Philadelphia, and George Y. Anderson, of Cleveland. Mr. Anderson was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Northup and Mrs. Webb.

Asheville Times February 5, 1936

TRIBUTE PAID TO MEMORY OF N. M. ANDERSON

Asheville Times 2/7/36

Friends And Alumni Attend Memorial Service At Asheville School.

Many friends—including a number of alumni of Asheville school—assembled in the stone chapel of the school yesterday to pay tribute to the late Newton M. Anderson.

Robert Lathan, editor of The Asheville Citizen, delivered the memorial address, placing particular emphasis on Mr. Anderson's work at Asheville school. David R. Fall, assistant headmaster, was in charge and read the Scripture and tributes written by Howard Bement, headmaster, editors of the two school publications and others. The school choir sang. The Rev. George Floyd Rogers, rector at Trinity Episcopal church, assisted Mr. Fall.

Local alumni of the school attended in a body. Remaining seats in the chapel were filled by friends of Mr. Anderson.

"It is the teacher's sorrow that often the seed which he sows is trodden down, or withers away, or is choked by thorns; it is his joy that much of it falls on good ground and bears fruit an hundredfold," Mr Lathan said in his address.

"Great as is the responsibility of every teacher," said the speaker, "the responsibility of a headmaster of a school like this, where Mr. Anderson did so large a part of his work, is peculiarly great; for he is more than teacher. He stands in loco parentis and owes to those who are in his charge not instruction only, and not the disciplining of all their faculties only, but above all what can be done by teacher and by parent to help mould their characters and shape their lives.

Asheville Times February 7, 1936

Mrs. Newton M. Anderson, Once Prominent Here, Dies

9-16-56

Ash Citizen

Mrs. Newton M. Anderson, 85, widow of Newton M. Anderson, co-founder and former headmaster of the Asheville School, died about 11 a.m. yesterday at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde O. Henke, 100 School Rd., Alapocas, Wilmington, Del. She had resided there since 1951.

Her husband, who died in 1936, was a former headmaster of the University School, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, and once served as a Buncombe County Commissioner.

Anderson owned at one time and developed the section now known as Malvern Hills.

A memorial service for Mrs. Anderson will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in the William Spencer Boyd Memorial Chapel at Asheville School.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

Dr. Donald C. Wilson, associate minister of Westminister Presbyterian Church and a former student at Asheville School, assisted by David R. Fall, present headmaster, and the Rev. John W. Tuton, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, of Asheville, will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson was a native of Hancock, Mich. She was an accomplished pianist, having studied both in the United States and Germany.

Prior to her marriage in 1909, Mrs. Anderson taught at the New York College of Music and at Asheville School.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church here.

In addition to Mrs. Henke, Mrs. Anderson is survived by a sister, Mrs. Charles A. Webb of Asheville, several nieces and nephews, including Mrs. Ralph E. Lee Sr. and H. Kendall Northup of Asheville, Mrs. Charles G. Blankenship of Weaverville and Mrs. Arney R. Childs and Mrs. Thomas R. Ruff of Columbia, S. C.; three grandchildren, Jane, Joan and David Henke of Wilmington and several great nieces and nephews.

MRS. ANDERSON

The body will arrive here Wednesday morning.

Morris-Hendon-Black Funeral Home is in charge.

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ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1945

R. L. ANDERSON TELLS GRAPHIC STORY OF FIGHT

Chief Bos'n's Mate Was Bombed On Beach At Tarawa

Chief Bos'n's Mate R. L. (Bill) Anderson, who has spent some 16 years in the U. S. navy, got his biggest thrill out of the landing on Tarawa.

On a visit here to his mother, Mrs. Rosa B. Anderson, 127 Virginia avenue, he related, somewhat reluctantly because he is not given to talk, his experience in that fight.

It was early morning, he said, and he was stationed as a lookout, keeping his eye peeled for mines as his ship, a destroyer, slid through the water approaching the Jap-held island.

"I had been in the navy long enough to know what was happening," he grinned. "I was one scared boy. I wouldn't kid you about that."

He explained that it was part of the destroyer's job to nose in, leading the way for the bigger battle wagons, and of course to do a little pasting of Jap installations also.

Helped Stack Stores

"I got pretty excited while the bombardment was going on," he laughed. "I must have been excited for the first thing I knew I had volunteered to land and help stack stores. I did and we worked as hard as men ever worked getting the stuff straightened up.

"Then the Jap planes came over and we dived in foxholes. It was one of those times that makes it easy to believe that a foxhole is the shallowest depression on the earth's surface and the most exposed. When it was all over the stores were all gone.

"We could hear the engines of those Jap planes coming before they got over us. Then we could see the flame from their exhausts, looking sort of blue against the night sky.

"Altogether the bombing did not last more than about 20 minutes, but it seemed like a couple of lifetimes. It was a good while after that until we got the 'all clear' and crawled out and made our way back to the ship."

R. L. ANDERSON

The interviewer got the impression that this sailor would have preferred a foxhole that could be maneuvered like a destroyer while the bombs were falling. Just waiting to see if a bomb had his number on it without being able to dodge was a rather rugged experience, he said, and intimated that he was glad when he was back aboard his ship, which at least could move when the bombs started dropping.

Watched Tank Fight

Tarawa was mostly a lot of coral reefs, a sandy beach and a few logs and stags remaining from what had been trees.

When he got back on board ship however, he didn't stay, that is not any longer than the next landing operation.

On one occasion he tells how he stood on the deck of his ship and watched a bunch of American tanks slugging it out on shore with a bunch of Jap tanks.

"You would have to see that to believe it," he said. "It was just like seeing a technicolor picture unfolding right in front of your eyes on a screen miles wide. It was really something."

His final thrill came when his ship was attached to the now famous task force 58 in a lot of action that he can't discuss yet.

Mrs. Anderson Dies At 101

Mrs. Rosa Belle Penland Anderson, 101, of 127 Virginia Ave., died Saturday at her home after a long illness.

Mrs. Anderson, the oldest member of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, was born May 2, 1873, the daughter of George and Eliza Penland, whose family settled in Candler in 1796 on one of the first land grants.

In addition to gardening, Mrs. Anderson's hobbies included cooking, canning, knitting and quilting.

In a newspaper article commemorating her 99th birthday, she attributed her long life to the words in the scriptures, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Love thy Neighbor."

She was married in 1891 to Rufus L. Anderson, who died in 1914.

Surviving are two sons, James A. Anderson of Asheville and George Anderson of Pelham; three daughters, Mrs. Margaret E. Byerly and Mrs. Eula Mae Mull of Asheville and Mrs. Doris Bowker of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, Bron Penland of Enka; 26 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 12 great great-grandchildren.

MRS. RUFUS ANDERSON

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Groce Funeral Home. The Rev. Jeff Kesterson will officiate. Burial will be in Penland Cemetery in Candler. Pallbearers will be Jack, Jim and Roy Byerly, Jim Anderson, Bob and Tom Felkel and Frank Mull.

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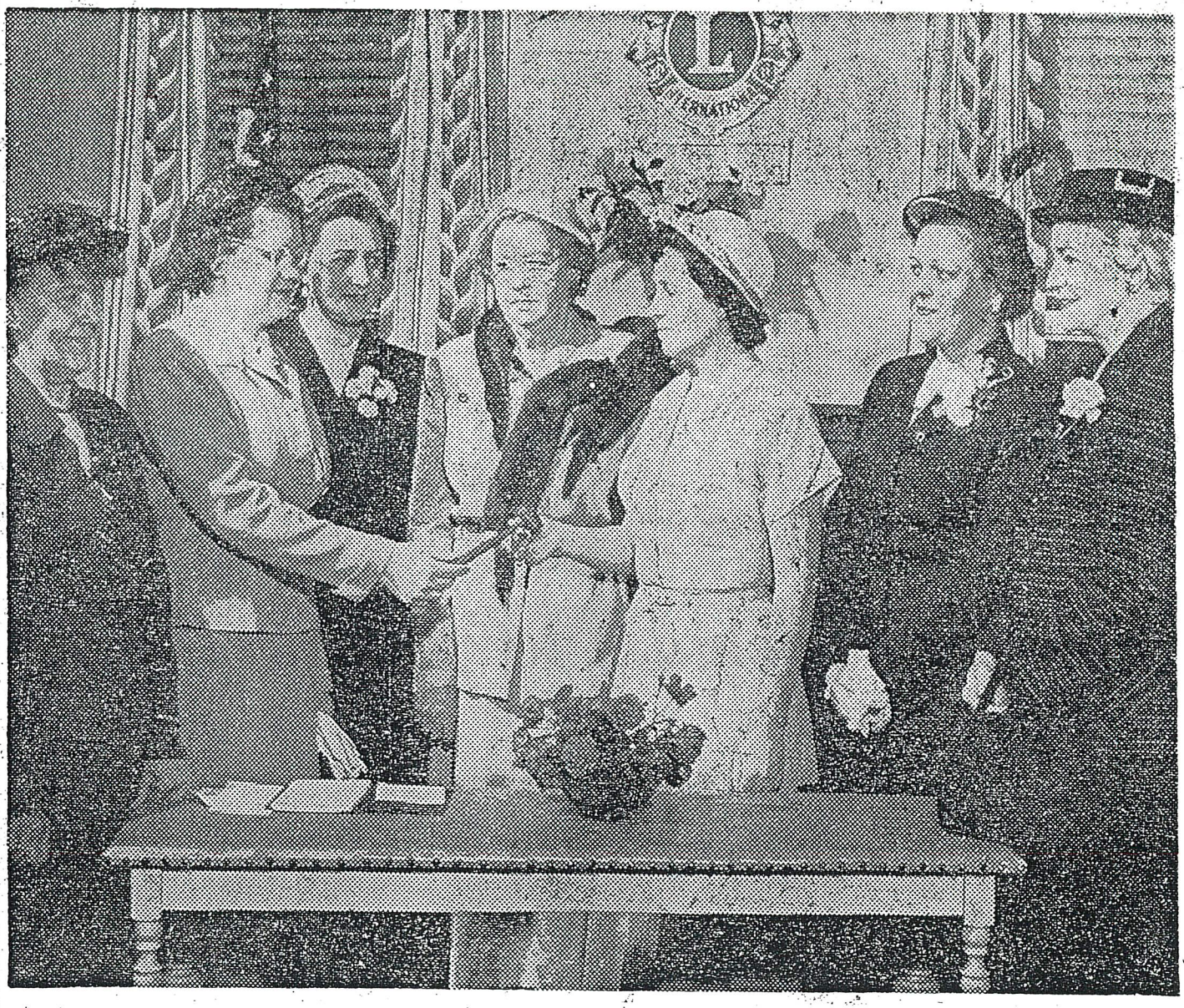

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CLUB of West Asheville installed their officers for 1952-53 yesterday.& The new leaders are, L to R, Mrs. J. W. Anderson, fourth vice president; Mrs. Tom E. Anderson, president; Mrs. Edgar Todd, third vice president; Mrs. J. A. Goforth, second vice president; Mrs. H. B. Almon, historian and retiring president; Mrs. Harry Atkins, treasurer; and Mrs. W. K. Dalton, parliamentarian. Mrs. John May is fifth vice president, Mrs. Charles Garren, first vice president; and Mrs. Leo Bagwell, secretary. (Citizen Photo)

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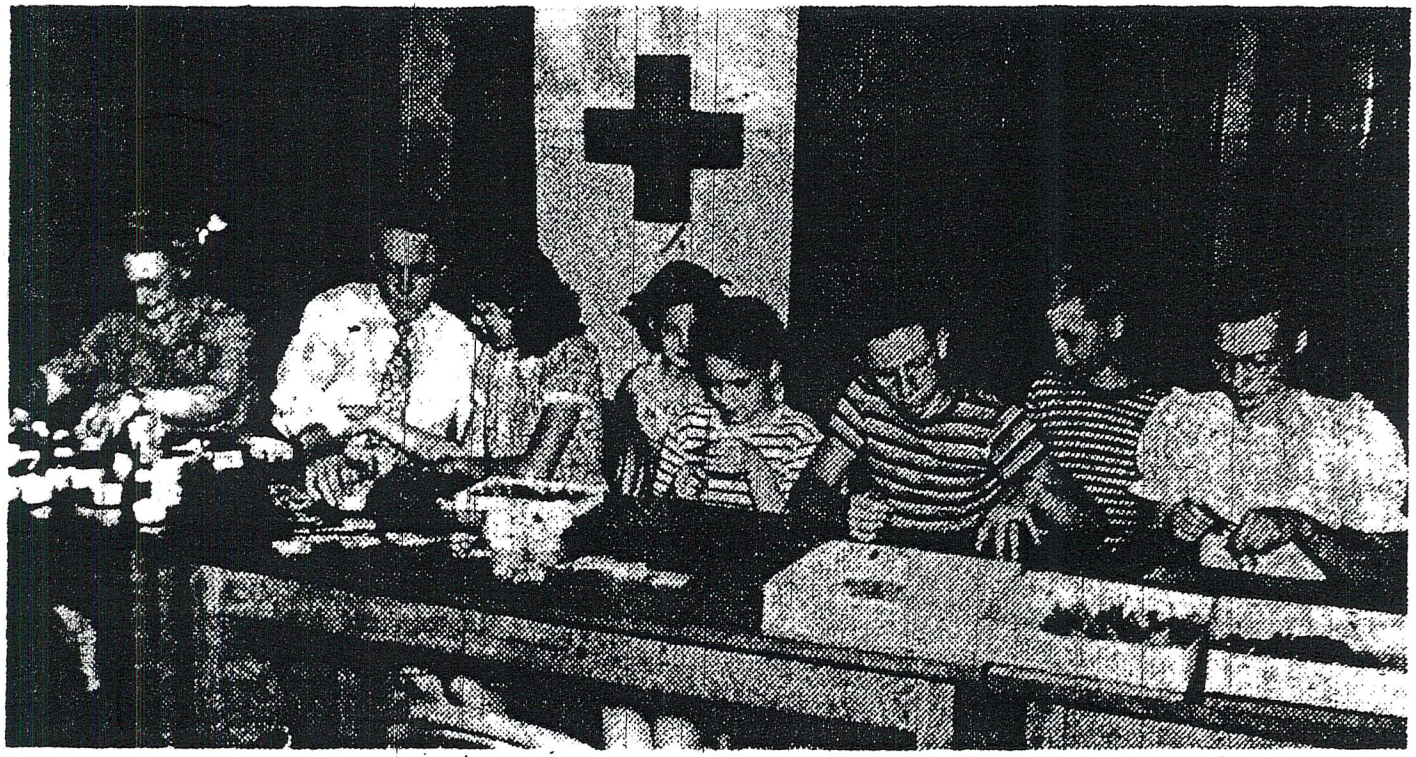

MRS WILLIAMS ANDERSON JEAN LYNN PATTY NORMAN STEWART JOY

JUNIOR RED CROSS WORKSHOP—Busily finishing 1,500 favors for the patients at the veterans hospital at Oteen and Moore VA hospital at Swannanoa, members of the Junior Red Cross are pictured at the workshop held the last ten days in David Millard junior high school building. Mrs. C. S. Williams was in charge of the workshop. Ted Anderson is president of the Junior Red Cross group. Those who were at work when the Citizen photographer visited the workshop include Jean Pritchard, Lynn and Patty Merchant, Norman Anderson, Stewart Hubbeling and Joy Crowder. Children at the West Asheville Methodist church daily vacation Bible school made 150 favors, in addition to these.

THE GRAND PRIZE in the annual Yuletide Lighting Contest was won by Clifton Andrews of 47 Bear Creek Rd. with his lawn display of a Nativity scene and an altar tableau.

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Clifton Andrews Wins Top Yule Lighting Prize

Clifton Andrews of 47 Bear Creek Rd. was named winner Wednesday of the $85 grand prize in the annual Yuletide Lighting Contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Andrews' prize winning display included a Nativity scene and an altar tableau.

Other prizes, ranging from $35 in cash to $12.50 merchandise orders, were awarded in the residential division in first, second and third place order as follows:

Section I. Displays costing over $15—Joseph P. Quinn, 2 Cambridge Rd.; O. A. Porche, 312 Montford Ave.; M. M. Matthews, 351 Lakeshore Dr. Displays costing under $15—Ronald S. Bradley, 334 Barnard Ave.; Mrs. Charlene Radau, 107 Wilshire Dr.

Section II. Over $15—Miss Mary Louise Britt, 26 Griffing Blvd.; Mrs. R. H. Redus, 16 Ridgewood Pl.; Dr. and Mrs. C. Z. Candler, 104 Gracelyn Rd. Under $15—the Rev. Otis E. Dunn, 144 Pine St.; R. J. Kowal, 40 Blackwood Rd.

Section III. Over $15—Clifton Andrews, 47 Bear Creek Rd.; Mrs. Hilda S. Halliburton, 80 Wendover Rd.; D. L. Bailey, 128 Sulphur Springs Rd. Under $15—Mrs. E. F. Magruder Jr., 115 Bear Creek Rd; Mrs. Frances Ann Bennett, 72 Cranford Rd.

Section IV. Over $15—Mrs. Leroy Feagin, 8 Eastshore Dr.; Frank J. White, 222 Forest Hill Dr.; Eugene Scherer, 374 Biltmore Ave. Under $15—John W. Stitt, 149 Wyoming Rd.; W. D. Lewis Jr., 7 Springdale Rd.

The top church display award was won by Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church. Groce Methodist Church in Beverly Hills placed second and the display constructed by Explorer Post No. 9 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church placed third.

Hill Street School won the top award for school displays.

All judging was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kouns.

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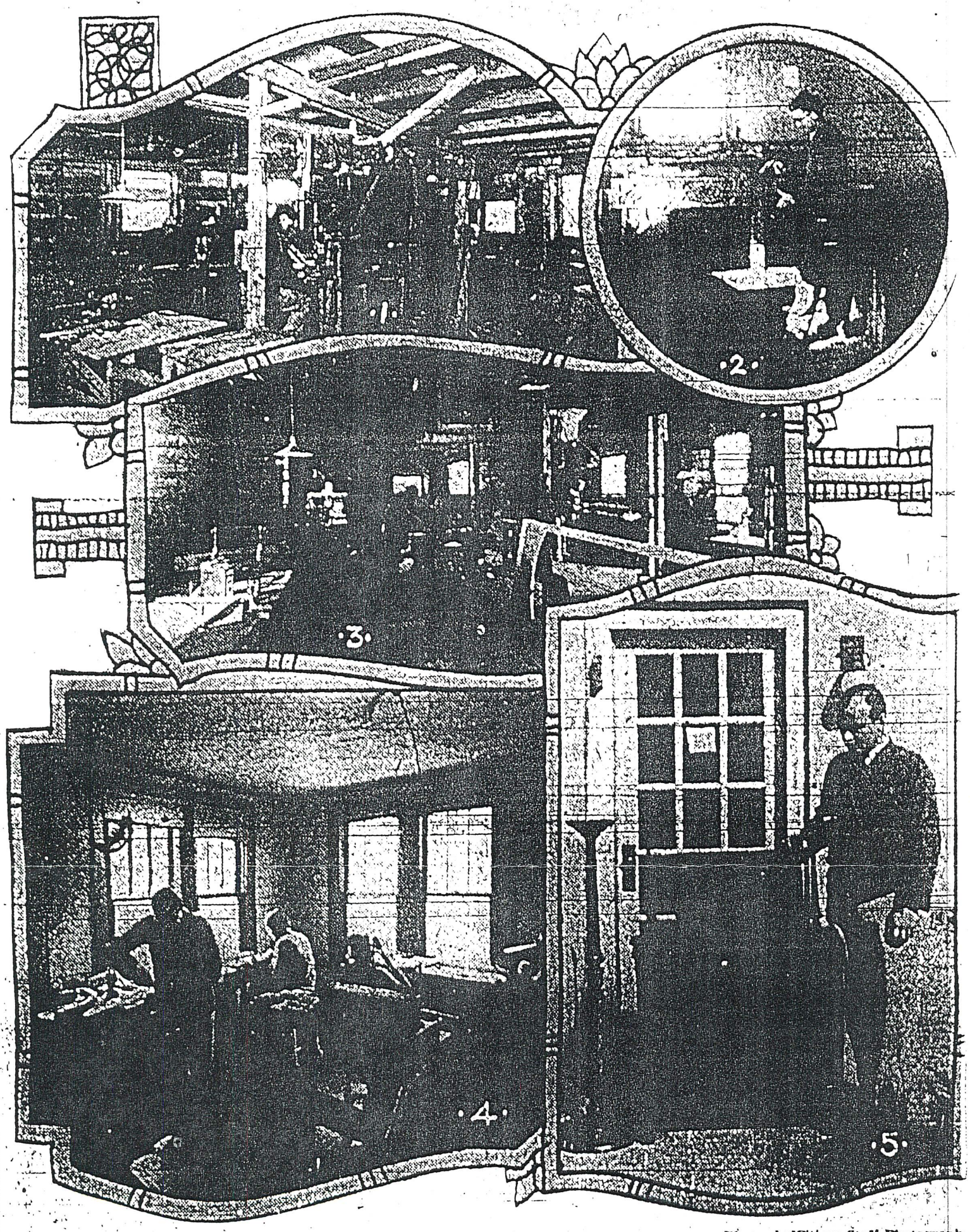
ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 27, 1927.

Where Art Changes Wood To Furniture



Photos by Citizen Staff Photographe

1—A view of one room in the Artisan's Shop, with two of the workers at the machines. 2—One of the men in the Artisan's Shop worl ing on a model panel to be offered for the new Biltmore-Oteen bank. 3—Another view of the shop. 4—A class in wood carving, which part of the work of the Artisan's Shop. 5—George Arthur, who began cabinet work and wood carving twenty-five years ago with th Biltmore Industries.

George Arthur, Artist Works With Hardwood

Boy Who Learned Art On Vanderbilt Estate Now Has Own Shop

By VIRGINIA TERRELL

George Arthur was a boy about thirteen years old when Miss Eleanor Vance and Miss Charlotte Yale, who had come from Chicago to live in the south, organized a club of boys to study cabinet work and carving, at Biltmore, in connection with the industries that George W. Vanderbilt was establishing on his vast estate.

That was about 1902, and now George Arthur has one of the most unique shops in the state, where cabinet work is done to order, where most beautiful hand carving is not only done commercially, but is taught, and where old furiture is made new.

All of George Arthur's training came through the Biltmore Industries, where he remained from the time he was thirteen until about ten years ago when he became teacher of manual training at the Asheville School. A year ago he opened The Artisan's Shop in West Asheville, in one small building. A few months ago he took over the building next to it, and has three men at work constantly.

One of the most recent additions to his work has been two classes in wood carving. The classes started with two Asheville women who wanted to learn the art, and grew, gradually, with their friends, until two classes had to be formed.

Mr. Arthur continues to do all of the carving that is done for commercial purposes, and it is his work that has been put into St. Mary's Chapel, where perhaps is the most beautiful work in a small church anywhere. The pews were made in his shop, and he did the carving on the rood screen.

From the time he began work in the boy's club, until he was sixteen, cabinet work and carving were done after school hours, but at sixteen he went into the shop that Mr. Vanderbilt had established, as assistant foreman—shortly afterward the foreman left, and although still a boy, Mr. Arthur was put in charge. Sometime later the shop was enlarged, and he still continued at the head of it. When the Industries were sold to Fred Seely he went to Grove Park and for several months continued in charge of the shop.

His brother, Frank Arthur, who also learned carving under the direction of Miss Vance, went with Miss Vance and Miss Yale to Tryon where they opened the Tryon Toy Makers' Shop, and here he does all the carving that is done for the Tryon Shop.

As a matter of keeping it in the family the small son of George Arthur is learning under his father, and has already carved a mantle which has been placed over the fireplace in the West Asheville shop.

When he left the Biltmore Industries at Grove Park, Mr. Arthur became connected with Asheville School, and continued as head of the shop there for several years. Since opening his own shop he has built up a large business of order work, making the designs himself, having the cabinet work done in the shop, and then doing his own carving. He has done several particularly good pieces of reproduction of period furniture, and in the shop are kept several pieces for models and samples.

Among the pieces now in the shop are tables, chests, cigarette boxes, candlesticks, magazine racks, book cases, chairs, cupboards, mirror, trays, and letter openers.

Almost Forgotten Industry Revived

EXPERT CABINET MAKER AND WOOD CARVER PLIES HIS TRADE AMONG HIS LOVED MOUNTAINS

George Arthur Constructs Pieces So Marvelous in Design and Delicate in Workmanship as to Excite the Wonder and Admiration of Visitors—Makes Exact Duplicates of Rare Old Masterpieces—His Work Is Artistic Because He Takes Delight in It—Started at Thirteen.

Char. obs.

BY MARY JOHNSTON AVERY. 4-7-29

ONE of the most interesting attractions that all Asheville visitors sooner or later go to see is the artisans shop of George Arthur.

This very quaint little shop is in West Asheville and peeps up at highway No. 10 from its resting place on the side of the hill. It faces that majestic parade of mountains over which Pisgah reigns and at its back stretches the French Broad river. The shop itself looks interesting, but one instantly discovers that its owner is the real interest. When a boy of 13 begins his life work, it is no surprise to find him a past master of his art at 41.

KNOWN FAR AND WIDE.

That is why George Arthur and his Artisans Shop is known far and wide. He began wood carving and cabinet making at 13 during that period of ornate design, and has followed it all the way to the present stage of realism which has become the key note of the age.

"I cannot do a job well unless I am interested and I could not work away from my mountains," said this very soft voiced mountain artisan as he styles himself. "Whether the job is a mantel or a wall panel, a sideboard or the design of a table and chairs to match a special sideboard, I just must be interested."

And while he was talking we sliked through this unusual shop where the lost art of cabinet making is being revived. In looking at the many perfect pieces of work you wondered how a hand could be so sure, and eyes not only true to a line of a hair's breadth, but open to the value of cutting depths for light and shade to the one-hundredth part of an inch; and then there must be such a feeling for form—with a something besides—and we fancy it is in that something that lies the art of cabinet making as is done by George Arthur.

A MAGIC TOUCH.

In looking at the work one finds admiration almost overpowered by a certain envy for the man who can work in wood, and so materialize his ideas that by some magic touch he transforms the very heart of the forest and reproduces its life and beauty for the delight of the eye.

Before us was a youthful looking man, rather short, lithe and with sunburned skin, quiet and possessing the poise common to those who work with nature. In looking at him I saw more, and further back of the man, to a small boy of thirteen in the vested choir of All Souls' church, Biltmore, built by the late George Vanderbilt.

"There I started out into the world singing in the choir," said Mr. Arthur. And it is easy to see the youth singing the church anthems with his eyes lifted to the glory verse carved high around the ceiling, "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy name." It would seem it they had carved itself into the very fiber of the youth, for the most beautiful pieces of the man's art have been done from the praise of God.

"Just how did you start wood carving?" I asked as we admired an exquisite sideboard and then a miniature stamp box.

STRATED AT BILTMORE.

"We started as a boys' club of All Soul's church, Biltmore. Miss Vance and Miss Yale organized this club in 1901 and limited it to twelve of us mountain boys. Then after the clubs was organized the next question was what should the club do. It was Miss Vance who suggested wood carving. In the beginning we boys just made crude wooden toys for church bazaars. For a year we did it for the fun of it, and then, after we had learned to do real work, we were paid so much an hour. It was thus I began my life work, and I have been too busy and too interested to think of anything else."

Then Mr. Arthur remembered something equally as interesting to the industrial world as his wood carving.

"Miss Yale and Miss Vance soon realized the boys were receiving all the attention and the girls were being neglected, so the idea of weaving presented itself. And the homespun weaving and wood carving became the Biltmore Industries—an industry now known all over the world."

WORK ON OLD LOOMS.

He then told how the warp was sent out to the mountain women to weave, how old looms were put in shape, vegetable dyes brought back in use, grandmother's quilt patterns resurrected, and drab lives became colorful through the vision of two women.

"But what did you boys do for models?" I asked.

"Through the interest and support and guidance of the late George Vanderbilt and his wife we had unusual advantages," was the answer. "Purity of design was taught directly from old pieces—Sheraton, Hepplewhite, Chippendale—all in Mrs. Vanderbilt's collection itself, or from books of the Vanderbilts' splendid library."

In one corner of Mr. Arthur's shop was noticed a plain Windsor chair and near it a faithful copy of a beautiful little inlaid Sheraton. In another part of the shop an exquisite fireside bench with the most delicate carving, and near by a perfect copy of a Sheraton sideboard. Then there were picture frames in every variety of size and design, grouped near a saucy woodpecker standing guard over a tiny stamp box, and a wise old owl perched on the end of a paper cutter.

A FORGOTTEN ART.

"There are no more cabinet makers," said George Arthur as he led us in and around his shop, where six or seven men were busy working under his direction and that of his partner, Mr. Swift. "No cabinet makers in the sense of the ones of several generations ago," he corrected himself. "The manufactured furniture has about caused cabinet making to be a forgotten art. Men are not interested in a profession that takes so much time and patience. The age is in too big a hurry and we tire of things too quickly to take over much time in the making."

When our forefathers began their home making in America they brought skilled cabinet makers with them, or a colony or neighborhood would have their own cabinet maker, and from their expert fingers we have our rare old four posters, secretaries, and tables that we are just now learning to fight, bleed and impoverish ourselves to acquire—and it is their art that Mr. Arthur has revived.

An interesting story is told of how Mr. Arthur found models for his work in his early pioneering days. On the terrace of Biltmore House are two great marble lions. George Arthur, aged 14, saw them and he liked them, so he modeled them in clay and then made them in walnut book ends. Here was the work of tool, pencil and chisel. Biltmore house has been Mr. Arthur's big inspiration from its Gothic gargoyles, which evidently exercised a strong appeal over the boy's imagination—all the way to its many sets of rarest period furniture. Biltmore House has been a boom that was freely offered by Mrs. Vanderbilt.

MAN OF MANY SIDES.

Mr. Arthur stayed with the Biltmore industries for 18 years and the last four he was superintendent of it. At that time there were 20 workers and its chief executive had to possess more than the artist's qualifications, but George Arthur is a master of many trades, for besides being a skilled wood carver, for which he won a medal at the Panama-Pacific international exposition in 1915, he is an excellent worker in clay, a practical weaver, a good man at the blacksmith's forge when special hinges and metal brackets are needed, and for the nine years he was head of the wood carving department of the Asheville School for Boys he was their coach for soccer.

This not being quite enough Mr. Arthur is the directing genius of many a home around Asheville. An unsightly brick mantel is transformed into something exquisite by his master touch. A certain panel, screen, table or stool of his design transforms the conventional living room into one of individual distinction.

"Wood carving is not difficult," says Mr. Arthur, and to prove it for two years he has been conducting classes at his Artisans shop. Just about the smartest thing for the smart set of Asheville to do is to join this class and day after day you will find groups of young girls and matrons working hard over an elaborate chair, chest or any of the many fascinating models in the shop.

"This is a piece of Mr. Arthur's work," someone remarked as he admired the new window of a modern jewelry store in Asheville. It is a perfect example of modern realism where the workmanship of the window is so exquisite that it needs only one rare vase, or a delicate silver ornament to make a striking effect. And you can see Mr. Arthur's work in the most unexpected and unusual places. To comprehend the versatility of the artist all you have to do is to go to St. Mary's church and examine the dignity and beauty of the Rood Screen there, and see his work at the Biltmore Oteen bank.

It seems impossible that one man only 41 could have accomplished so much, but we remember this man must be interested to do a job well, and we wonder from whence comes this source of energy. There must be a silent bond between him and nature, or some power of the mounting sap that in the end gives him the fibre of the wood.

The secret of the forest seems to lie deep in this mountaineer's heart.

Charlotte Observer April 7, 1929

Scout Leaders Given Silver Beaver Awards

The Scoutmasters shown were given the Silver Beaver awards for outstanding records of service at the annual Scouters convention of Daniel Boone council last night at Central Methodist church. They are, left to right, J. N. Arthur, scoutmaster of Troop No. 3, of West Asheville, and James L. Hauser, scoutmaster of Troop No. 1 of Franklin. Mr. Arthur has been scoutmaster for 10 years of the troop, sponsored by West Asheville Methodist church, and Mr. Hauser has been leader of his troop, sponsored by Franklin Rotary club, for seven years. Mr. Hauser has organized several other troops and has helped in scout work with many troops. Mr. Arthur had had a troop with its quota of 33 boys since he took charge. Both have outstanding records of accomplishments and the most important thing is that both have done consistently good work, it was said.

Officers Are Installed, Awards Presented In Scouters' Convention

W. A. Dobson Of Atlanta Is Heard; Arthur, Hauser Are Given Honors.

W. A. Dobson of Atlanta, executive of region No. 6 of the Boy Scouts of America, made the principal address and Silver Beaver awards were made at the annual Scouters' convention of Daniel Boone council last night at Central Methodist church.

New Officers were installed and plans were made for expansion of the scout program in 1942.

Arthur, Houser Honored

Silver Beaver awards, which are made each year by the Daniel Boone council to scout leaders who have outstanding records of service, went to J. N. Arthur of Asheville and James L. Houser of Franklin.

W. H. Thorne presented the award to Mr. Arthur and Judge Hubert C. Jarvis made the presentation to Mr. Houser

Asheville Times January 13, 1942

STEVE NATHAN III JOHNNY CHARLES, JR.

J.N. ARTHUR JERRY

RUNS IN THE FAMILY -- In 1931, J. N. Arthur along with Robert Russell organized Boy Scout Troop 3 at Trinity Methodist Church. At the annual Scoutmaster's Court of Honor in City Auditorium tonight five of Arthur's grandsons will receive awards. Arthur, who was presented the Silver Beaver in 1941, served as scoutmaster of the troop for 12 years and is now a member of the troop committee. A son Charles W. Arthur is scoutmaster of the Troop. Here Jerry Starnes, who will receive Eagle rank tonight, checks in the scout handbook to see if grandfather can still tie the square knot. Looking on are Steve Starnes, Star; J. Nathan III, member of Troop 26, Avery's Creek, merit badge; Johnny Starnes, Star,and Charles W. Jr., first class.

March 5 th. 1978

TO Mr. J.N."Pap"Arthur

We friends and family of Mr. Arthur are here to-day to say "THANK YOU" for the many and wonderful things you did in the past for Scouting and for Troop 3. I'm sure Mr. Baden-Powell would have been pleased to have known such a fine man got involved and became a leader in the program he started. We know you were one of the founders of Troop 3 1930. and that you were the Scout-master for 13 years, a scout leader for 56 years, That you are a Silver Beaver. The highest award a Scouter can rescieve. To many of us you are much more. Because of you an estimate of more than 750 boys have been in Scouts, in Troop 3. and there has been 52 "EAGLES", and several boys have become Preachers, with many others out-standing citizens in other walks of life. Your leader-ship and good deeds have spread over the years, and still flow like a fresh mountain stream. You have ment so much to so many.

I don't know you Mr. Arthur as well as I would like to, but I do know many members of your family. All fine, Wonderful people, that were tought by you to Love, Honor and be helpful to our fellow-man. Several years ago I heard you talking to a Sunday School Class. You made a statement that I will always remember."Go to the Bible for the answers". In trying to find the right things to say to-day, thats where I found a Psalm that fits this part of your life.

You were a shepard to the boys of Troop 3. You led them through the trails of Love, Truth and Knollage, for the betterment of Scouting. When the trails were hard and hazzardous your strength and guidance was out-standing. You left no-thing to fear. You were there to lead, give under-standing,and to be helpful. Your cup of Goodness over flowed. It will flow for-ever. Thank you Mr. Arthur for helping me be a Scouter and for the many things you did for Troop 3. to make it one of the best in the Country. All Scouting Thanks you, especialy Troop 3.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES MONDAY, JULY 1, 2002

Historic WNC Boy Scout troop finds success after regrouping

By Angela Jones
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — One of Buncombe County's oldest Boy Scout troops is back in business and boasting strong membership after reorganizing two years ago.

"I've always thought that the Boy Scouts is one of the finest programs there is for building character and responsibility, and for teaching leadership," said Paul Mann, a former member of the county's historic Boy Scout Troop 3 and the grandfather of a current member.

Two of Mann's sons, Mike and Christopher, finished their time in the troop as Eagle Scouts, the highest rank possible.

Troop 3 was started in 1933 by J. Nathaniel Arthur through what was then the West Asheville Methodist Church.

John Coutlakis/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the oldest Buncombe County Boy Scout Troop, No. 3, from left, Jeremy Williams, 14, of Candler, David Hoski, 12, of Asheville and Christopher Graham, 12, of Asheville watch water boil in a paper cup at Camp Daniel Boone.

"Our troop was very active during the war years," said Tom Harrison, who joined the troop in 1940 when he was 12 years old. "We collected all kinds of things — paper, cans, old tires, all sorts of stuff for the war effort."

During the time shortly before the Korean War, the troop was temporarily disbanded because its leaders were drafted. In 1953, the troop was reorganized under Committee Chairman John May, along with Harrison, Bill VanVaulkenburgh, Malcom Gamble, James Hutchinson and several others.

"I guess you could say I was suckered into it," said May. "My son asked me one weekend why there was no Boy Scout troop at the church, so I went and asked the pastor, and he said that he didn't know, but he'd leave it up to me to find out.

"It was a good experience, though, and I'm proud of it. I enjoyed it."

During the 1950s, 60s and 70s, Troop 3 grew. In fact, they had so many members, it was decided to help another troop get started. The new troop was Troop 138, located in Abernathy Methodist church.

In 1982, Troop 3 was disbanded again, this time due to lack of participants.

"We ran out of boys in the church, you see," said Troop 3 Committee member Bob McAfoos. "The boys that were in the troop grew up, and there weren't any little boys coming up behind them, so we went away for a little while until we had some more boys."

In 2000, McAfoos and former members Mann and Dwight Whitlock found more boys who wanted to participate in scouting and reorganized the old troop.

Greg Hutchinson, who had joined Troop 138 as a boy, returned to Troop 3 and currently serves as its Scout Master. His son Nathan is a member of Troop 3.

"It's pretty cool being in Troop 3. Everyone is at the same rank right now, because there's only like seven or eight of us," Nathan Hutchinson said.

During a week at Camp Daniel Boone, the troop worked on and earned nearly 30 merit badges.

"We got a lot done for there not being a lot of people there," Nathan Hutchinson said. "Sometime next month, we're going on a scout trip to the lake, and my dad's friend is going to bring his boat, so we can work on the water skiing and motor boating badges."

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J.N. Arthur

Times, Wednesday, April 9, 1952

FISHBURNE HORTON HYLDBURG

MICHAEL MAY THOMAS ATKINS

APPLY FOR CHARTER—Members of the temporary West Asheville youth center committee have applied for a charter as a non-profit corporation to purchase a lot and build a center. The Rev. W. G. Thomas is chairman of the committee. He is shown with Judge Shelby E. Horton, Carl A. Hyldburg, W. E. Michael Jr., John B. May, Harry T. Atkins and Frank B. Fishburne.

'54 '54 all '54 grads. '54 '54 '54

—Citizen-Times Photo—Ball

FOOTBALL QUEEN OF LEE H. EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL Mrs. Bobby Robinson (center) and her attendants paused for a few minutes during a dance at the high school gymnasium Friday night. They are (L to R): Barbara Tarpley, Kay Atkins, Mrs. Robinson, Sally Creasman and Martha Bramlett.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1900.

ASHEVILLE GETS ANOTHER SCHOOL

The Institution Is To Be Located Near Sulphur Springs.

First of the Buildings To Be Ready By September 1.

THE PRINCIPALS ARE NEWTON MITCHELL ANDERSON AND CHAS. ANDREWS MITCHELL OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

The final arrangements have been made to plans which will insure to Asheville one of the most important educational institutions in the state.

The two former principals of the University School of Cleveland, O., will establish a school on similar lines a few miles from here in the direction of Sulphur Springs, to be known as "Asheville School." Work on the buildings will begin at once and will be hastened as much as possible, as it is the intention to have the sessions of the school open in the early fall. The two principals are Newton Mitchell Anderson and Charles Andrews Mitchell. They were principals of the University school from 1890 until last year.

The first move in connection with the establishment of the school here was the visit of Mr. Anderson to Asheville last July. Mr. Anderson met E. B. Atkinson of Natt Atkinson's Sons' company's real estate agency, and told him of his plans, and the negotiations for the necessary land have since been conducted through this firm.

Mr. Anderson had previously looked all over the country for a suitable location, and had decided that Asheville was the most preferable. A number of sites near the city were investigated. A location about four miles from here in the direction of Weaverville was very favorably considered for a time, but was finally abandoned in favor of the Sulphur Springs site, as the latter had better railroad and other facilities, and the scenery and the land itself were preferable.

THE SITE.

The site for the main buildings will be on a beautiful eminence about 1000 feet west of Sulphur Springs. The land was purchased from H. Batterham. In addition to this about 240 acres near by was secured from the Asheville Electric company. The buildings will command a magnificent view, and will be surrounded by a grove of oaks. The best landscape artists will be employed to beautify the grounds.

The main buildings will be three in number, and, including verandas, the length of each will 230 feet. The lower part of the buildings will be brick and the upper stories will be constructed of frame construction with cement finish. One of the buildings will be ready for occupancy by September 1.

The buildings will be of pleasing architecture, substantial in material and construction and tasteful in finish. They will be heated by steam, lighted by electricity and equipped with an excellent system of ventilation.

The teachers will be selected with reference to their recognized ability. All the teachers of the upper forms will be college graduates who have had successful experience. The teachers of the lower forms will be women who have had thorough training. The school will not be connected with any particular denomination, though prayers of the Episcopal service will be read at the opening of the school each day. There will be a service Sunday mornings and Bible class Sunday afternoons.

FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN.

The school will be for boys and young men. To be admitted to the lowest grade students must not be less than nine years of age. For the last four forms there will be two courses of study, the classical and the scientific. The classical course will prepare boys to enter any college or university. The scientific course will prepare boys for technical schools, and give a thorough English education to those who go immediately into business.

The tuition fee will cover the living expenses except for clothing, and all school expenses except for books and stationery.

The efforts of Mr. Atkinson have been an important factor in bringing the school to Asheville. Asheville is indebted to him for the part he has taken in the matter, as he has worked energetically for nearly a year to bring the matter to a successful termination.

Mr. Anderson and his family, consisting of his father, mother and sister, are here to reside permanently.

Asheville Citizen April 23, 1900

E. B. ATKINSON ALSO GETS INTO THE RUNNING

Announces Candidacy for Nomination for Office of Clerk of Court.

With little more than a month remaining before the democratic primary when candidates of the party will be selected to make the race for election at the November election, the "boys" are coming out into the open with such a degree of cheerfulness and earnestness that would indicate a right lively time when the day of the primary election rolls around. Already there are several candidates out for two or three of the offices, while today another entry was added for the office of clerk of the Superior court; E. B. Atkinson, a resident of West Asheville, making formal announcement that he was before the people for that nomination.

The "coming out" of Mr. Atkinson now places two gentlemen in the race for the office, Marcus Erwin, the present encumbent, having announced a few days ago. Mr. Atkinson is a son of the late Nat. Atkinson, who for years, was prominent in politics in this county and section. He has been a resident of Asheville and this section for many years and, his friends contend, if nominated he would fill the office most creditably. Mr. Atkinson in the course of his formal announcement, found elsewhere in today's paper, says that "it is believed a change in administration will be good for the health of the democratic party."

Asheville Gazette-News May 1910

COMMISSION CLOSES WEST ASHEVILLE CASE

J. G. Merrimon and E. B. Atkinson Are Only Witnesses Against Buckeye Co.

No final action was taken by the members of the corporation commission, which met in this city yesterday to hear the complaints filed by J .G. Merrimon and E. B. Atkinson against the Buckeye Water company of West Asheville. Ihe afternoon session of the commission, whcich was held at the Battery Park hotel, was very brief and only two witnesses appeared, Mr. Merrimon and Mr. Atkinson.

It was stated that the principal grievance put forward by these gentlemen against the water company was because the company failed to supply water last summer.

The members of the commission returned to Raleigh last night and it is expected that they will give out a ruling shortly.

Asheville Gazette-News June 25, 1914

THE OLD ATKINSON HOME on Westwood Place is a West Asheville landmark. Built in 1881 of handmade brick, it was bought shortly afterward by Capt. Natt Atkinson. A few years later his son, E. B. Atkinson, began a long residence in the home. In its earliest days, the house was one of very few in what is now West Asheville and was used for a while as a summer, country home. The home and some five acres are now owned by Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett.

Asheville Citizen April 3, 1955

LUKE ATKINSON

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He married [illegible]

L. C. ATKINSON

West Asheville:

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS

L. C. Atkinson of Luke Atkinson Furniture Company and president of the West Asheville Business Association founded his firm March, 1954 at the present location, corner Haywood and Brevard Roads, in West Asheville.

The company features high grade furniture, with nationally known brands such as: Serta Mattresses, Westinghouse and Hotpoint Appliances, Firth, Magee, and Mosland carpets, furniture by Thomasville Chair Company and Pennsylvania House, and Hoover Floor Care Equipment

Atkinson is a member of Hall-Fletcher PTA, W. A. Rotary Club, W. A. Masonic Lodge, and Calvary Baptist Church Board of Deacons

Asheville Times October 6, 1960

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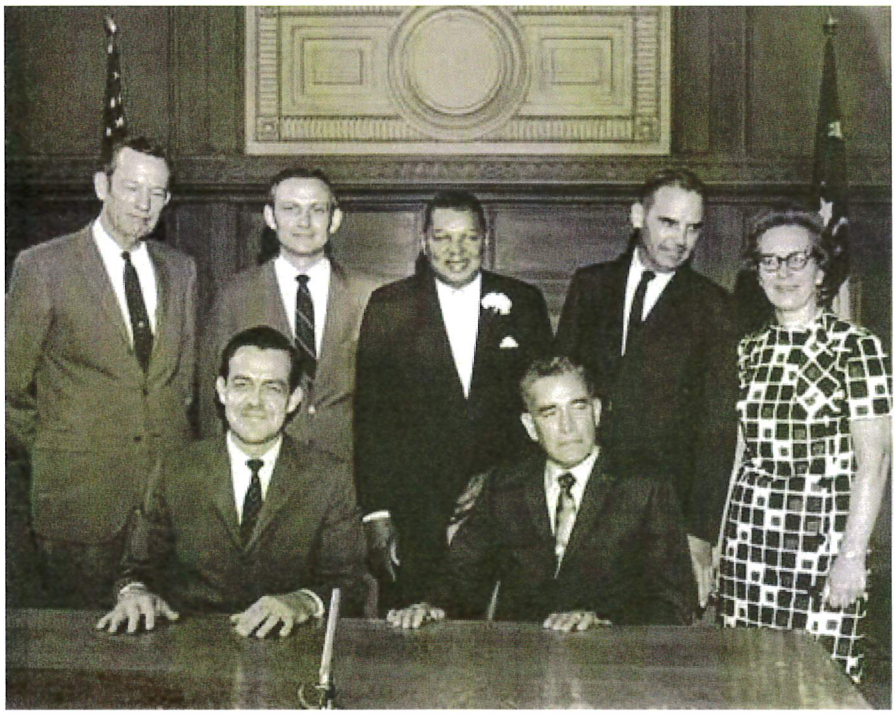

June Glenn Jr./Citizen-Times file photo
Asheville City Council is photographed May 19, 1969. Seated, from left, Dr. Wayne Montgomery and Webster Anderson. Standing, from left, Luke Atkinson, Dr. Bob Crouch, Reuben Dailey, Henry Colton and Barbara Kelcher.

Asheville, N. C. 28802, Monday Evening, October 19, 1970

Plans Go Forward For President's Visit

By STEVE MORRIS
Times Staff Writer

Preparations continued today for tomorrow's visit to Asheville by President Richard M. Nixon.

The visit in support of the campaign of Luke Atkinson for the 11th District Congressional seat is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. when the wheels of the presidential jet Air Force One touch down at Asheville Airport, and will end 45 minutes later after a rally at City-County Plaza.

Related story on Page 17.

In the meantime, arrangements were being made for security, seating, press coverage and a thousand other smaller details.

Ron Ledgett, advance man on the presidential staff, said the motorcade route from the airport to the city would not be made public.

Asheville Police Chief J. C. Hall described security arrangements for the visit as tight, and said the entire city police force had been assigned duties in connection with the protection of the President.

Secret Service agent Buck Lyda, who is coordinating the security details, praised local agencies for cooperation in the face of what he called late notification.

He said cooperation from city and county law enforcement officials, the State Highway Patrol and the State Bureau of Investigation had been "excellent."

Gene Anderson, state Republican executive director, is coordinating the work. He said, "Its a tremendous logistical problem to get all these things set up."

He said arrangements are being made for at least 150 members of the national press, besides the local press representatives

City Manager Phin Horton announced that city employes will be given time off during the presidential visit, but said a skeleton staff will remain on duty.

Horton said the city would make special clean-up efforts around the airport ramp and also in the area of City-County Plaza. He said City Hall would be decorated with bunting for the occasion, and that all city officials and department heads will be wearing their blue blazers with City of Asheville crests on the pocket.

Gordon H. Greenwood, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners said there are no plans at present to close the Courthouse, but said, "I certainly would be in favor of any county employe taking time off to go see the President of the United States."

Greenwood and Asheville Mayor Wayne S. Montgomery asked that all citizens fly their U. S. flag during the President's visit.

R. Curtis Ratcliff, clerk of Superior Court, said he will ask that all courts recess Tuesday during the time of the President's visit.

Federal officials in Asheville have not announced whether federal employes will be given time off.

Young people from at least five counties have been active in the preparations. Buck Belmore, vice president of the Young Republican Club at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, is coordinating their activities.

He said he expects thousands of young people of high school and college age to turn out.

City schools will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. and county schools at 1 p.m. to permit students to attend the ceremony.

Anderson said party functionaries from across the state are being sent special invitations.

It was learned that Miss Connie Lerner of Asheville, the reigning Miss North Carolina, will lead the pledge of allegiance from the platform from which the President will speak.

The Asheville High School band is scheduled to play, and Atkinson will introduce the President. The West Asheville businessman-candidate is also expected to meet Nixon at the airport and ride with him in the motorcade to the City-County plaza.

Asheville Times October 19, 1970

Anti-Litter Committee

Representatives of the State Highway Commission and the West Asheville Business Association inspect the new trash cans and anti-litter sign purchased to help in the clean-up drive in the West Asheville area. Trash cans will be located along Haywood Road and in front of the First-Citizens Bank in West Asheville on Patton Avenue. Pictured from left to right are City Councilman Luke Atkinson; Frank Leppert, owner of May's Market; W. E. Homlin, representative of the State Highway Commission; S. L. McHone, superintendent of the City Sanitation Dept.; Maj. Gen. Webster Anderson, city councilman; Beaman Pinner, owner of Pinner's Drug Store; Rick Suehr of First-Citizens Bank, chairman of the Beautification of West Asheville Committee... and Meryl A. Compton, SHC traffic service superintendent. (Staff Photo.)

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By BERTHA W. HALEY

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Mr. Atkinson is married to an Asheville girl, the former Miss Mary Beth Starnes, niece of the Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church, who performed their marriage ceremony at the West Asheville Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson with children Becky Atkinson, Linda Atkinson, (by a former marriage) and little Sally age five months make their home in West Asheville. Becky, a majorette, is a student at Hall Fletcher High School. She also appeared as a sailor in Ship Ahoy recently. Linda is a student at Vance.

Mr. Atkinson is a Deacon and Sunday School teacher of the Forshaw Memorial Bible Class at Calvary Baptist Church on Haywood Road.

He is a Mason, and a member of the Rotary Club in West Asheville.

Hobbies include tennis, swimming, hunting and fishing.

LUKE ATKINSON

University of North Carolina at Asheville
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Special Collections/University Archives

Oral History Register
For
Luke Atkinson

Title: **Luke Atkinson**
Collection: Voices of Asheville Oral History Collection
Date: April 14, 1993
Interviewer: Dorothy Joynes
Transcript: No
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Interview Notes:
Interviewed: Luke Atkinson
Place: 728 Haywood Road (store)

Abstract:

Luke Atkinson came from Waynesboro, NC, where he worked with General Mills. When he was transferred to Asheville 39 years ago he decided to open a furniture store here.

10 He compares the city over the past years. It was predicted that the new 4-lane cut through the mountain would kill West Asheville. In reality it relieved traffic pressure and business is better than ever.

78 Originally West Asheville was to have been the center of the city, but the surveyor, who was sent down to lay out plans, got drunk and surveyed the wrong side of the river.

91 His West Asheville store serves customers from Burnsville, Canton, Greenvillle, Waynesville and Black Mountain. Downtown draws business from Charlotte, Spartinburg, Murphy and Atlanta. Westgate was one of the first malls. George Coggins, developer of Westgate, said that grass would grow in the streets of West Asheville, but this was not true, and now Westgate has lost out to some of the other malls. Business in West Asheville is better than ever.

LukeAtkinson

October 22, 1911 - November 11, 2009
Resided in Asheville, NC

Obituary

Luke Atkinson, 98, of Delaware Avenue, Asheville, died Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at Memorial Campus, Mission Hospital.

A native of Wadesboro, he was a son of the late James and Effie Ratliff Atkinson. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Frances Atkinson, who died in 1952, and by 11 brothers and sisters.

Mr. Atkinson graduated from Lilesville High School, Lilesville, NC, in 1931. He then graduated from Mars Hill College and Kings Business College in Charlotte.

Luke worked at various jobs until WWII, when he became one of the first 2 men to register in his county. He was not admitted to military service at that time due to his job with Burlington Mills, furnishing nylon to the U.S. Government to be used for tow ropes for Army gliders. He later worked for General Mills, who transferred him to Asheville in 1950.

In 1955, he established Luke Atkinson Furniture Store on the corner of Haywood and Brevard Roads in West Asheville, where it is still doing business, managed by his son. The building was constructed in 1917 and is a unique part of historical West Asheville: it marked the end of the line of West Asheville's first trolley car.

He was a former Asheville City Councilman and Vice-mayor, and member and past-president of both the Asheville Rotary Club and the Asheville Merchants Association as well as charter member and past president of the West Asheville Business Association. He served on the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau.

He was also a member, former Sunday school teacher, and Deacon Emeritus of Calvary Baptist Church.

Luke is survived by his wife, Mary Beth Starnes Atkinson; daughters, Becky Aydelette, Linda Benton, her husband, Ron, and Sally Atkinson; son, Mark Atkinson and his wife, Gail; seven grandchildren, Jim and Nathan Aydelette, Tanya Bush, Allison Smith, Kristy Scholtz, and Seth and Jonathan Atkinson; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Luke will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Drs. Buddy N. Corbin and Tom Sawyer officiating. Interment will follow at Green Hills Cemetery.

His family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 531 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

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Atkinson, Natt Confederate States Army

(Known in Asheville, N. C., as Captain Natt Atkinson)

John Preston Arthur in his book, History of Western North Carolina, (1730 to 1913) has a sketch on Captain Natt Atkinson at page 453.

Arthur states that Capt. Natt was born on November 15, 1832 in McMinn County, Tennessee, near Charleston. That he was a graduate of Hiwassee College and attended Col. Wilson's private school in Alamance County, N. C. That he married Harriett Newell Baird in Buncombe County, N. C., February 2, 1858 and that there were twelve children. That he was admitted to the Asheville Bar in 1868; purchased the Asheville Citizen in 1870 from Randolph Shotwell who was shot in both legs by Colonel Virgil S. Lusk, U. S. Attorney on the public square in a public brawl.

That Captain Natt was afterwards President of the Asheville, Atlanta and Baltimore Railroad and started the construction of the first street railway in Asheville. That Capt. Natt also served in the General Assembly of North Carolina from Buncombe County.

That during the war, he was a Captain in "Gen. M. Vaughan's Brigade of the Confederate Army and was one of the personal escort of Hon. Jefferson Davis on his flight southward from Richmond via Charlotte in April, 1865."

Confederate Archives:

Atkinson, Natt 1st Lt. Company C, Fifth Tennessee Cavalry

Enlisted at Cleveland, Tennessee, November 12, 1861, age 30.

Resignation:

At Knoxville, Tennessee, March 20, 1862, Lt. Natt Atkinson submitted his resignation, seconded by the Colonel of his Regiment (JFRogers) because of his imprisonment on infamous and confessedly groundless charges in the Iron Cage of the Knox County Jail....

(apparantly on charges sent from Richmond, Va. - details not revealed)

stating that he wishes to publish the facts in the case.

Lt. Natt Atkinson was ordered released by Confederate Provost Marshal General, John Henry Winder on March 25, 1862.

Member of Congress, from Knoxville:

Lt. Natt Atkinson asked Confederate Congressman Wm. G. Swan to press for acceptance of his resignation.

Infantry

Muster Roll of Company, Cleveland, Tennessee, April 9, 1864:

" Not re-elected on reorganization
of Company, May 16, 1862. "

Confederate Archives:

Atkinson, Natt — Captain, Company A, 62nd Tennessee Mounted Infantry.

Enlisted at Charleston, Bradley County, Tennessee, (by Capt. Natt Atkinson-himself) on September 20, 1862 for three years or war.

Captured by Union Army Troops of Genl. U. S. Grant upon surrender of City of Vicksburg by Confederate General John C. Pemberton, July 4, 1863, and was paroled.

(The 62nd Tennessee Infantry at Vicksburg was in the command of Brig. Gen. John Crawford Vaughn of Monroe County, Tennessee)

Returned to service in the fall of 1863 and was paroled upon surrender of the Confederate Military Post at Chester, S. C., May 5, 1865, in accordance with an agreement between Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston and Union General W. T. Sherman.

Note: Pres. Jeff Davis was captured by the 4th Michigan Cavalry at Irwinsville, Ga., (Irwin County, South Georgia) May 10, 1865. 120 boxes of gold coin and 60 kegs of silver seem to have been distributed, shortly before his capture, to the officers and men in his escort.

1870 Federal Census of Township 9, Buncombe County, N. C., Post Office: Asheville.

Atkinson, Natt	37	lawyer	$1000 real est. & $300 per prop. born in Tennessee.
Harriett	29		" North Carolina
Natt B.	8		
Edward	5		
Charles B.	2		
Mary R.	1		

1880 Federal Census of Buncombe County, N. C., Swannanoa Township

Atkinson, Natt	47	Fruit Grower	born Tennessee father born South Carolina, mother born North Carolina.
Harriett	40	wife	born North Carolina
Natt B.	18		do

county, N. Y., and the Albian Academy. He was thoroughly trained in the milling business, under the efficient instruction of his father, with whom he remained in the milling business in Orleans county, N. Y., until 1860, at which time he began merchandising at East Saganaw, Michigan, where he conducted an extensive business for six years. In 1867 he located at Cleveland, Ohio, as representative of the Saganaw Salt Company, which company he represented for five years, in the meantime running a grain commission house and marine elevator in Cleveland. In 1872 he bought an interest in the Cleveland Axle Manufacturing Company, and was manager of the business for fifteen years, owning a controlling interest. In 1887 he moved to Asheville and built the Asheville Ice Works and the Asheville Flouring Mill. His ice factory has a capacity of twenty-five tons per day, and the flour mill has a capacity of seventy-five barrels of flour and 300 bushels of meal per day. This mill is furnished with the latest and most improved machinery for roller flour mills, and is one of the most perfect in all of its parts in the South. In connection with his ice and mill enterprises he is also running a large coal and coke business, handling over 7,000 tons annually. He is also largely interested in the Mingo Junction Steel Works and the Laughlin Nail Works, of Wheeling, West Virginia. The nail works are the most extensive in the Union, and turn out two hundred and eighty thousand kegs of nails annually. Mr. Collins has been actively engaged in large business enterprises from boyhood, and has acquired an experience and knowledge which places him in the front rank of the practical business men in the South. Coupled with this an enterprising spirit and indomitable industry, he is a valuable acquisition to the business circles of any community, and Asheville, is singularly fortunate in securing him as one of its citizens. And in Asheville, and many other localities, rare opportunities are offered capitalists of like ken, enterprise and pluck. Mr. Collins was united in matrimony in 1859, to Miss Harriet E., an accomplished daughter of George Rasenburg, of New York. To this union have been added four children, viz., Caroline A. (wife of Hon. Edward E. Eagan, of Cleveland, Ohio), Willie E., George R. and Helen, all residents of Asheville. Mr. Collins and his entire family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and rank with the most refined, influential and highly esteemed citizens of Asheville.

Hon. **NATT ATKINSON**, generally known as "Natt" Atkinson, at present writing a prominent dealer in real estate in Asheville, was born November 15th, 1832, and is a son of Colonel John and Rebecca Bonner Atkinson, of McMin county, Tennessee, natives of South Carolina, and of Scoth-Irish and German descent. His father was an extensive and successful planter, and an able and influential legislator in his day, having represented his Senatorial District several years in the State Senate. He was considered one of the safest and most influential members of that honorable body. He died in 1840.

In those days, merit, moral worth and intelligence was the criterion by which men were adjudged qualified to hold high

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and responsible positions, monetary considerations having little weight in the selection of public servants. Hence, the legislative halls of the State and nation were filled with true patriots and unimpeachable gentlemen.

This year, 1840, seems to have been a sadly fatal one in the history of the Atkinson family, as himself, wife and two daughters died during the same year (and, in fact, within one month) during an epidemic fever then extensively prevalent. "Natt," as he is familiarly called by a host of friends, was educated at Hiwassee College and at the celebrated Dr. Alexander Wilson's School at Milville, Alamance county, N.C. After finishing his studies at school, he engaged in farming, which he continued to follow until 1861, at which time he enlisted in the Confederate army as First Lieutenant in the First Tennessee Cavalry, and continued in command of his company until 1862, when he returned home and raised a company (A) of his own, and joined the 62d Tennessee Regiment of mounted Infantry, as Captain of his company, and as Senior Captain of the Regiment, which he often commanded at Vicksburg and other places. He was assigned duty in the western army, and rendered valuable services at the seige of Vicksburg. He, as commander of his regiment, was subsequently transferred to Virginia with Vaughan's Brigade, under command of Major General Echols, of the Western Virginia army. This and Morgan's were the only two brigades that safely brought all of their men out of Virginia, and met President Davis at Charlotte. They were personally complimented by President Davis, and were as full of zeal for our noble cause as when they first enlisted. They were selected among others as President Davis' escort to the Mississippi, escorting him as far as Washington, Ga., where they were met by Federal troops, and Mr. Davis advised that all the troops be surrendered, dividing all the money he had among his men—$28.50 in silver to each man. But for the wise counsel of their beloved President, these noble veterans of many a battle-field would have died in their tracks before surrendering their great leader. (Mr. Davis, as is well known, attempted to make his way across the Mississippi without troops.) These events occurred about two weeks after General Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Captain Atkinson returned home and resumed the study of law, which he had begun prior to his entering the army, and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He practiced law for several years at Asheville. In 1870 he bought out the *Asheville Citizen* newspaper, which he edited and published nearly three years.

The *Citizen* was then we believe the only Democratic newspaper published in the State west of Charlotte.

In 1873 he sold the paper and moved to his farm on the Swannanoa river, eight miles above Asheville, and engaged in the cultivation of fine fruit, having the finest fruit farm in Western North Carolina, consisting of over twenty-three hundred fruit trees. Captain Atkinson practically demonstrated the great possibilities of fruit culture in this State. He exhibited specimens of his fruit at all the State and national expositions, and won the medal at the Philadelphia Centennial, and the Marshal Pinkney Wilder Medal at Baltimore in 1877. This medal was awarded him for the exhibition of one hundred specimens of the finest apples in the Uni-

ted States and Canada, and was said by a Baltimore paper to have been the finest specimens of apples ever exhibited in the world. Captain Atkinson closely studied the cultivation of fruit, and cultivated on a scientific basis, and was amply rewarded by a rich harvest; and to him, more than to any other man, is due the credit of demonstrating the wonderful possibilities of fruit growing as a paying industry in North Carolina. In 1878 Captain Atkinson was elected to represent Buncombe county in the General Assembly. During that session special efforts were made to reduce State expenditures. Captain Atkinson introduced and championed a resolution under the operation of which a reduction of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars was made in State expenditures. As an impressive, ready public speaker, Captain A. has but few superiors in the State. In 1882 he sold his farm and moved to Asheville, and engaged in the real estate business. And the writer believes he is sufficiently modest in the statement that Captain Atkinson, since locating in Asheville, has done more a dozen times over to develop and build up that city than any other man in it. It was mainly through his efforts that the Graded Schools of Asheville were established. And to his persistent efforts is largely due the establishment of the Asheville Sewerage System and the Electric Street Railway. He is President of the Atlanta, Asheville & Baltimore Railroad, to run from Roanoke, Va., via Asheville to Atlanta. He is also president of a belt-line railway, to run around the city of Asheville. Captain Atkinson is one of those aggressive and sagacious business men, who are ever grasping opportunities that others fail to see, and developing resources that others fail to find, and is a blessing to any community. He was married, in February, 1858, to Miss Harriet N., accomplished daughter of Israel and Mary Baird, of Asheville. To them have been born twelve children, viz: Natt B., Edward B., Charles B., Mary R., Frederick B. (deceased), Hugh H., Phillip G., Emma J., Lillie D., Paralee V., Edith and Charlotte B. Captain Atkinson and family are members of the M. E. Church, South.

Should the life of Captain Atkinson be spared a few more years, Western North Carolina, and the whole State as well, will have greater reasons to be proud that he ever made his home within her borders. Such intelligent, persistent energy as he possesses can never fail, and one day all that beautiful mountain country will bless and revere his name as one of its greatest benefactors.

Dr. JAMES ANTHONY BURROUGHS, a very talented and popular young physician of Asheville, was born December 8th, 1857, in Kanawha county, West Virginia, and is a son of James and Sarah Ruckel Burroughs, both natives of Bedford county, Virginia. His father was a highly esteemed merchant and planter, and located in West Virginia about the year 1853 and engaged in a general merchandise business. When the war began he enlisted in the Confederate army, and for gallant and meritorious conduct was soon promoted to the rank of Major, which position he held during the war. Doctor Burroughs attended school in Virginia, and subsequently entered the Medical College of Louisville, Kentucky. From that

Yours Truly &c
Nath Atkinson

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TODAY AND YESTERDAY

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By JAMES H. CAINE

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There are not many, perhaps, even among old-timers having a penchant for the history of their own state and section, who are aware of the fact that one of Asheville's pioneer citizens, Captain Natt Atkinson, had much to do with, and greatly aided in one of the closing tragedies of the War Between the States, when the Confederate president, the Hon. Jefferson Davis, fled South from Richmond by way of Charlotte, an event of which today, April 9, is the 74th anniversary.

The accidental discovery of this fact, bringing the day, the tragedy and one of its principal characters together, furnishes an opportunity to here revive the memory of another outstanding citizen of Asheville, who spent the greater part of his life furthering the interests of his community. And the surviving few who knew the captain and worked with him in days when shaping the future destinies of a struggling village was no sinecure, heartily agree in this estimate.

The son of Col. John and Rebecca Bonner Atkinson, Natt Atkinson was born in McMinn county, Tenn., November 15, 1832, and as a boy moved with his parents into North Carolina. He was one of twelve children, but that fact did not prevent him from getting as good an education as the times afforded. He attended Colonel Wilson's private school and Hiawassee college in Alamance county; as a young man he cast his lot in Buncombe, where in 1858 he married Harriet Elizabeth Baird, daughter of Israel and Mary Baird, entering one of the county's outstanding and oldest families.

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But young Atkinson was not to enjoy married life undisturbed, for the War Between the States called him, and many other young bridegrooms of those days, to fight for the Confederacy and all that it represented. He joined the First Tennessee cavalry as first lieutenant, but a year later raised a company of his own and served with the Army of the Potomac under Lee until the end of the war. He was present at the mournful scenes of Appomattox, and, as stated in a previous paragraph, Captain Atkinson's devotion to his former chief prompted him to remain with President Davis, following him and aiding him on his flight South until the Confederate president was captured at Irwinsville, Ga. Long years afterwards, whenever he could be induced to talk about the matter at all, Captain Atkinson would be greatly moved when relating the tragic events of a day he could never forget. "I begged his (Davis') Yankee captors to take me too," he once told a close friend, "it made my blood boil to see them putting chains on my old commander-in-chief. I never had any use for Yankees after that".

Incidentally, it may interest local readers to know that Captain Atkinson's son, E. B. Atkinson, who, as one of Asheville's old-timers is still 'going strong' in the real estate business, was born while his father was fighting with General Lee in Virginia. He, too, is inclined to get "hot under the collar" when speaking of his father's experiences at the capture of the Confederate president.

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Returning home to take up pursuits less dangerous than war, perhaps, but none too peaceful, Captain Atkinson was admitted to the Buncombe county bar in 1868, practicing here until 1873. In the interim, and loving excitement, he got plenty of it when he bought The Asheville Citizen, the only Democratic newspaper in the state west of Charlotte in 1870. He was a man of intrepid courage, and he needed all of it in days when newspapers were staunch party organs, and the duello was an accepted medium for the settlement of political disputes. Three years after acquiring it he sold The Citizen and returned to farming on the Swannanoa river, eight miles above Asheville, where he remained until 1882.

But in between changing scenes, the restless spirit and consuming energy of the former soldier found time to enter the political arena. He was elected to the state legislature in 1879, where he championed measures looking to the cutting of state expenditures. So well did he work that he succeeded in pushing through an enactment which saved North Carolina $180,000.

Back home again, and to keep busy, Captain Atkinson became president of the projected Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore railway; and later began the actual construction of the first street railway in Asheville. He was also identified with the promotion and construction of other railways, and even found time to start the graded school system of Asheville on its way to future perfection.

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But, strangely enough, it was amid the quiet scenes of pastoral life that Captain Natt Atkinson achieved his greatest fame —as an orchardist. It is a matter of record, and not of imagination, that he planted and brought to successful cultivation 2,300 apple trees on the Swannanoa farm, and won first prizes at exhibitions in various sections of the country. At Baltimore one of the leading newspapers of that city declared that Mr. Atkinson had exhibited the finest apples ever grown in the world! It was practically the same story at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition and the following year at New York; the Atkinson apples swept all before them.

Capt. Natt Atkinson was not an old man when he died at Salisbury in 1894. He was only 62 years old, but he had worked 100 years.

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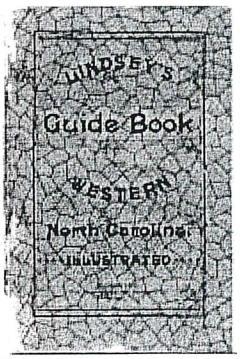
Lindseys Guide Book to Western North Carolina, Illustrated.

Asheville, The Randolph-Kerr Printing Company, 1890.



FRUIT GROWING,

As a fruit-growing section Western North Carolina enjoys peculiar advantages. Apples, peaches', pears and apricots thrive well, and find a congenial home among these mountains. As for apples, there is probably no part of the country where they flourish so well as in this section. The Centennial medal at Philadelphia awarded for fine apples was taken by Capt. Natt Atkinson, of this place, who was engaged in fruit growing at that time near Asheville; and in the following year, at the American Pomological Society's meeting, in the city of Baltimore, the same gentleman was awarded the Wilder medal for one hundred varieties of the finest apples.

ASHEVILLE DAILY CITIZEN: WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 18, 1891.

ATKINSON'S - REAL - ESTATE - CORNER.

SPECIAL OFFER—Natt Atkinson & Son offer the following special bargains for the next 30 days:

CITY—A splendid suburban plot of 18⅝ acres with fine grove of native oaks adjoining "Witchwood" the magnificent house of Col. C. W. Woolsey. Price on application.

4 fine lots on Merrimon avenue $25 per front foot.

5⅛ acres adjoining the above, well set with blue grass. Fine scenery. Price $16,500.

A special bargain in six lots on Woodfin street at $4,500.

Three lots near end of street car line on Charlotte street. Price $1,000 each or $2,700 for the three.

A splendid lot on Chestnut St. View of mountain sunsurpassed, near car line, 72x170 feet. Price $2,500; half cash.

24 acres on Sulphur Springs drive, one mile from city limit. Brick cottage, 7 rooms overlooking city and surrounding mountains. Brook of clear water runs through the property. Price on application.

We are offering for sale "Riverside Park" which contains 43 acres. This property overlooks the French Broad river and the western mountains. The scenery is of the finest in the country. There is no doubt but what this is the best acre property in the city limits to-day for speculation. We will sell this so that the purchaser can sub-divide and make a handsome profit if taken in the next 30 days.

FARMS—The Lowndes farm of 830 acres, 25 miles from Asheville on the French Broad river, 300 acres of fine river bottom, splendid residence cost, $10,000; good barns, stables, etc., 200 acres in grass. This is probably the finest farm in the state, especially for stock raising. Price $25,000 and cheap at that. ⅓ cash, balance in 1 and 2 years at 7 per cent.

96 acres of fine property two miles from city limit, ⅓ in native forest of fine oaks, suitable for sub-division; cottage with 5 rooms, 200 fruit trees. A clear creek runs through the place. A speculation in this for the man who applies at once. Price on application.

167 acres adjoining the splendid home of Hon. Richmond Pearson. Price $105 per acre.

We have a large list of farms of from 50 to 100 acres which we will mail on application.

For price-list, descriptive catalogue and other information, call on or address

NATT ATKINSON & SON,

No. 5 North Main St., Asheville, N. C.

Asheville Daily Citizen February 18, 1891

Hear the News From West Asheville--Election Coming.

WEST ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 30, 1891.—A large meeting of the citizens of this progressive new town was held at Col. J. M. Jarrett's store, on Saturday. Col. F. Reynolds was called to the chair and N. Plamondon to act as secretary. Capt. Natt Atkinson explained the object of the meeting, and stated that he owned a charter to build a street railway from Asheville to the Sulphur Springs hotel. His plan is as follows: That the town of West Asheville vote a subscription of $30,000 to build a street railway through the main avenue of the town as above named, to be paid in thirty year 6 per cent. bonds on the condition that the town is to have a first mortgage lien on the road to secure the town against the interest and principal of said bond. Further, that the town bind the stockholders of the company to be responsible for the interest and principal of said bonds that the town issue in payment of their stock.

On motion a petition was drawn and enough signed to justify the town commissioners to order an election in May next.

Capt. Atkinson made a motion that the town issue $25,000 for improving the streets, which was seconded by B. G. Carter and all present.

An election will be held in May to elect a mayor and five town commissioners to serve for the next term.

Asheville Daily Citizen March 31, 1891

WEST ASHEVILLE BONDS.

Capt. Atkinson's Reply to Mr. Carrier's Card.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—I have read with surprise, and I may add with regret, the card of Mr. E. G. Carrier touching the West Asheville bonds to aid a street railway.—Such arrogance and self-importance I have never before seen proclaimed in this county. Listen to his words: "You may state that I am opposed to it. You may safely say that West Asheville will not vote for it." This may be the imperial way they "stamp" things out where Mr. Carrier comes from, but in old North Carolina it is "news" for a man to thus proclaim himself a town or to announce that the people of a town belong to him and will not vote except as he dictates. Heretofore our people have been allowed to do as they please, but it may be that "a change has come over the spirit of their dreams" and in West Asheville Mr. Carrier must give out the "word" before they can act.

A few facts will probably aid the public to understand how the matter stands. Last winter in the midst of the mud and difficulties besetting travel, the board of aldermen and people of West Asheville concluded that something must be done so that they could come and go like other folks—and after much consultation it was determined by the authorities of the town to amend their charter, so as to enable them to improve their streets, and aid in the construction of a street railway. In accordance with their wishes, I prepared the amendments and they were forwarded to Raleigh and passed without opposition. At that time Mr. Carrier was in Florida, and it is likely if he had been here he would not have allowed it to be done, judging from his present assumption of authority. The truth is, Mr. Carrier has a railway project of his own on the opposite side of the town he thinks the one contemplated on the main street will seriously interfere with. His present plan is to draw everything over in the direction of his own railway, so as to enable him to get rid of his second rate property before he sells off his front on the present Sulphur Springs road, which is his most valuable.

The question is, will the people on the main road allow Mr. Carrier to turn everything over there to his individual benefit and to their own injury, for the present and future as well. More than forty of the voters of the town petitioned the board to submit this proposition to aid this "scheme," as he terms it, and it is sure fully double that number would have done likewise had the petition been presented to them, and it is certain they will vote for it unless it is understood that Mr. Carrier will not allow them to do so. Mr. Carrier's plan will turn all the travel, trade and business over on his railway line unless the people on the main road take care of their own affairs. I shall be content for them to decide the matter for themselves, and Mr. C. will doubtless have to let things take this course, however much he may be disposed to adopt the dog in the manger policy. If he will build the road on our side of the town he shall have the preference, but if he does not, some one else will, and he can rely on that. *Natt Atkinson.*

The Weekly Citizen April 30, 1891

BI-METALLIC CONVENTION.

Capt. Atkinson Appointed a Delegate—His Views.

Capt. Natt Atkinson has received his commission from Governor Carr as a delegate to the Pan American Bi-Metallic convention to be held in St. Louis on the third of October. In a talk on the subject today Capt. Atkinson said to THE CITIZEN:

"I favor the organization of Bi-Metallic leagues in every township in the United States, with the object of making a fight in 1894 for the free coinage of silver. All other issues (national) should be shoved aside till this question is settled. If silver is to live we must make this fight—and make it now. Its only abiding place and hope is in the United States and if we will make one grand short, united and solid, by organization a glorious victory awaits us—and silver will be restored throughout the world. If the great weight and power of this government is put behind and around silver it will be re-established and enthroned not only here but the world over."

It possible Capt. Atkinson will attend the convention and start for the end indicated by his remarks.

J. M. Leach, of Waynesville, is also a delegate to this convention.

Asheville Daily Citizen September 12, 1893

JULY 25, 1894.

BETTER COUNTY ROADS

BUNCOMBE TAKES ANOTHER STEP THAT WAY.

Meeting In The Court House Addressed By Col. Roy Stone Of The Agricultural Department—The Railroad Question.

The double meeting held by citizens of Buncombe for the purpose of considering the railroad and county road questions was called to order shortly after 12 o'clock today in the court house by J. E. Rankin, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Will Aiken was made secretary. There was a good attendance of the people of city and county.

The railroad meeting was the first to take action, by the adoption of a motion made by Capt. Natt Atkinson, to the effect that the chairman should appoint a committee to communicate with the authorities of Transylvania county and with persons who would undertake building of the proposed railroad from Brevard to Asheville. This committee is to be composed of Chairman Rankin, three committeemen from Asheville township and one from each township outside the city.

At the conclusion of this business the question of bettering the roads of Buncombe county was considered, the County Commissioners as a body taking part in the c nference. Chairman Rankin introduced Col. Roy Stone, special agent and engineer of the Bureau of Road Inquiry, a branch of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. Col. Stone made an address that went right into the details of the momentous question of building county roads, and relating instances showing in various States how great a benefit had accrued from the adoption of measures for road improvement. The address was plain, practical and instructive.

Questions on particular points were asked by Col. Frank Coxe, W. S Cushman, W. D. Houghteling, W. G. Corpening and others and Col. Stone gave the benefit of his information upon the subject. At the close of the talk Col. Stone gave out copies of road literature published by the Agricultural department.

Geo. S. Powell offered the following, Which was adopted:

"Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure and benefit Gen. S e e's remarks on good roads; that one of the great needs of Buncombe county is better roads, and as a step in that direction be it

"Resolved, That the Board of County Commissioners be, and are hereby requested to appoint a committee of citizens for the purpose of investigating the question of better roads for Buncombe county. Said committee to report their investigations with recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners."

Upon the adoption of this the meeting adjourned.

Asheville Daily Citizen July 25, 1894

THE ASHEVILLE GAZETTE—OCTOBER 10, 1902.

NATT. ATKINSON DEAD

Natt Atkinson died of convulsions in his room on South Main street at 5:30 a. m. yesterday. Drs. Whittington and McBrayer were summoned just before he died, but were unable to help him. Nothing definite is known of the funeral arrangements as yet, as the deceased's brother, E. B. Atkinson, is in New York; but it is supposed that the funeral will be held today or tomorrow. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of Brown, Blair & Co., and there awaits instructions.

Asheville Times October 10, 1902

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 25, 1894.

CAPT. ATKINSON IS DEAD

HE DIED AT SALISBURY THIS MORNING.

His End Was Painless—He Had Every Attention and Happily Died Among Friends—The Remains Arrive Here Tomorrow.

The community was startled this morning by the news coming by telegraph from Salisbury, that Capt. Natt Atkinson, so well known in this community, had died there last night. The news spread rapidly, and soon there were many inquiries at THE CITIZEN office for confirmation of the report. THE CITIZEN wired the Salisbury Herald for details, and received the following this afternoon:

His Last Hours.

SALISBURY, N. C., Aug. 25.—[Special]—Capt. Natt Atkinson died here this morning at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Hon. Lee S. Overman. Death was caused by heart failure and was painless and peaceful.

Capt. Atkinson arrived at Salisbury Thursday night en route to Morehead for rest and recreation. Before reaching here he telegraphed Mr. Overman to meet him on business at the depot. Upon the arrival of the train Capt. Atkinson complained of feeling badly, and Mr. Overman insisted upon his remaining over here a day and night to rest.

The invitation was accepted and Capt. Atkinson was driven to the residence of Mr. Overman.

Shortly after his arrival at the house Capt. Atkinson was taken suddenly ill and, at his request, Dr. H. T. Trantham was called in about 10 o'clock and prescribed for him. After the departure of the physician the Captain was comparatively quiet until between 11 and 12 o'clock when he had another attack.

Dr. Trantham was again called in, and remained until daylight yesterday morning.

Capt. Atkinson appeared much better yesterday and about 6 o'clock in the afternoon was sitting on Mr. Overman's porch telling the latter's little daughter one of uncle Remus' "brer-fox" stories. He ate a light supper between 7 and 8 and was in good spirits.

About 10:30 last night Mr. C. A. Overman called at Capt. Atkinson's room and inquired after his health. He was told that the physician had dismissed the case and that he felt all right.

The rooms of Mr. Overman and Capt. Atkinson were on opposite sides of the hall and each was left open so that assistance could be rendered if necessary.

About 6 o'clock this morning Mr. Overman heard groaning in Capt. Atkinson's room and going there found his brother Lee at his (Capt. Atkinson's) bedside The Captain was suffering considerably and asked for Dr. Trantham, who was sent for and arrived about 7 o'clock. When the physician came the Messrs. Overman went to their rooms to complete their toilet.

Just as Mr. C. A. Overman had dressed Dr. Franklin came hurriedly to his room and announced that he thought Capt. Atkinson was dying. Both returned immediately, and in about five minutes death ensued.

The family of Capt. Atkinson were immediately apprised of his death, and his body was taken charge of by Undertaker R. M. Davis and prepared for burial.

The arrangements for the funeral and removal of the body will not be made until the family arrive.

Mrs. Lee S. Overman, who is a niece of Capt. Atkinson by marriage, was with him constantly yesterday and showed him every attention. The physician says that had he continued his journey Thursday night, he would have died on the cars.

His Last Years In Asheville.

For the last few years Capt. Atkinson had lived in West Asheville, but his figure was a familiar one in the city, and was known by all. His office on Court Square was the objective point of many visitors from day to day, as well as of citizens with whom he had business. He was the head of and the prime mover in many enterprises, and few committees were complete that did not include Capt. Natt Atkinson.

He leaves a widow and a large family, most of them grown to manhood and womanhood, as well as troops of friends. The time of the funeral is 4 p. m. Monday. The remains will arrive in the city tomorrow afternoon, on the 4 o'clock train, accompanied by members of his family, who left today for Salisbury.

The following biography of Capt. Atkinson is from "Western North Carolina," kindly loaned THE CITIZEN by T. H. Cobb, esq.

Life Of Capt. Atkinson.

Hon. Natt Atkinson, generally known as "Natt" Atkinson, at present writing a prominent dealer in real estate in Asheville, was born November 15, 1832, and is a son of Col. John and Rebecca Bonner Atkinson of McMin county, Tenn., natives of South Carolina, and of Scotch-Irish and German descent. His father was an extensive and successful planter, and an able and influential legislator in his day, having represented his Senatorial district several years in the State Senate. He was considered one of the safest and most influential members of that honorable body. He died in 1840. "Natt," as he is familiarly called by a host of friends, was educated at Hiawassee college and at the celebrated Dr. Alexander Wilson's school at Milville, Alamance county, N. C. After finishing his studies at school, he engaged in farming, which he continued to follow until 1861, at which time he enlisted in the Confederate army as first lieutenant in First Tennessee cavalry, and continued in command of his company until 1862, when he returned home and raised a company (A) of his own, and joined the 62d Tennessee regiment of mounted infantry, as captain of his company, and as senior captain of the regiment, which he often commanded at Vicksburg and other places. He was assigned out in the western army, and rendered valuable services at the seige of Vicksburg. He as commander of his regiment, was subsequently transferred to Virginia with Vaughan's brigade, under command of Major General Echols of the Western Virginia army. This and Morgan's were the only two brigades that safely brought all of their men out of Virginia, and met President Davis at Charlotte. They were personally complimented by President Davis, and were as full of zeal for our noble cause as when they first enlisted. They were selected among others as President Davis escort to Mississippi, escorting him as far as Washington, Ga., where they were met by Federal troops, and Mr. Davis advised that all the troops be surrendered, dividing all the money he had among his men—$28 50 to each man. But for the wise counsel of their beloved President, those noble veterans of many a battle-field would have died in their tracks before surrendering their great leader. (Mr. Davis, as is well known, attempted to make his way across the Mississippi without troops.) These events occurred about two weeks after General Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Captain Atkinson returned home and resumed the study of law, which he had begun prior to his entering the army, and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He practiced law for several years at Asheville. In 1870 he bought out THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN newspaper, which he edited and published nearly three years.

THE CITIZEN was then, we believe, the only Democratic newspaper published in the State west of Charlotte.

In 1878 he sold the paper and moved to his farm on the Swannanoa river, eight miles above Asheville, and engaged in the cultivation of fine fruit, having the finest fruit farm in Western North Carolina, consisting of over 2300 fruit trees. Captain Atkinson practically demonstrated the great possibilities of fruit culture in this State. He exhibited specimens of his fruit at all the State and national expositions, and won the medal at the Philadelphia Centennial, and the Marshal Pinkney Wilder medal at Baltimore in 1877. This medal was awarded him for the exhibition of 100 specimens of the finest apples in the United States and Canada, and was said by a Baltimore paper to have been the finest specimens of apples ever exhibited in the world. Captain Atkinson closely studied the cultivation of fruit, and cultivated on a scientific basis, and was amply rewarded by a rich harvest; and to him, more than any other man, is due the credit of demonstrating the wonderful possibilities of fruit growing as a paying industry in North Carolina.

In 1878 Captain Atkinson was elected to represent Buncombe county in the General Assembly. During that session special efforts were made to reduce State expenditures. Captain Atkinson introduced and championed a resolution under the operation of which a reduction of $180,000 was made in State expenditures. As an impressive, ready public speaker, Captain A. has but few superiors in the State.

In 1882 he sold his farm and moved to Asheville, and engaged in the real estate business. And the writer believes he is sufficiently modest in the statement that Captain Atkinson, since locating in Asheville, has done more a dozen times over to develop and build up that city than any other man in it. It was mainly through his efforts that the Graded schools of Asheville were established. And to his persistent efforts is largely due the establishment of the Asheville sewage system and the electric street railway. Captain Atkinson is one of those aggressive and sagacious business men, who are ever grasping opportunities that others fail to see, and developing resources that others fail to find, and is a blessing to any community. He was married in February, 1858, to Miss Harriet N., accomplished daughter of Israel and Mary Baird of Asheville. To them have been born 12 children, viz: Natt B., Edward B., Charles B., Mary B., Frederick B., deceased, Hugh H., Phillip G., Emma T., Lillie D., Paralee V., Edith and Charlotte B. Captain Atkinson and family are members of the M. E. church, South.

His Later Years.

Of late years, and especially for the last eighteen months, Capt. Atkinson's health has not been good. He has continued, however, so far as he was able—perhaps more so than his health would warrant—to take an active interest in his own as well as in public matters. He visited THE CITIZEN office only two or three days ago to have a good word said, if possible, for a friend in whose behalf he had unselfishly interested himself. He seemed then to be in about his usual health, and no one would have suspected that his end was so near.

Asheville Daily Citizen August 25, 1894

FUNERAL OF NATT ATKINSON TO BE HELD IN THE MORNING

The funeral services of Natt Atkinson, who died suddenly early yesterday morning, will be held at the residence of Ned Atkinson, brother of the deceased, in West Asheville tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. The pallbearers will be F. A. Hull, T. E. Clayton, W. M. Clark, B. H. Cosby, Wm. Baird, J. Y. Jordan.

Asheville Citizen October 10, 1902

Judge Pritchard Purchases Hazel Hill Property at $5000

Judge J. C. Pritchard has purchased through the J. M. Campbell real estate agency a valuable piece of property overlooking the French Broad river and known as "Hazel Hill." The property is situated on the Asheville side of the French Broad and between the railroad trestle and Smith's bridge. It contains 20 acres of land and a large brick house. The consideration was $5000. The property belonged to A. B. Castleman of Washington.

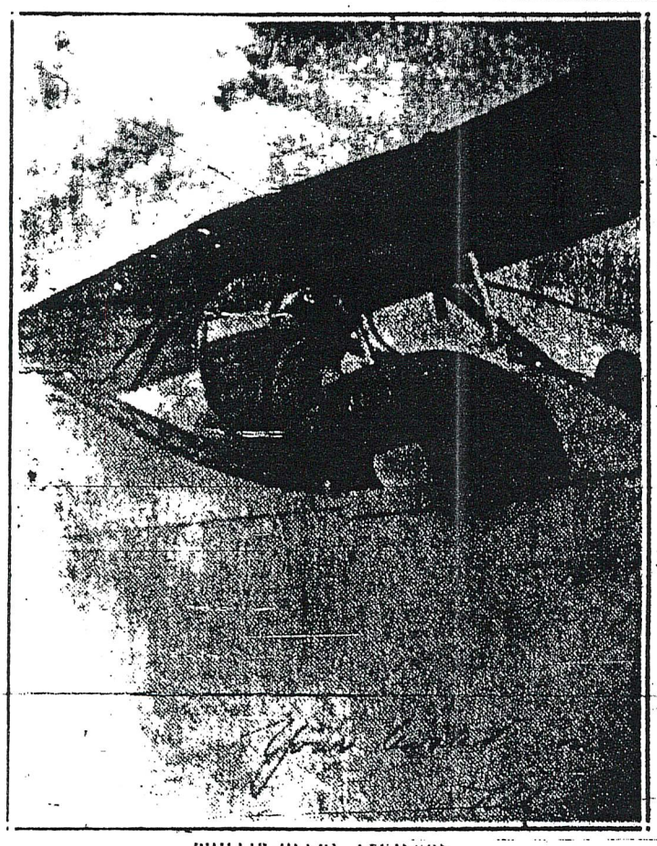
It is said that the roperty contains one of the largest and most valuable rock quarries in the state. The stone is granite and is the quality used principally by railroad companies as ballast.

The property acquired by Judge Pritchard was for many years owned by the late Natt Atkinson. The house was built by Mr. Atkinson and the brick composing the structure was made by hand from clay in that vicinity. The land was sold by Mr. Atkinson while Asheville was on a great boom several years ago for $30,000.

Asheville Gazette News August 1, 1905

DECEMBER 6, 1928

Killed In Airplane Crash



PHILLIP HENRY ATKINSON

When his plane stalled while taking a turn at an altitude of 200 feet, Phillip H. Atkinson, popular young Asheville man, was killed at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, yesterday morning shortly after 11 o'clock.

Asheville Flier Is Killed When Airplane Crashes

PULLED FROM WRECKAGE
(Special To The Citizen)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 5.—Pulled dead from wreckage of an airplane in which he plunged 200 feet at Brooksfield today, the body of Cadet Phillip H. Atkinson, 24, was held at an undertaking establishment tonight pending advices from relatives. Army records showed that the cadet's father was E. B. Atkinson, 82 Westwood Place, Asheville, N. C.

Young Atkinson's death was the fourteenth fatality among flyers in and from San Antonio within three weeks.

Atkinson, who was taking the basic flying course, had just taken off at 11 o'clock this morning for his fourth solo flight in a Dehavilland plane when he attempted in a stiff wind to make a turn. The plane stalled and went into a tailspin. Owing to the low altitude Atkinson could neither jump nor bring the craft under control.

The plane fell in wreckage at the edge of the Brooksfield Service club. Rushed to the hospital, the cadet was pronounced dead.

Although gasoline was thrown over the wreckage by the force of the crash the plane almost by a miracle did not catch fire. The body of the pilot was not mangled.

The plane struck near the edge of the field, narrowly missing the porch of the Brooks Field Service club on which several officers were seated.

P. H. Atkinson Meets Instant Death At San Antonio, Texas

Phillip Henry Atkinson, son of E. B. and Annie Miller Atkinson of Westwood Place, was instantly killed early yesterday when the plane which he was flying at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, went into a tail-spin at a low altitude and crashed.

Mr. Atkinson was on his fourth solo flight in an Army DeHaviland plane and during the practice flying attempted a turn in the face of a stiff wind. The plane, according to observers, stalled and slipped into a tail-spin, crashed before the pilot had a chance to right it or bail out with his parachute.

First news of the accident was received here shortly after noon yesterday by E. B. Atkinson, prominent Asheville business man, father of the deceased. It was in the form a telegram from Commander Oliddale of Brooks Field, and gave no details of the crash.

Active In Athletics

The deceased made an enviable athletic record in North Carolina. He was captain and tackle of the Asheville High school football which captured the State champion in 1923. Prior to his playing on the Asheville team, he had played in 1920 on the Porter Military academy football team at Charleston, S. C. After graduating in the spring of 1923 from the Asheville High school, Mr. Atkinson matriculated at the University of North Carolina and succeeded that fall in winning an end position on the freshman team there. The following two years he was a substitute end and tackle on the varsity team at the University, where he also was prominent in fraternity circles, holding the Kappa Sigma chapter presidency in 1922. Captain Atkinson achieved the distinction of leading the first Asheville team over the North Carolina title. Mr. Atkinson also was a good marksman and participated in a number of matches in which the Asheville Gun Club entered.

After completing two years academic work at the University of North Carolina Mr. Atkinson took up the study of law. For some time however he had been intensely interested in the progress of aviation. Finally he decided to take the course in flying and then return to his study of law, in which he was making good progress. He went through the preliminary tests with a large group and was one of three selected to take the course, having been found especially fitted, physically and mentally for flying.

He entered the training school at Brooks Field, San Antonio, about five months ago after passing preliminary tests with high honors. He was allowed to make his first solo flight after an unusually short period of training and appeared to show great aptitude for flying.

The deceased is survived by his father, E. B. Atkinson, one sister, Mrs. Walter J. Damtoft; and four brothers, Edward N., Jack, Frank and Everett Atkinson, all of Asheville.

The remains will be brought back to Asheville and will probably arrive here Saturday. Funeral arrangements are being held in abeyance pending the arrival of the body and will be announced later.

Asheville Citizen December 6, 1928

Austin Rites Set Monday At Hendersonville

2/2/50

HENDERSONVILLE — Funeral services for Abraham Austin, 104, retired Negro farmer, who died Thursday at his home in Asheville after a lingering illness, will be held Monday at 2:30 p. m., in Union Grove Baptist Church here.

The Rev. T. J. Davis will officiate and burial will be at Greer, S. C.

A native of Greenville County, S. C., he formerly farmed in Henderson County and had been making his home in Asheville for the past five years.

Surviving are one son, Ernest Austin of Homestead, Pa.; five daughters, Mrs. Addie P. Smith, Mrs. Cora Davis and Mrs. Bessie Bruton of Hendersonville, Mrs. Ida Cannon of Asheville and Mrs. Minnie Johnson of Richmond, Va.; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The Tilgrim Funeral Home is in charge.

Father of Ida Cannon ("Aunt Ida") and Bessie Bruton (Aunt Bessie")
Asheville Citizen 2/2/50

Frank J. Austin, 65, Died Suddenly Wednesday P. M.

Frank J. Austin, 65, prominent businessman, died unexpectedly at his home in Penley Cove Wednesday night after suffering a coronary thrombosis.

Mr. Austin was born at Simpsonville, S. C., October 17, 1889 and was educated in Greenville City schools; Clemson College and Spartanburg Business College.

He came to Asheville in 1911 from South Carolina and moved to West Asheville in 1915. His first business connection was with the old Asheville Paint Company for ten years. For one year following that he was engaged in the real estate business. Then in 1923, he was connected with W. H. Westall and Company. Five years later the Morris-Austin Company was organized. In 1940 he gained sole control over the company and the name was changed to Frank Austin Company.

Though Mr. Austin proved successful in business enterprises, he found time for other activities. He was past president of the West Asheville Men's Club, and under his administration the prospects of the proposed new bridge for West Asheville was given impetus.

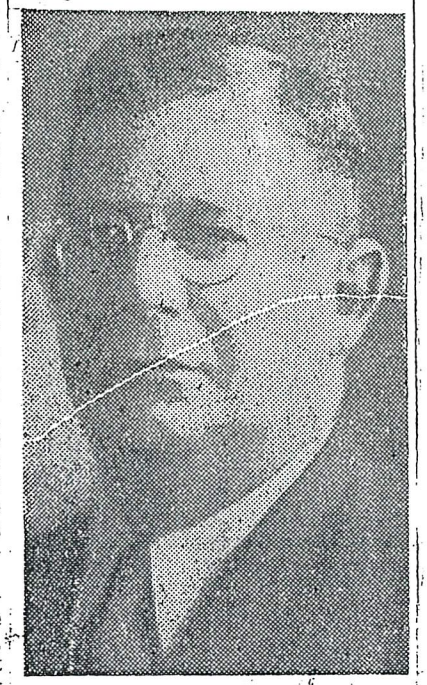
Also during his administration, the West Asheville Men's Club experienced its largest growth for any one year.

Mr. Austin was also an active member of the Asheville Optimist Club, of which he was a member of the Board of Directors. He was a former member of the Board of Directors of the Asheville City Schools.

He was active in church affairs being a member of Calvary Baptist Church, of which he was a member of the Board of Trustees. He became a member of the church in 1919, when it was located on Hanover St.

Mr. Austin was the son of Mary and Wiley Nelson Austin of South Carolina, and was married to the former Miss Alice Lee Buckner of Asheville since 1911, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Lt. Col. F. J. Austin, Jr., stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, and N. C. (Bud) Austin of Asheville; a daughter, Mrs. C. M. McCracken of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Jones of Simpsonville and Mrs. James Allen of Hendersonville; and four grandchildren.



FRANK J. AUSTIN

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. today (Friday) in the Calvary Baptist Church where the body will lie in state for 30 minutes prior to the services. The Reverends J. Lester Lane and J. B. Grice will officiate.

Active pallbearers will be Horace Beard, Tom Cole, Everett Ballard, Jim Elliott, Jack Wallen, George Troutman, Thurman Austin, Dick Allen, and Hugh Bramlett.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bible Class of Calvary Baptist Church, members of the Optimist Club, members of the Hunting Club, employes of Frank Austin Co., J. Lloyd Britt, Leo H. Manley, Al Dowtin, Joe Seay, A. M. Tingle, Jr., W. T. Bradford, S. M. Connor, Jacob Weaver, Charlie Miller, Way Woody, J. O. Hendrix, Jim Maney, Holmes Bryson, Sr., Dr. Marvin H. McCracken, Dr. Charles A. Hensley, H. L. Bishop, Mack Kiser.

Burial will be at the Green Hills Cemetery.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent but that those who desire instead send contributions to the Children's Home Society of N. C., Greensboro.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Groce Funeral Home.

Frank Austin
125 Clarendon Rd

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Club's 50th Anniversary

The Community Club of Asheville observed its 50th anniversary at its recent meeting in West Asheville Community Center with 10 past presidents attending. Shown are, (L-R): Mrs. Leo Bagwell, president; Mrs. Harry Atkins, a past president and program chairman; Mrs. W. K. Dalton, past president and historian; and Mrs. D. I. Gross, charter member. Other past presidents attending included: Mrs. Curtis W. Baldwin, Mrs. J. A. Goforth, Mrs. H. B. Almon, Mrs. J. C. Grice, Mrs. L. F. Locke, Mrs. V. A. Forsyth. Mrs. Ernest Briggs of Burnsville, president of District II, North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke and Mrs. Dalton gave the 50 year history of the club. Mrs. Atkins was program chairman and hostesses were club officers. Trophies, pictures, year books and newspaper articles were on display. The club was organized April 20, 1923, with 115 charter members and Mrs. Charles B. Anderson, its first president. It was federated in 1927. In 1964 its clubhouse was torn down to make way for a new highway, I-26, and later the property was sold to Aston Park Hospital for a new location of the hospital. The main project of the club is to furnish a room for the new hospital. Over its 50 year history, the club has worked for the betterment of the City of Asheville and will continue this effort, according to the president. (Staff Photo by Dick Mauldin)

Asheville Citizen April 13, 1973

Bruce Emory
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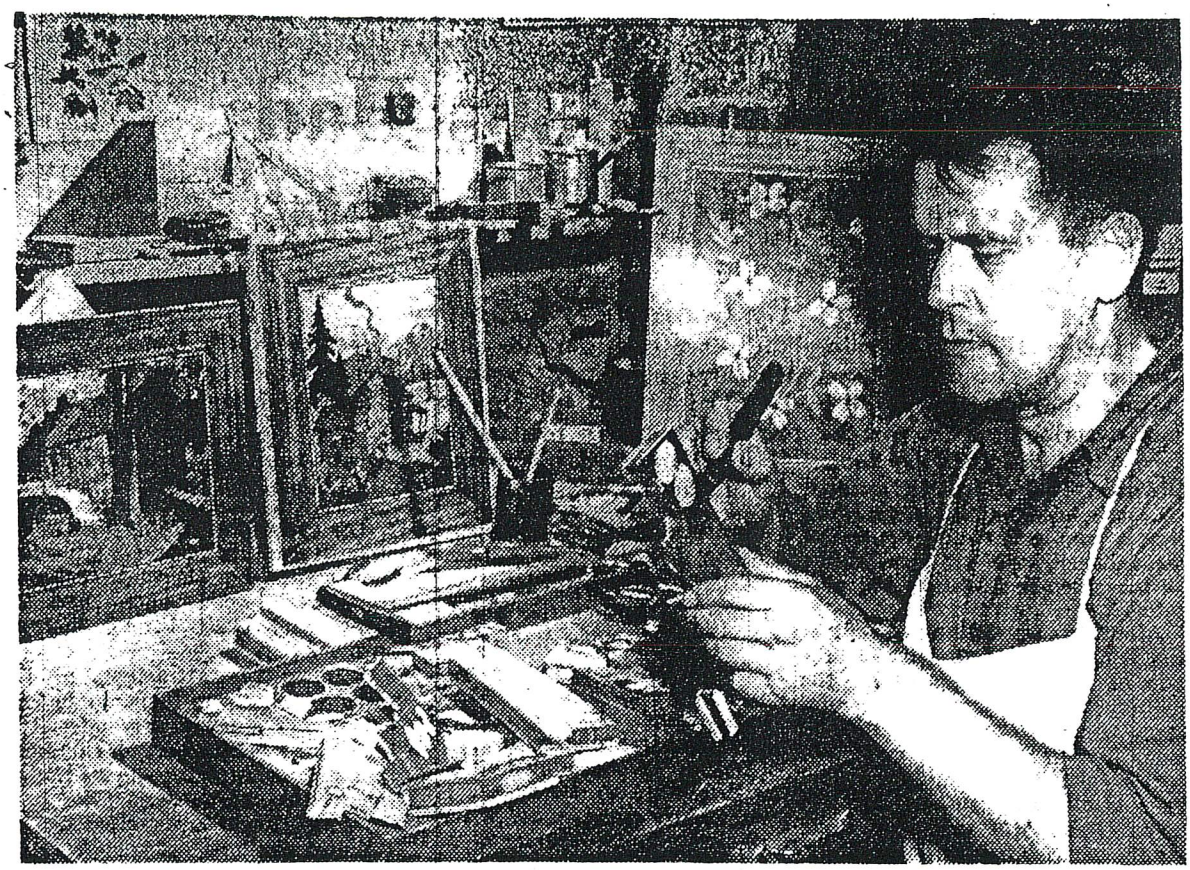

BY AN ANCIENT ART known as "Marquetry", William Bader, of 856 Haywood Road, turns out landscapes and designs of surpassing beauty with inlaid woods, lacquered and polished to mirror smoothness. The picture was made in his shop as he inspected some blocks of veneer wood just cut to pattern by a precision bandsaw. Samples of his work nearing the finished stage are shown in the background. (Citizen-Times photo).

Haywood Road Man Is Expert At Marquetry

William Bader, 856 Haywood Road, is an artist who paints his pictures with wood, an ancient art called "Marquetry".

He has a shop rigged in the basement of his home, with a jigsaw, a couple of sanders, a veneer press, a drill press, a table saw and other gadgets.

"**Marquetry is an old art**" **he** said in discussing his work. In recent years interest has been stepped up through the use of machinery which makes it possible to speed up production."

As an example, he pointed out that instead of cutting a single piece of veneer wood one twenty-eighth of an inch thick according to a drawn pattern, it is possible now, even with the equipment he has, to cut up to 14 layers at one time. The pattern making has been greatly speeded up through the use of a perforating machine which makes it possible to punch out intricate patterns and then pounce the design directly on more than one packet of veneer wood. For this urpose the wood is held tightly together by small slim nails.

The pieces of different types of wood, each a different shade or color, must fit together in a sort of jigsaw puzzle to make the picture. The fit must be high perfect and after the surface is sanded and lacquered it takes on an amazing polish and appears as smooth as a single piece of wood.

In fashioning his pictures he usually makes no attempt to obtain colors by staining the wood, but contents himself with the rich tones and overtones furnished by the natural wood. His collection of veneer woods, by the way, is really something. Naturally since he goes in for all shades from pale ivory or white to walnut brown or ebony, the list includes a lot of fancy stuff.

He learned his art in Germany and came to this country in 1923. He finds a ready sale for most of his pictures. Other products include panels and trays of various kinds and small boxes with the ornament in the lid.

The ancient Egyptians did a lot

Asheville Citizen September 17, 1950

Who Wouldn't Smile With These Pretty Dolls?

These young ladies are happy. In each of eight pairs of arms is cuddled one of the beautiful Rose Marie or Rose Mary dolls which have been presented to them by the circulation department of The Asheville Citizen for a few minutes pleasant work. They are. 1. Elanor Ingram, 4-year-old daughtr of Mr. and Ms. S. O. Ingram, Arden; 2. Edith Dodson, nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dodson, 7 Allen street, West Asheville; 3. Mary Fay McGee, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. McGee, 21 East street; 4. Mary Bell Hunter, three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hunter, 163 Euclid avenue; 5. Margaret Rose Ensley, seven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ensley, 387 South French Broad avenue; 6. Eldeva Bagwell, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Bagwell, Brickton; 7. Virginia Bailey, ten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Bailey, 148 Sand Hill Road, West Asheville.

H. D. BAKER IS TO BE BURIED ON WEDNESDAY

Well Known Asheville Citizen Dies At Home Here.

Hamilton David Baker, 78, died at the home of his son, J. A. Baker, 140 Westwood place, West Asheville, Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock, following an illness of several months. A native of Ashe county, Mr. Baker had made his home in Asheville for the past fifty years. He was a partner with his son in operating the Baker Packing company here and was prominent in business and civic activities of Asheville.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at Calvary Baptist church, of which he was a member, with the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Grice, officiating. Burial will be at Riverside cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, J. A. Baker and H. B. Baker and one daughter, Mrs. Emma B. McDonald.

Asheville Times September 24, 1929

A chilly ride with dad

Seven-year-old Maya Balassa rides behind her father, Lincoln Balassa, as they run errands while riding their Trail-A-Bike along Haywood Road in Asheville Wednesday afternoon.

John Fletcher/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Asheville Citizen January 22, 2004

Enoch Ball And The Joyfulaires

If you picked up a copy of an Asheville TV Guide in 1953, you might have seen a picture of the Joyfulaires Quartet.

This photograph along with the caption below appeared on the back cover of an Asheville TV Guide during 1953 and 1954.

Beginning April 1st the Joyfulaires Quartet will appear on WLOS-TV, Channel 13, each Friday evening 7:45-8;00.
Members of the Quartet are 1st Tenor Jack Henderson, 2nd Tenor Junior Ball, Baritone Ed Randall, Bass Carl Frady; Pianist Elbert Plemmons.
Guest Quartets will continue to appear on Quartet Parade, Tuesdays - 7:30-8:00 on WLOS-TV, Channel 13.
The Joyfulaires are heard each Sunday 2:05 - 2:30 over WLOS-Radio.
All Quartet Parade programs are emceed by Jack Stamberger.

Enoch Ball, who sang second tenor for the group and resides in West Asheville, said it was a great honor to be a part of a quartet chosen to produce the first live-studio production on Channel 13, WLOS Television.

This special privilege of recognition opened the doors to many churches and concerts around Western North Carolina for the Joyfulaires to sing to all their fans, as bookings grew to an all-time high.

Along with Enoch, or Junior Ball, singing second tenor, there was Jack Henderson who provided first tenor, Ed Randall with baritone, Carl Frady who sang bass, and Al Plemmons who added a touch of class when playing the piano.

Other members of the group who came with the Joyfulaires at different times included Don Duckett, Harry Shotwell, Dennis Parris, Harley Green, Otis Thompson and C.E. (Gene) Britt.

Enoch, who organized the Joyfulaires was an ordained minister of the Methodist faith.

His father, who was almost a Methodist minister, was involved in the Horney Heights Revival on land directly across from Malvern Hill Baptist Church.

During this time, a recorded number of 140 people were baptized. Enoch Ball Sr. was also a chaplain in the Salvation Army.

Enoch Jr. sang more than 25 years on WWNC Radio after some experience with the Carolina Quartet, and he currently serves as pastor of Sardis United Methodist Church.

Enoch Garfield Ball, Sr. when he was a chaplain in the Salvation Army.

Joyfulaires in the WLOS studios.

The Everett Ball career plan: Work until you 'give out'

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Columnist
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The next time you're tempted to complain about how hard you're working, think of Everett Ball.

At age 87, the man just won't slow down. While Ball's Service Center isn't as busy as it once was, Ball still works just about every day, towing cars and doing minor mechanical repairs.

"I'll work till I give out — and then I'll quit," said Ball.

Melissa McCulloch, a local Fed Ex driver who often stops by Ball's shop, suggested I do a story on him. She loves hearing him talk about the old days, when Smoky Park Highway was a three-lane road and the area was full of houses, not just big box retailers and car dealers.

"Today there were two vehicles up on lifts at the same time," she told me Friday. "He's the hardest working person on my route."

Ball has been on Smoky Park Highway since 1938 — heck, he's had the same business phone number since 1938 — and he's not looking to sell.

"I've talked to a lot of real estate people who want to buy," Ball said with a smile Friday.

Between his house just above the station and the business itself, he and his wife Helen are sitting on about two acres of prime real estate on one of the area's busiest roads.

Nobody would like to see him retire more than Helen, who showed up around lunchtime Friday to check on her stubborn man when he didn't answer the phone (he was busy talking to a newspaper columnist — oops).

"I fuss at him, but it don't do no good," she said with a laugh.

I mentioned to her how some people retire and end up bored out of their minds, lamenting the decision to quit work.

"That's what he's afraid of," Helen Ball said.

If he's not out on a tow job or helping a customer, Ball is always puttering around the property, cleaning up or trimming grass. When I stopped by Friday he was putting the hedge clippers away.

Ironically, he got turned down for armed forces services in World War II because of infantile paralysis in his right leg, which still causes him to wear a brace.

He used to sell gasoline, but he got out of that a few years back when he was going to need new tanks.

"It cost me $32,000 to get started in this business, and it cost me $42,000 to stop selling gas," Ball said, referring to the cost of digging up the old tanks. "It would've been $350,000 to put new ones and new pumps back in."

At one point, Ball had seven employees, but for the past 10 years, he's been going it alone. His two mechanics left to start their own businesses.

He sold his big rollback tow truck and a 1971 Ford he used on occasion, but he still operates a smaller rollback, answering calls on local roads but avoiding the interstates.

Everett and Helen have a son who lives in Milwaukee and a daughter who lives locally, but neither is interested in the business, which has been at its present location since 1958.

Not that Everett would give up the reins anyway. His health is good, he says, except for some side effects from medication his doctor put him on.

"I blame it all on my doctor," he said of the aches he got. "He's trying to lower my cholesterol, and it about killed me. I tried about six different kinds. As long as I don't take that stuff, I feel pretty good."

Born and raised in Asheville, Ball was one of 14 children born to Enoch and Irene Ball. Just six survive today.

They raised hogs and cows and kept chickens, which Ball says tided them over during the Great Drepression. His father died at 77, but his mother lived to 99, an age Ball hopes to reach — right at Ball's Service Center.

"I got plans to quit when I get my money out of this place, or when I'm in Pisgah View Memorial Park," he said.

Asheville Citizen July 18, 2005

John Boyle/CITIZEN-TIMES

Although he's approaching 90, Everett Ball has no plans of quitting the business he established on Smoky Park Highway in 1938. "I just don't want to sit around and do nothing," Ball says. "I like to stay busy."

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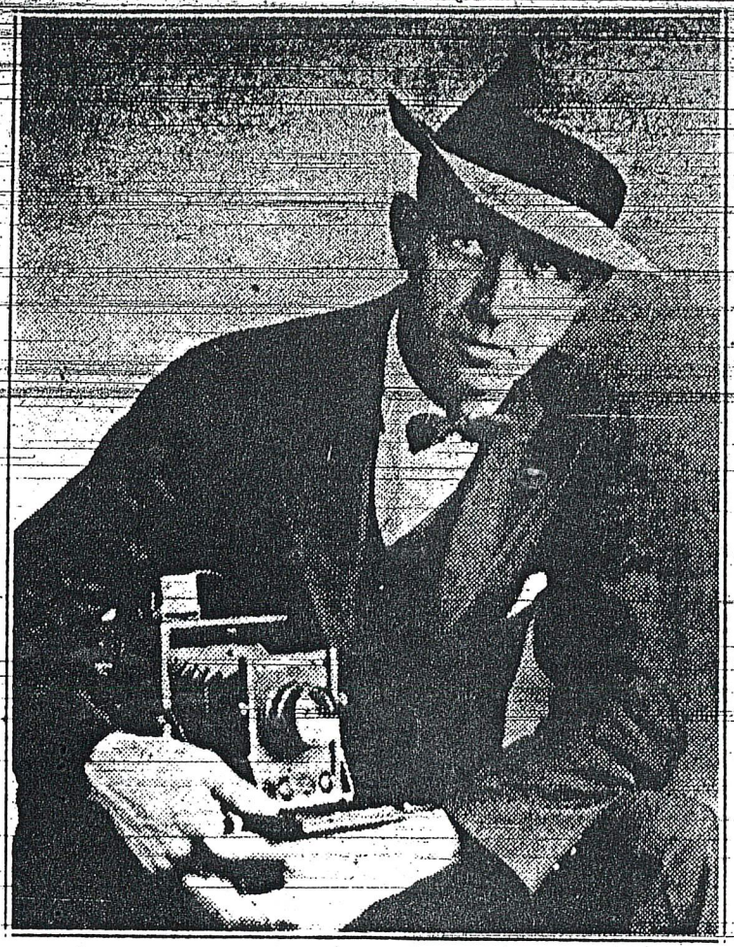
His Camera Records News Events Here



E. M. BALL

Great Speed Required In Making Newspaper Pictures, Says Ball

Most people have little idea of the speed required in newspaper photography, says E. M. Ball, staff photographer for The Asheville Citizen and The Asheville Times.

Assignments received in the morning must be quickly covered, the negatives developed, prints made and furnished the engravers in a matter of a couple of hours, if the picture is to get in the newspaper that afternoon. Likewise, pictures made during the afternoon for use the next morning, must be handled quickly.

Mr. Ball has developed the technique of finishing prints to a point where he can deliver a wet print within 12 minutes after he comes in the door of his shop, with an undeveloped negative.

Quick Trip

The quickest trip he ever made was several years ago, when a store was blown up at Mars Hill. One hour and 29 minutes from the time he left his office at 1 1-2 Biltmore avenue, the developed picture was in the engraving department at the newspaper. Taking into consideration the distance traveled, Mr. Ball believes this time could not be bettered.

Another time when speed was one of the main factors came about a year ago when seven men were buried under a slide at a quarry near Fletcher. Soon after receiving reports that the men had been buried under tons of boulders and dirt, Mr. Ball and newspapermen rushed to the scene, made a number of pictures, and had them in the engraving department in time to be used in the next morning's newspaper. Reports of the disaster were not received until mid-afternoon. The weather was near zero.

Mr. Ball says he has to be somewhat of a contortionist to get the pictures required at times. For instance, he has climbed telephone poles, built platforms in trees, and scaled roofs of buildings in order to get a shot from the right angle. He also has used airplanes.

Dress Problem

It is a question to know how to dress for newspaper assignments, Mr. Ball said. It has been his experience that assignments of an entirely different character usually follow one another.

For instance, he has found that every time he has been called to a dairy to photograph a bull, invariably he is sent on a society assignment, which, naturally, requires something different in the form of dress. He was unable to explain why or how this happened, simply stating that "no joking, this is true."

Danger also enters the work of a newspaper photographer, he said in [illegible] when he was knocked down while making a flashlight picture in Patton avenue about [illegible] o'clock in the evening. Just as he was ready to "shoot," a car bore down on him. He was in a hospital for two weeks and at home for a month with a fractured skull, bruised legs and abrasions about his body.

"And," said Mr. Ball in discussing the incident, "all the pieces of the camera haven't yet been found."

Probably more dangerous was the assignment he received to photograph members of a mob attempting to break into a jail. That was the only time he was afraid.

Members of the mob were trying to remove a negro from the jail and Mr. Ball and a reporter were rushed to the scene. When they arrived the crowd had dispersed.

Glad To See Mob Gone

"I was surely glad and relieved when we arrived and the crowd had gone," he said. "I can still see the look on the faces as I shot a flashlight photo (if I had done that), them knowing that every one would have been incriminated if their face showed in the photo and the immediate thought flashing to their brain to just shoot the photographer and end the evidence. I feel sure that this is just what would happen in such a case. I planned to make the photo from the inside of the jail if possible, and then just remain in safekeeping and hide the camera."

"The saddest occasions are when people bring in photos of their loved ones who have recently died or been killed by accident," the photographer asserted. "Many times they break down in sorrow and it is minutes usually before they can collect themselves to a point sufficient to let us know what to do about the picture."

His more frequent assignments include securing photographs of automobile wrecks. One of his prized shots in this category is of a truck hanging by the back of the chassis to the Asheville - West Asheville bridge.

To young ladies who want to know how to get their pictures in the paper Mr. Ball has some sound advice.

"At frequent intervals girls come to my studio and ask how they can get their pictures in the paper," he said. "I tell them all the same thing — kill someone, steal a horse or get married. Most of them use the latter method."

Asheville Citizen March 18, 1934

EWART M. BALL, PHOTOGRAPHER, IS DEAD AT 42

Widely Known Asheville Resident Dies After Long Illness

Ewart M. Ball, well-known Asheville photographer, died in a hospital here early yesterday afternoon following an illness of several months. He was 42 years old.

Mr. Ball, a native of Madison county, had been in the photography business here for about 15 years. In addition to owning and operating the Plateau studio, he was staff photographer for The Citizen and The Times.

Mr. Ball served in the United States forces during the World war as a member of Company K of the Third Infantry. He was stationed in Texas where he helped train recruits, and later was sent to the Philippine Islands, serving in a similar capacity there for 34 months.

Opened Studio

He went to Charleston after the war, and later mov. . Florence, S. C. He became interested in photography while in the army, following it as a hobby, and opened a studio in Georgetown, S. C., a few years before coming to Asheville.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs Docia Baker Ball, also a native of Madison county; his mother, Mrs. Mie Marler, of Madison county; two sons, Ewart M. Ball, Jr., and Irvin Ball; a daughter, Miss Laura Ball; a brother, Robart Ball, of Madison county; a sister, Mrs. Cyrie Hall, of Logan avenue, West Asheville, and three step-brothers, Caney, Pender and Everett Marler, of Madison county.

He was a member of the Asheville Optimist club, of which he was vice-president; West Asheville lodge No. 665, A. F. and A. M.; Scottish Rite Masons, Odd Fellows and the Baptist church. He was also active in the North Carolina Photographers' association.

Active in Boys' Work

Mr. Ball was prominent in boys' work of the Optimist club, and until he became ill several months ago went to the Buncombe county training school for boys one night a week to teach woodworking classes. He was a leader in the Boy Scout troop which the Optimists sponsor at the school, and represented his club last year on the Civic Club union. He resided at 145 Dorchester avenue, West Asheville.

Of an exceptionally friendly disposition and cheerful personality, Mr. Ball enjoyed a wide acquaintanceship. His work as photographer for the newspapers brought him in contact with persons all over Asheville and Western North Carolina.

Mr. Ball became ill of a stomach disorder in February, and his condition gradually grew worse.

Complete funeral arrangements had not been made last night, but members of the family said the funeral will be conducted at the First Baptist church at some hour tomorrow afternoon with burial in Green Hill cemetery. Dunn-Chase funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Asheville Citizen August 27, 1937

FUNERAL RITES FOR E. M. BALL SET FOR TODAY

Services To Be Held At First Baptist At 3 O'Clock

Ewart M. Ball, 42, widely known Asheville photographer who died Thursday in an Asheville hospital, will be buried in Green Hills cemetery this afternoon following funeral services at the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the First Baptist church, will officiate. He will be assisted by the Rev. Dumont Clarke.

Pallbearers Named

Active pallbearers will be Howard Etheridge, Oscar Stanton, J. N. Parris, W. A. Kilgo, J. N. Jarrett and Frank A. Michael.

Named as honorary pallbearers are members of West Asheville Lodge 665, A. F. and A. M., Asheville consistory, A. and A. S. R., Swannanoa Lodge No. 56, I. O. O. F., Kiffin Rockwell post of the American Legion, the Optimist club, and the Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church. Also named as honorary pallbearers are: Walter S. Adams, Weimar Jones, O. C. Dawkins, D. Hiden Ramsey, Charles A. Webb, John D. Caldwell, B. A. Culberson, K. W. Partin, E. C. Greene, B. E. Greene, A. V. Greene, Fred L. Weede, Clyde Bennett, Emory Wilde, James G. K. McClure, Jr., Dr. Charles Norburn, Dr. Russell Norburn, Joseph Dave, George Pritchard, Dr. Harold S. Clarke and George Pennell.

Flower bearers will be members of the Order of Eastern Star and Swannanoa Rebekah lodge. The West Asheville Masonic lodge will have charge of rites at the grave. A special meeting of the lodge has been called for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The body is at the Ball home, 145 Dorchester avenue, West Asheville. It will be taken to the First Baptist church at 2 o'clock this afternoon and will lie in state from 2 until 3 o'clock.

Widow Survives

Mr. Ball is survived by his widow, Mrs. Docia Baker Ball, a native of Madison county; his mother, Mrs. Callie Marler, of Madison county; two sons, Ewart M. Ball, Jr., and Ervin Ball; a daughter, Miss Laura Ball; a brother, Robert Ball, of Madison county; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Hall, of Logan avenue, West Asheville, and three step-brothers, Oaney, Pender and Everett Marler, of Madison county.

Mr. Ball, who was a native of Madison county, was staff photographer for The Citizen and The Times, and he also was the owner and operator of the Plateau studio here. He was active in civic clubs here for many years and served as vice-president of the Asheville Optimist club. He also was affiliated with the Odd Fellows lodge, West Asheville Masonic lodge No. 665, A. F. and A. M., Scottish Rite Masons, the North Carolina Photographers association and the First Baptist church.

He was a veteran of the World War.

Dunn-Groce funeral home is in charge.

Taken By Death

EWART M. BALL

Asheville citizen August 28, 1937

EWART M. BALL

Ewart Ball, Photographer For C-T, Dies

Ewart McKinley Ball, 47, Asheville Citizen-Times photographer and newsman for 20 years, died of a heart attack Thursday. He was stricken in the photo. department of the newspaper and died in a hospital about an hour later.

He had carried on the local news photography tradition established by his father, E. M. Ball Sr., who died in 1937. The elder Ball was the photographer for the Asheville Times before the consolidation of the newspapers in 1930, and then for the Citizen and the Times until his death.

Ewart joined the newspaper staff in 1937, and later took over the operation of Plateau Studios on Pack Square for four years. In 1943, he returned to the Citizen as a police reporter for a period of four years, and then was editor of the Farmers Federation News until 1951, when he again returned to the Citizen-Times photo staff.

In his younger years, he also worked in Washington, D. C., and in Detroit.

Ball was born in Eagle Pass, Texas, and reared in Asheville. He learned the photographic trade from his father, and was also influenced by association with Georga Masa, Ignatius Brock, and Elliott Lyman Fisher.

Closely connected with police work, even during times he was not with the newspaper, Ball was credited with the only good pictures of the fatal Highland Hospital fire in the late 1940's, which he came from home to make while he was with the Federation.

He also was noted for mechanical skill, and was responsible for most of the newspaper's camera and Wirephoto equipment maintenence for several years.

As a member of the Asheville newspapers' photographic staff, he was widely known throughout the state. He was president of the Carolinas Press Photographers' Association in 1955, and was active at all levels of the Association's program.

He was a prizewinner in photo competition during the annual Southern Short Courses in News Photography, which he helped establish, and had made hundreds of pictures in helping to publicize "Unto These Hills," the Cherokee Indian drama. In 1954, he won first prize in a professional competition to select the best picture of the drama.

He was a member of West Asheville Methodist Church, and was governor of Asheville Moose Lodge 781 in 1950.

He lived at 60 Balm Grove Ave., West Asheville.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Clara McDevitt Ball, whom he married in 1942; a son, E. M. Ball III, of Asheville; his mother, Mrs. Docia J. Ball of West Asheville; a sister, Mrs Laura McCormick of Detroit, and a brother, Ervin L. Ball of Asheville.

Arrangements will be announced by Grace Funeral Home.

Asheville Citizen June 24, 1966

A great many of the old photographs in this book were taken by members of three generations of the Ball family, all of whom have their roots in the Western North Carolina region.

E.M. Ball, Sr., was born March 19, 1894 in Madison County, grew up in that area and as a young man joined the army where he served in the Philippines and during World War I was stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas. Mr. Ball started taking photographs as a hobby during the war, but soon became seriously interested in the work as a profession.

Returning from the war, he ran a studio for a while in Georgetown, South Carolina, further developing his skills.

In 1922, Ball felt the longing to return home to Asheville. He had married the former Docia Baker and they were to have three children, Ewart, Jr., Ervin and a daughter Laura Jeanette. Ball bought the Plateau Studio from Japanese photographer George Masa and it is very possible that some of the photographs were taken by this brilliant artisan.

Ball and two co-workers John Frisbee and Wayne Banks combined their skills in the operation of the studio located at 1½ Biltmore Avenue. Ball worked on a contract, shooting news photographs for *The Asheville Citizen* and *The Asheville Times* at a time when the papers employed no fulltime photographers. His work on occasion could be quite dangerous; at one point in his career he was run over by a car in trying to secure a photograph and had to spend two weeks in the hospital. At another time his life was threatened when he shot pictures of a mob trying to break into the city jail.

Ball, under constant pressure to meet newspaper deadlines, developed a new process whereby he could deliver a "wet" print in 12 minutes from the time he arrived at the studio with a news shot.

Ball also specialized in industrial-commercial work and received favorable comment from many of the country's largest industrial firms in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati and other large cities.

E.M. Ball, Sr. died at the age of 43 in August of 1937.

Ewart McKinley Ball, Jr. was destined to follow in his father's footsteps. For a while, young Ewart made photographs for the newspapers while still in high school. At the same time he was endeavoring to help his mother carry on the studio work.

Ewart, Jr., born November 22, 1918, was to spend almost all his life in photographic work. During World War II, unable to serve actively overseas due to an early physical injury, Ewart moved to Washington where he worked in a government photographic laboratory.

After the war Ewart returned to Asheville where he met and married Clara McDevitt of Walnut, North Carolina. They had one son, Ewart McKinley, III.

Ewart, Jr. was a writer as well as a photographer and served for a number of years as editor of the *Farmers Federation News Magazine*.

The most part of his professional life, however, was spent with *The Asheville Citizen-Times* as a professional news photographer. He was an active member of the Carolinas Press Photographers Association and worked constantly to upgrade photography as a profession. Many national awards were made to him for his work. Ewart, Jr. was also interested in young people who wished to become involved in the photographic profession and spent a great deal of time in working with them and demonstrating proper techniques to aspiring young photographers.

Ewart, Jr. died at the age of 47 in 1966. At the time of his death of a heart attack, he was working at what he loved best, in the studios of *The Asheville Citzen-Times*.

Ewart M. Ball, III has carried on the photgraphic tradition of this family. He worked for a while with his own studio in Biltmore Village, later returning to the position of staff photographer of *The Asheville Citizen-Times*.

Asheville has been fortunate over the years to have many fine photographers. Some of them have become nationally known. But seldom has a city had the good fortune to have preserved intact, the work of three generations of premier artisans such as the Ball family.

It was through the generous donation of the Ball Collection by Ewart, III to the Southern Highlands Research Center that we are able to present this early pictorial history. There are, of course, other important pictures from other sources, which contribute greatly to this book and they will be mentioned elsewhere.

It is impossible at this time to determine exactly which pictures were taken by which member of the Ball family, so they are designated as "The Ball Collection" in our credit lines.

We are grateful to Ewart, III and to the Southern Highlands Research Center for their permission to use these photographs.

Ewart is married to the former Rebecca Peed and they have one son, Ewart McKinley Ball, IV.

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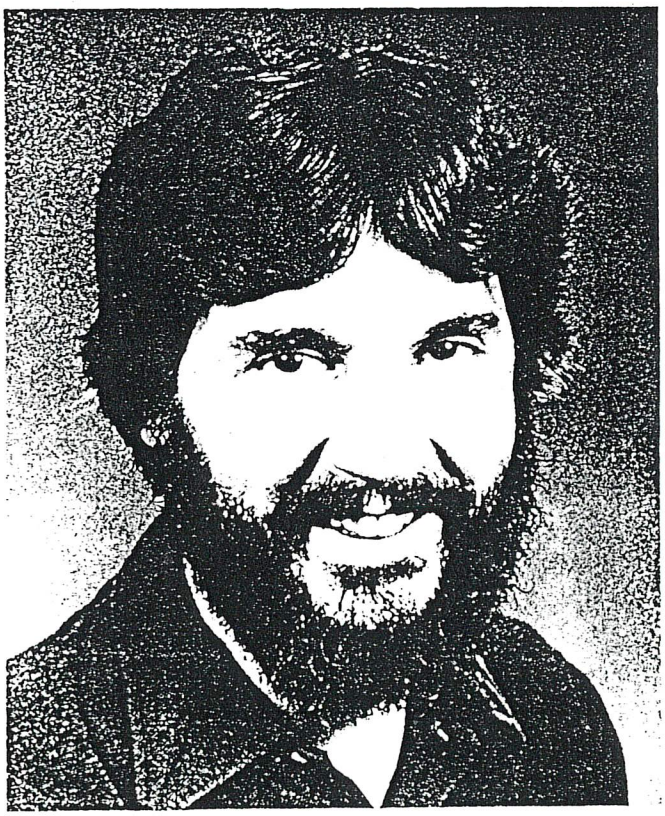
The Ball Collection

E.M. Ball, Sr.

E.M. Ball, Jr. self-portrait



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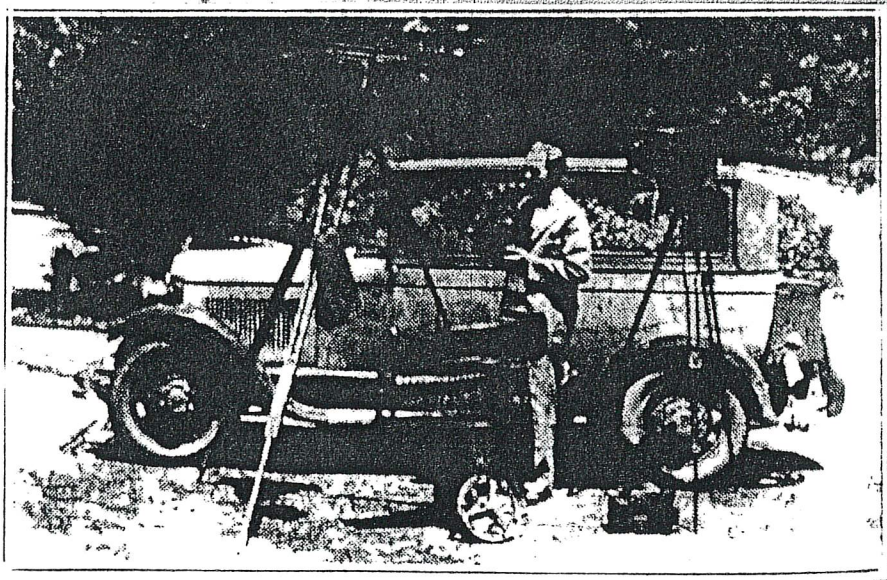

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Asheville Times
August 20, 1930

Asheville Brothers Missing In War

Described by friends as "the highest type of American boy", Charles William Ballew, 18, left, and James Robert, 21, right, were reported by U. S. Navy officials as "missing following action." Charles, a fireman second class, had enlisted a year ago to be on the same ship with his brother, Bobby, a fireman second class. In commenting on the characteristics of the boys, every friend contacted today mentioned their devotion to their mother and their enjoyment of their home.

Asheville Times March 2, 1942

Asheville Casualties In War No. 2 Mount To 3; Nelon Is Missing

Two Ballew Brothers Were Others Reported 'Missing After Action'.

Asheville's possible casualties in World War No. 2 mounted to three today, as word was received here that David Edward Nelon, 21, is reported by the navy department to be "missing following action."

He is the only son of Mrs. Mae Nelon, of 152 Barnard avenue.

The name of the Nelon boy is added to those of James Robert Ballew, 20, and Charles William Ballew, 18, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley Ballew, of 4 Hickory Terrace, West Asheville, who were reported "missing" yesterday.

All were understood to be stationed on a ship on patrol duty in the North Atlantic.

Telegrams Received

Mrs. Nelon received the following telegraphic official notification:

"The navy department regrets to inform you that your son, David Edward Nelon, electrician's mate third class, is missing following action in the performance of his duty in the service of his country.

"The department appreciates your great anxiety and will furnish you further information promptly when received.

"To prevent possible aid to our enemies, please do not divulge the name of his ship or station."

The message to Mrs. Ballew was identical, except for the names of her sons and their ratings. James Robert was a fireman first class, and Charles William, a fireman second class. The messages were signed by Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of the bureau of naval investigation. Mrs. Nelon received the telegram about her son late Sunday night, and Mrs. Ballew was notified about 8.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

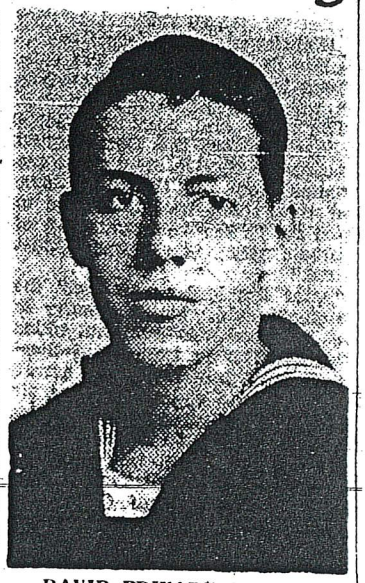
Both mothers were prostrate.

War Brought Home

The messages brought the war home to Asheville. While several Western North Carolina men have been killed in action since the beginning of the war, these were the first Asheville men reported missing in combat.

Billy McGinnis, a native of Chimney Rock who had worked in Asheville for a while, a week ago was reported killed in a naval engagement. His father, G. M. McGinnis, is an Asheville barber.

Young Mr. Nelon enlisted in the navy through the recruiting station here about three years ago. He attended Grace high school year, and then went to Piedmont, S. C., where he was graduated from high school. His mother last night was too grief-stricken to talk with anyone but intimate friends. Her son and the elder Ballew youth were close friends, it was learned.



DAVID EDWARD NELON

The only son of Mrs. Mae Nelon of 151 Barnard avenue, young Nelon is reported by the navy department as "missing following action." He was understood to be stationed on a ship on patrol duty in the North Atlantic.

James Robert Ballew had been in the navy for the past two years. His brother, anxious to be with him, enlisted March 13, 1941, and was assigned to the same ship. Both boys had been Boy Scouts and were members of the West Asheville Presbyterian church and of the Sunday school. The elder was graduated from Lee Edwards high school, but Charles William left school before graduation to join the navy and be with his brother.

Mr. Ballew, father of the boys, was expected to arrive here today from Norfolk, since a telephone message was finally put through to the place where he is boarding. Mr. Ballew left here about two weeks ago to work in the shipyards. His family planned to join him there. He is a veteran of World war No. 1.

Mrs. Ballew was somewhat calmer today, but she still maintains the two boys will show up somewhere. She will not believe they are lost. The boys' sister, Miss Frances Ballew, an employe of F. W. Woolworth company, also holds hope that maybe the family will receive good news later. Harry Lee, 14, the Ballews' other child, said today he is not worrying about his brothers and he also hopes to join the navy as a chaplain.

Mrs. Ballew said today Robert was 20 years old on February 14 and William was 18 on January 2.

Asheville Times March 3, 1942

FUNERAL RITES FOR 2 BROTHERS SET FOR SUNDAY

Services Will Be Held For Ballew Boys 'Missing Following Action'.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at West Asheville Presbyterian church for two of the Asheville boys who have been reported by the United States navy as "missing following action."

The boys, James Robert Ballew, 20, and Charles William Ballew, 18, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ballew of 4 Hickory Terrace, were two of the first three Asheville combat casaulties in World war II. The third was David Edward Nelon, 21, of 152 Barnard avenue who also has been reported "missing following action."

Officiating at the services will be the Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, pastor of the boys. Assisting will be the Rev. Paul N. Gresham and Dr. W. E. Finley.

Recruits supplied by the navy recruiting office here will serve as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Boys' Bible class of the church, of which the brothers were members.

A guard of honor will be formed by a uniformed detail of Sons of the Legion. Members of the woman's auxiliary of the American Legion will attend the services in a body. The sounding of taps by a bugler will conclude the services.

The boys are survived by their parents, a sister, Miss Frances Ballew, and a brother, Harry Lee Ballew.

James Robert Ballew had been in the navy for the past two years. His brother enlisted on March 13.

Asheville Times March 6, 1942

Final Rites Are Held For 2 Ballews, Lost In Action

The last photograph of James Robert Ballew and Charles William Ballew, taken just a short time before they were lost in the service of their country, was placed on the altar of the West Asheville Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon as they were, in last rites, committed to their God. Their bodies were somewhere in the cold waters of the Atlantic ocean.

The boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ballew, of 4 Hickory terrace, were two of Asheville's first three victims of World War No. 2.

They went down with the U. S. destroyer Jacob Jones when that ship was sent to the bottom by two the Atlantic. David Edward Nelon, 21, son of Mrs. Mae Nelon of 152 Barnard avenue, lost his life in the sinking.

Despite the chilly, drenching rainfall which fell all during the services, scores of sympathetic friends crowded into the church to hear the minister describe the boys as "soldiers of America and soldiers of Christ."

Long before the services began the church was well-filled and extra chairs were provided, but all who could stand at the rear crowded into the church and the overflow filled the vestibule, with others standing on the steps to the balcony, which also was filled. Many

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ere young people, friends of the ceased.

About the altar were cut flowers d palms. Two American flags ere advanced by members of the ons of the Legion drum and bugle rps of Kiffin Rockwell post, who ood at attention during the entire rvice. Uniformed present and st members of the naval service ood beside them with members of iffin Rockwell post sitting in ont of them.

A quartet of young women sang The Sweet Bye and Bye" and s they concluded the touching rain the Rev. P. N. Gresham of enilworth Presbyterian church pened the Presbyterian ritual of e service for the dead with the ords. "Cast thy burden upon the ord and He shall sustain thee.."

Prayer Is Offered

The reading of the 23rd Psalm as followed by the words:

"We thank Thee for teaching us at we are pilgrims upon the earth d that Thy house is our home. specially do we pray for Thy children in this time of bereavement nd sorrow. Do for them more han we can ask and more than e can think. May Thy wondrous eace descend upon all our hearts, e pray in the name of our Savior nd our Redeemer. Amen."

"City Four Square" was sung by e quartet then Mr. Gresham egan his ministration to the fam-ly

"There are two things for all of s first, to do the will of God, and econd, to suffer the will of God. n earth we all shall have tribulaion, but the Bible gives us many elpful thoughts. There are two ooks especially which are helpful o us—Peter and Job.

"In First Peter, we are told the race of God is sufficient in tribulaion. Submissive suffering may win others to God's way and may enarge our sphere of service. Some eople accomplish more by their death than they would by their ives even though they live 100 ears. Suffering purifies.

"Job in heaven today thanks God hat he had such sore trials and ribulations on earth," Mr. Gresham ontinued.

Seem Difficult

"Our afflictions seem hard and eavy, but our afflictions compared ith Christ's seem small," he added, and he stressed the pre-eminent omfort to be found in the Bible, eading from II Corinthians, Chapter 1, 17-28: "For our light affliction which is but for a moment, orketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

"While we look not at the things hich are seen, but at the things hich are not seen: for the things hich are seen are temporal; but he things which are not seen are ternal."

"Nothing compares with Eternity, ur lives are just a moment," Mr. resham said. "Find comfort in od," he added. "He is the source f all comfort. He will comfort ou and you will lead others to ind glorious comfort."

The eulogy was offered by the ev. J. Clyde Plexico, pastor of the hurch, after reading a poem of a other who had given her son to e armed services of the nation.

"For the first time World War II as come to our city and to our urch," he said.

"These boys believed in Christ. hey were members of this church. e know that as we draw close to e Lord, we draw close to these ys. They are not here in body, t in spirit."

Many in the congregation who d been affected deeply by the tire service, openly wiped their es and found it difficult to conol their emotions.

Other Lists

"Only a few days later another t (of dead) was added. Even hile we are in this service another list may be added," Mr. Plexico said.

"I have said from this pulpit many times in the past three years that America has not repented. I warn you, today, friends, that unless the people of America repent we are just beginning to see what will happen.

"People who love God must suffer so others who do not love Him may be brought to Him. We cannot explain many things that happen, but back of it all is God. If we will cling unto God all things will work out for the good of those that love God.

"Robert and Charles both believed in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Last Saturday morning, God came and took them away. They are not dead; they are alive with Christ."

Following another soft hymn and a prayer, the finality of the sounding of "taps" by the bugler drew forth the heart-breaking sound of uncontrollable weeping. The sympathetic tear welled in many eyes as the congregation filed slowly and silently from the church.

The boys are survived by their parents; a sister, Miss Frances Ballew, and a brother, Harry Lee Ballew.

Asheville Times March 9, 1942

Ballews Get Posthumous Awards

Mrs. W. W. Ballew of 4 Hickory terrace, West Asheville, today received two Purple Heart awards for her sons, James Robert Ballew, fireman first class of the U. S. navy, and Charles William Ballew, fireman second class of the U. S. navy, who gave their lives for their country when the U. S. S. Jacob Jones went down in February of last year. Mrs. Ballew is shown above with the Purple Hearts. The boys were the first of Asheville to give their lives in the war. Mrs. Ballew received two large United States flags from the Navy department last week. W. W. Ballew, father of the boys, is engaged in work at the naval base at Norfolk, Va. A young brother, Harry Lee Ballew, student at Lee Edwards high school, wants to be a chaplain in the navy. Miss Frances Ballew, a sister, recently returned to be with her mother from Norfolk, where she was employed at the naval base.

Asheville Times July 28, 1943

1,000 Persons Attend Ballew Brothers' Rites

A. Citizen - 3/9/42

The beautiful notes of "Taps"—signaling the end—filled the overcrowded auditorium of West Asheville Presbyterian church. Uncontrolled sobbing could be heard above the soft music. On many a face trickled tears that overfull eyes could not hold. The crowd of nearly a thousand persons slowly left the church. Thus ended funeral services for two of Asheville's first World War II dead.

James Robert Ballew, 20, and Charles William Ballew, 18, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ballew of 4 Hickory terrace, went down on the Jacob Jones, a U. S. destroyer, early the morning of February 28 in the waters of the cold Atlantic, victims along with many of their shipmates of two torpedoes fired from a lurking submarine. The third Asheville victim of the same attack was David Edward Nelon, 21, son of Mrs. Mae Nelon of 152 Barnard avenue.

In dying aboard the Jacob Jones they duplicated the death of the first Asheville person to die in World War I—also aboard the destroyer Jacob Jones. He was Harry R. Hood, a gunner and his destroyer also was sent to the bottom in the Atlantic.

The church was filled to overflowing some time before the service began yesterday, and although many extra chairs were provided some hundred or so were unable to get in the auditorium. Many crowded about the entrance as a heavy rain beat down from a gray sky.

Shortly after members of the family were seated in pews at the left front of the church, members of the Sons of the Legion drum and bugle corps of Kiffin Rockwell post advanced the colors. They stood at attention, the colors at either side of the altar. Flanking them were present and past members of the naval service, in uniform. In front of them sat members of Kiffin Rockwell post. Around the pulpit were beautiful offerings of varicolored cut flowers.

As the last strains of "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," sung by four young women, were lost in the distance, the Rev. Paul N. Gresham of Kenilworth Presbyterian church began reading the service for the dead from the Presbyterian ritual.

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee . . ." he said, and there was mist in many an eye as he began reading from the 23rd Psalm:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

"He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Prays For Boys

"Especially do we pray for Thy children in this time of bereavement and sorrow," he continued. "Do for them more than we can ask and more than we can think . . . May Thy wondrous peace descend upon all our hearts, we pray in the name of our Savior and our redeemer. Amen."

After another hymn, Mr. Gresham continued:

"There are two things for all of us—first, to do the will of God, and then to suffer the will of God . . .

"The Bible gives us some helpful thoughts. In the first Peter we are told the grace of God is sufficient in tribulation . . . Some people accomplish more by their death than they would by their lives even though they lived 100 years . . .

"The book of Job tells us his suffering made him a great blessing for all future generations."

He read from II Corinthians, 17-18: 'For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

"Nothing compares with eternity," Mr. Gresham said. "Our lives are just a moment . . .

"They were soldiers of America and soldiers of Christ."

The Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, pastor of the church, offered the eulogy after reading a poem of a mother who had given her son to the armed services of the nation.

"For the first time World War II has come to our city and to our church," Mr. Plexico began.

"These boys believed in Christ. They were both members of this church. We know that as we draw close to the Lord, we draw close to these boys. They are not here in body, but in spirit . . ."

Handkerchiefs surreptitiously were applied to many eyes, here and there a throat was cleared.

"Only a few days another list (of dead) was added," he continued. "Even while we are in this service another list may be added . . .

"I have said from this pulpit many times in the past three years that America has not repented. I warn you today, friends, that unless the people of America repent we are just beginning to see what will happen . . .

"People who love God must suffer so others who do not love Him may be brought to Him . . .

"We can not explain many things that happen, but back of it all is God . . . If we will cling unto God all things will work out for the good of those that love God . . .

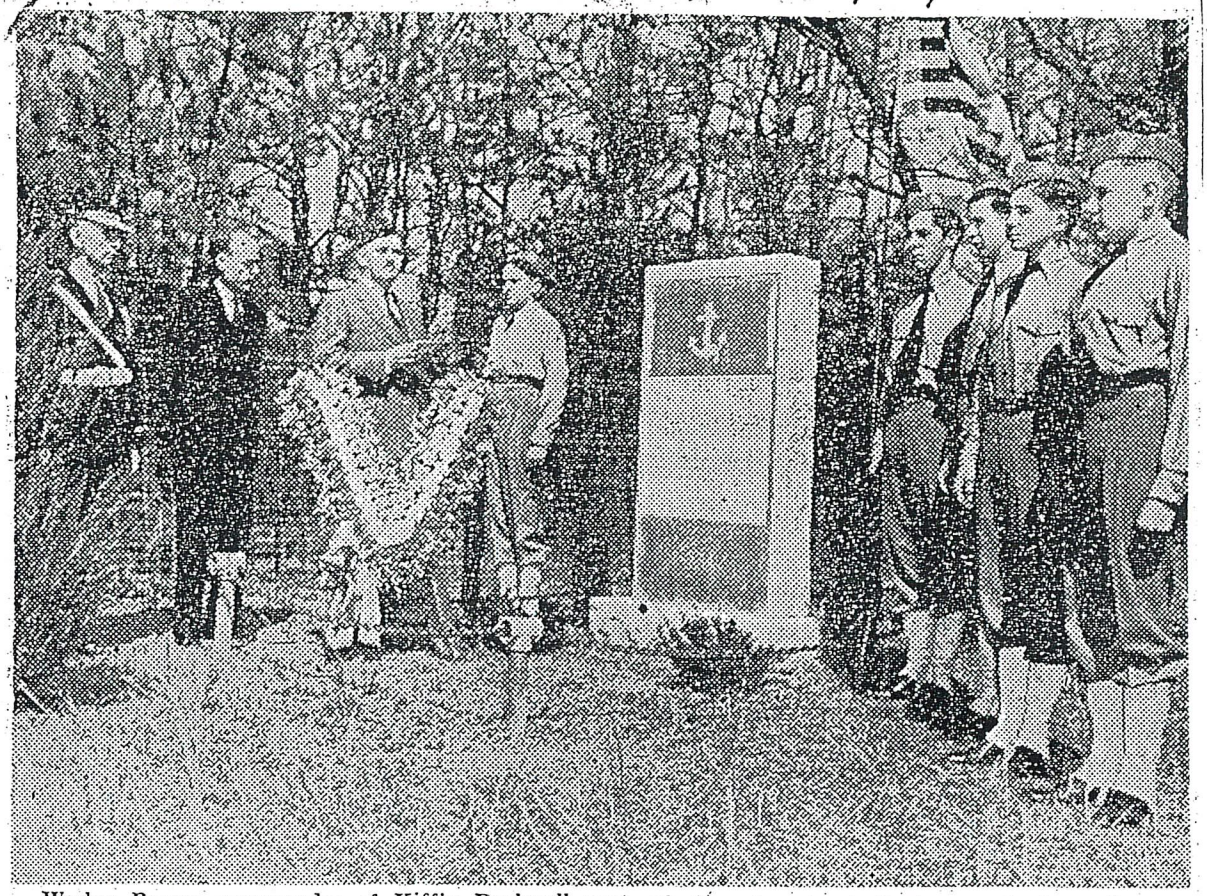
"Robert and Charles both believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost . . . Last Saturday morning God came and took them away . . . They are not dead, they are alive with Christ."

Another soft hymn, a prayer, and "Taps." Robert and Charles Ballew, their bodies somewhere in the waters of the Atlantic, had been committed to the keeping of their God.

Asheville Citizen March 9, 1942

Monument Is Dedicated To First War Dead

Ashe-Times 3/30/42



Wesley Brown, commander of Kiffin Rockwell post of the American Legion, yesterday afternoon dedicated a monument to two of Asheville's first dead of World War II, James Robert and Charles William Ballew, at Bent Creek Baptist church cemetery as silent tribute was paid by a hundred or more persons. Standing behind a V for Victory floral tribute in red, white and blue flowers, Commander Brown told of the high example set by the youths during their lives, relating how they had been together throughout their youth and school and when their country needed them they served together, and were together when duty called on them for the supreme sacrifice. "We must dedicate ourselves to the sacred ideals here represented," Mr. Brown said, "and to the memory of those who offer their lives that justice and freedom and democracy may survive and become the ideals of all peoples of the world." The two boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ballew of 4 Hickory terrace, were lost when the destroyer Jacob Jones was torpedoed in the Atlantic, February 28. The monument to their memory was erected recently under the direction of Mrs. Ballew. Shown in the picture, from left to right, are: Clarence DeYoung, quartermaster sergeant of the senior American Legion drum corps; the Rev. Gordon Keeler, chaplain of the American Legion post, who took part in the dedication; Mr. Brown; Louie Luther, Joe Digges, Garrison Hall, James Bolt and Eugene Johnson, all members of the Sons of the Legion.

Asheville Times March 30, 1942

Trees planted In Honor of Ballew's

Two Silver Cypress trees were planted Tuesday afternoon on the grounds of Eugene Rankin School as a living memorial to Robert and Charles Ballew, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ballew, 4 Hickory Terrace, who were reported missing after the U. S. S. Jacob Jones was torpedoed. The trees were given to the school by Mrs. Ballew in memory of her sons who completed the scholastic course at Eugene Rankin.

The dedicatory talk was made by Leon Connor, principal of Lee H. Edwards high school and former principal of Eugene Rankin school. The devotionals were conducted by Lt. E. G. Prasse, chaplain at the Naval Convalescent hospital, who was present with a detachment of men from the unit. Rev. Clyde Plexico made a prayer and the trees were accepted by Mr. Pierce P. Henderson, principal of the school.

Mrs. M. B. Coffey presented Mrs. Ballew with a copy of on original poem written especially for the occasion and Mrs. Frank Bell, president of the Eugene Rankin Parent-Teacher association, presided at the ceremony.

The program was concluded by the grades, singing "Anchors Aweigh."

West Asheville News November 19, 1943

Mrs. W. W. Ballew Sponsor Of Ship

W. Ash. News — 11-3-44

Mrs. W. W. Ballew of 4 Hickory terrace, was named as sponsor for the U. S. S. Cahuilla, which was launched at Charleston, S. C., yesterday. Two sons of Mrs. Ballew, Charles W. Ballew, fireman, second class, USN, and James Robert Ballew, fireman first class, were killed in action in 1942.

Miss Frances Ballew, daughter of Mrs. Ballew, served as maid of honor. Mr. Ballew, an employe at the naval air station in Norfolk, Va., was present. Several Asheville persons were invited for the launching ceremony, which was held at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. The Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, of which the Ballews are members, offered the invocation.

The Cauhilla is a powerful seagoing tug, built by the Charleston Shipbuilding and Drydock company.

Invitations to attend the ceremony were extended to friends and relatives of the family and civic leaders in Asheville. Those invited were: Mayor and Mrs. Lyons Lee, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hiden Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hair, Mrs. Robert Lee Smith, Gerald Cowan, Mrs. Julian Cooke of Marshall, Mrs. Mary Ballew, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Freeman of Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCurry of Bryson City, Mrs. E. S. Stikeleather, Mrs. O. C. Bryson, Mrs. Gertrude Fallin of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. May Nelon, Mrs. Baxter Sowers, Jesse Sowers, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McCarson of Charleston, the Misses Elizabeth and Francis Garren, Mrs. N. A. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Ward, Mrs. Margie Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell and L. I. Hall of Canton.

Asheville Citizen November 3, 1944

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1944

BALLEWS AT LAUNCHING CEREMONY—Mrs. William W. Ballew, of 193 Pennsylvania avenue, is shown at left above following the launching of the navy tug, the U.S.S. Cahuilla, Thursday morning at the Charleston, S. C., Shipbuilding and Dry Docks company. Mrs. Ballew was chosen to sponsor the vessel in memory of her two sons, Fireman Second Class Charles W. Ballew and Fireman First Class James R. Ballew, who were lost in action with the U.S.S. Jacob Jones early in 1942. Others in the photograph are Miss Frances Ballew, daughter of Mrs. Ballew, maid of honor for the occasion, and Mr. Ballew, father of the boys.

Asheville Citizen November 5, 1944

JAMES ROBERT BALLEW

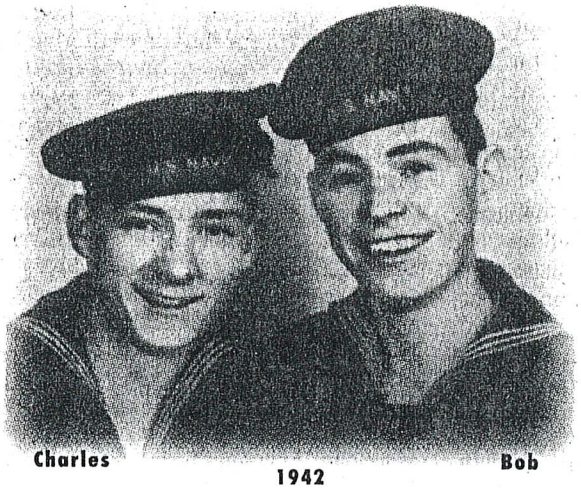
CHARLES W. BALLEW

HONORED BY LEGION—The memory of James Robert and Charles W. Ballew of West Asheville, sailors, believed to have been the first casualties of World War II from Asheville when they went down with the torpedoed Jacob Jones off the Atlantic coast, was honored by the Asheville American Legion post last night. The unit, previously known as Kiffin Rockwell post, changed its name to Rockwell-Ballew post.

Bruce Emory
Research

James Robert Ballew -Firemen, U.S. Navy
Charles William Ballew -North Atlantic
Asheville, NC

A loss still stunning after 53 years


Charles 1942 Bob

A German torpedo slammed into an old U.S. Navy destroyer on a cold spring morning in 1942, and World War II came to a mountain town a thousand miles away with shocking finality.

Aboard that destroyer were James Robert Ballew, 20, and Charles William Ballew, 18, brothers serving on the U.S. Jacob Jones. The ship was on anti-submarine patrol in the North Atlantic when a German U-boat found it first.

The Jones, a venerable "four stacker" built for service in World War I, quickly sank in the icy water. Only nine of her crewmen escaped. The Ballew brothers were not among them.

They died as they had lived, brothers together, and their deaths carried an emotional impact for Asheville that has lasted for more than 50 years.

They had been members of a tightly-knit West Asheville family. Their parents were William and Nora Ballew. They had one sister, Frances, and a younger brother, Harry.

They had grown up during the Depression. "We never really wanted for anything important," Frances said. "We always had enough to eat. But there wasn't much money to spend on things that weren't essential."

They attended Rankin and Hall-Fletcher Schools and Lee Edwards High School.

James Robert joined the Navy in 1940. Charles William followed him in 1941.

Pictures of them taken before they died show two smiling, handsome young men looking out at the world with pride and optimism. They were, typically, the kids next door, the young men who by the millions fought and won World War II.

Their youth and the fact that they died together made their story even more poignant, and it was covered in depth by the news media.

For 50 years Mrs. Ballew, keeping alive the memory of her lost sons, worked tirelessly with veterans, with veterans' organizations and with the Oteen Veterans' Administration Hospital.

It was a labor of love that her daughter, Frances Ballew, continues to this day.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS — Mrs. Karl Cogan, left, past president of the American Legion Auxiliary to the Rockwell-Ballew Post, presents the gavel to Mrs. W. W. Ballew, new president, at an installation meeting of the unit held last night in the Courthouse.

Mrs. W. W. Ballew To Head Rockwell-Ballew Auxiliary

Officers were installed at a meeting the Rockwell-Ballew Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary last night in the Courthouse.

Mrs. Joe C. Duncan, past unit president and department chairman of trophies and awards on the State board, installed the new officers as follows:

Mrs. W. W. Ballew, president, Mrs. Grace Scruggs, first vice-president; Mrs. J. B. Porter, second vice-president; Mrs. R. T. Shotwell, treasurer; Mrs. C. M. Morgan, recording secretary; Mrs. Margaret Craven, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Duncan, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Karl Cogan, historian, and Mrs. F. J. Bauman, chaplain.

Mrs. Cogan was presented with a past-president's pin by Mrs. Duncan, and was also given a wedding gift by the unit.

The name of the Kiffin Rockwell Post was changed to Rockwell-Ballew Post in honor of the new president's two sons, who were the first Asheville casualties in World War II.

Annual reports were given by:

Mrs. Edna Miller on community service; Mrs. R. E. Noland, rehabilitation; Mrs. Ballew, child welfare; and Mrs. J. L. Hall, correspondence. Mrs. Fred Bauman gave the monthly report of the volunteer service workers.

The monthly dance at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Swannanoa Division, will be held tonight, with Mrs. Stella Davis and Mrs. Hall serving as hostesses. It was announced that a graduation exercise will be held for all volunteer hospital workers September 24 at 8 p. m. in the Swannanoa Nurses Club.

Asheville Citizen November 11, 1951

New Officers Named By Gold Star Mothers

Members of the Buncombe County Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Friday night observed their organization's fifth birthday in a busy meeting in the Courthouse.

They cut a cake commemorating the anniversary, inducted Mrs. Ella Moody and Mrs. Mary E. Kelly into membership, and named for 1952:

Mrs. Edna Miller, president; Mrs. C. T. Moore, first vice president; Mrs. Clyde Carscaddon, second vice president; Mrs. A. C. Choate, secretary; Mrs. Mae Nelon, treasurer; Mrs. G. W. Baldwin, chaplain; Mrs. P. H. White, sergeant-at-arms, and Mrs. Henry McFee, historian.

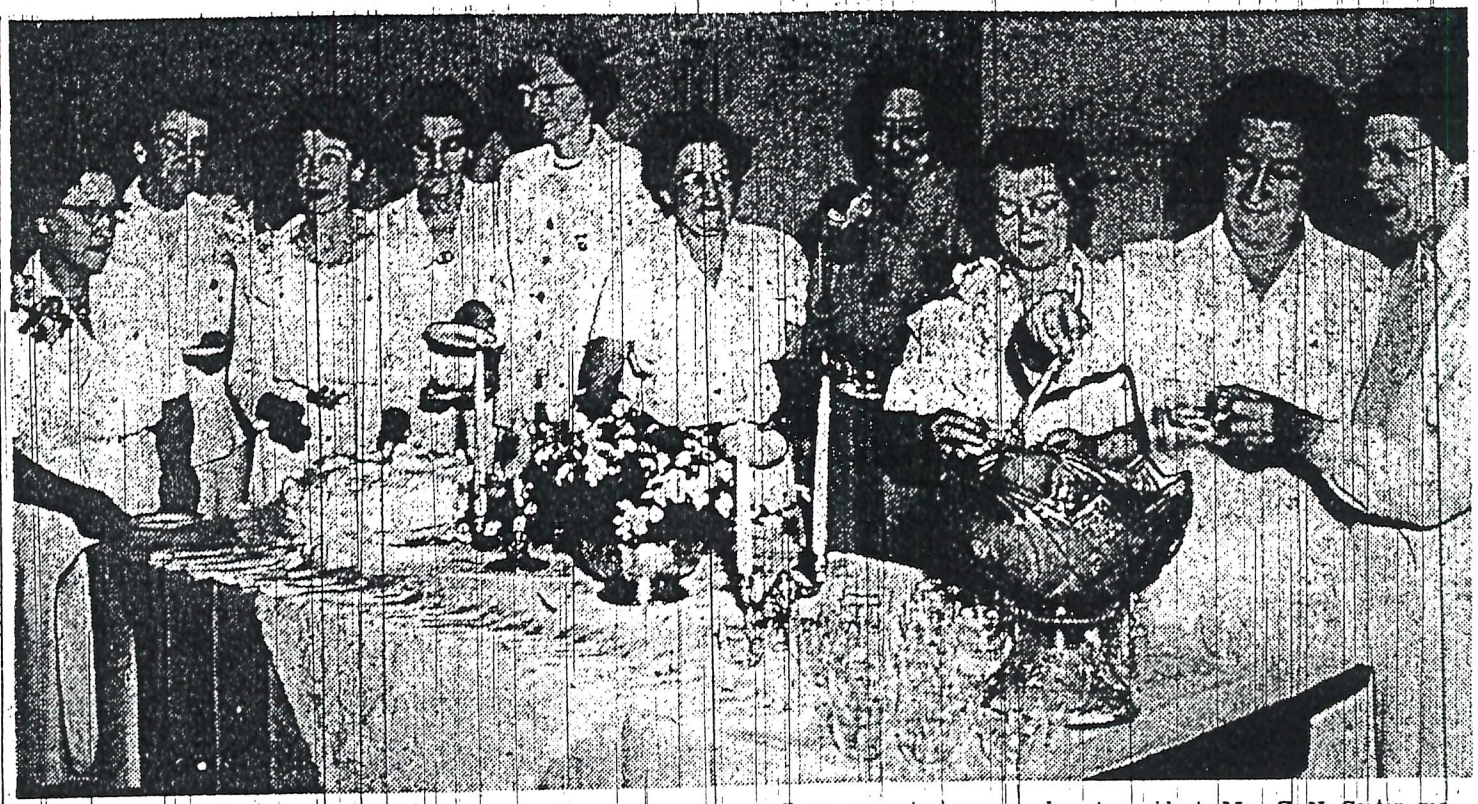
Mrs. Miller succeeded Mrs. McFee.

The observance of the chapter's birthday followed the business meeting.

During the social hour, music was presented by Mrs. Martha Furman and a reading was given by Mrs. Joe Ducan.

The refreshment table was covered with a beautiful white linen cloth centered with a silver bowl containing yellow crysanthemums and a large white cake bearing a raised gold star in its center.

The American Gold Star Mothers colors, gold and white, were emphasized in the decorations which graced the room for the occasion.



THE BIRTHDAY CAKE IS CUT as officers and former officers of the Buncombe County Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, observe their organization's fifth anniversary. L. to R. Mrs. J. E. Morgan, hospital chairman; Mrs. May Barksdale, past president; Mrs. Henry McFee, president; Mrs. E. C. Choate, chaplain; Mrs. W. W. Ballew, sergeant-at-arms and past president; Mrs. G. N. Carter, memorial chairman; Mrs. C. T. Moore, second vice president; Mrs. Edna Miller, first vice president; Mrs. J. B. Carscaddon, secretary; and Mrs. Mae Nelon, treasurer. (Citizen-Times Photo)

Father Of World War II Heroes

Rites For W. W. Ballew Set For This Afternoon

Ash. Cit. 5-15-60

William W. Ballew, 69, killed Friday night when struck by an automobile on U.S. 70, was identified Saturday as a resident of 48 Olney Rd., and the father of James Robert and Charles William Ballew, who were among the first Buncombe County casualties of World War II and for whom the Rockwell-Ballew Legion Post was named.

Mr. Ballew had retired last February after 23 years of service with the Civilian Government Department of the Norfolk, Va., Naval Base.

Services will be held at 4 p. m. Sunday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home.

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, pastor of West Asheville Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Bent Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Active and honorary pallbearers will be members of the West Asheville Lodge No. 665, AF and AM.

Lodge members are asked to meet at the lodge hall at 3 p. m. Sunday for the purpose of conducting the graveside rites and serving as pallbearers.

Mr. Ballew was a native of Buncombe County, a son of James and Mary G. Ballew, was a World War I veteran and served overseas.

He was a member of West Asheville Presbyterian Church, the West Asheville Masonic Lodge, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Rockwell-Ballew Post of the American Legion.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Nora Cooke Ballew; one daughter, Miss Frances Ballew of the home; one son, Harry Lee Ballew of Hyattsville, Md.; one foster son, Michael Ballew of the home.

Also eight brothers, Thomas J., France, Lewis, West, Ralph, Mark and Berlin Ballew of Asheville and Dess Ballew of Arden; and one grandchild.

Asheville Citizen May 15, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger Wed 50 years

ASHEVILLE – Mr. and Mrs. Popejoy Ballinger of Asheville, who were married on Feb. 27, 1949, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 3 to 5 p.m. June 26 at West Asheville Baptist Church. Family and friends are invited to the reception given by their daughters, Beverly Webb of Hemet, Calif., Rachel Jensen of Asheville, Martha Wilson of Waynesville, and their nine grandchildren. Mrs. Ballinger is the former Dorothy Chandler.

Asheville Citizen June 29, 1999

HEAD HALL FLETCHER STUDENTS—Glenn May, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. May of 179 Brucemont circle, was named president of the student body at Hall Fletcher junior high school this morning. Sammy Fain, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fain of 72 Brownwood avenue, was elected vice-president, and Nell Bannister, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bannister of 256 Brevard road, was elected secretary.

Asheville Times May 12, 1944

W. E. BARKER IS DEAD FUNERAL SET FOR TODAY

Department Store Owner Dies After Long Illness

W. E. Barker, 50, owner of Barker's department store in West Asheville, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in an Asheville hospital after an illness of six months.

He had been in business here for the past 10 years. He was a past master of Granite lodge No. 322, A. F. and A. M. of Mt. Airy, N. C., past patron of Asheville lodge No. 191, Order of Eastern Star; a member of West Asheville lodge No. 665, A. F. and A. M., and the West Asheville club.

He is survived by his widow, two children, Jean Frances and Marion Woodward Barker; his father; and three sisters, Mrs. Harry Boyd and Mrs. Marshall Fowler, of Mt. Airy, and Mrs. Russell Gilbert, of Baltimore, Md.

Funeral services will be conducted at 5 o'clock this afternoon at West Asheville Methodist church with the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, the Rev. [illegible] Davis and the Rev. Carlock Hawk officiating. Interment will be in Green Hills cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be H. B. Power, Dr. G. A. Shleder, C. B. Anderson, Henry Mitchell, H. C. Caldwell and Charles F. Hyatt. Honorary pallbearers will be J. H. [illegible] H. Rossell, Merton Robertson, Dr. D. B. Buck, Jr., Dr. Charles Gaskins, John A. Ford, Ray Woody, Cole Woody, Jack Fortune, C. B. Mallonnee, J. H. Ruble, Bert Starnes and J. H. Farris.

A quartet from West Asheville Methodist church will sing. Flower girls will be members of the Eastern Star.

Dunn-Groce undertakers are in [illegible]

Asheville Citizen July 23, 1934

W. G. BARRETT, 98, CALLED BEYOND

At the advanced age of 98 years, William G. Barrett, a Confederate veteran died early this morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. R. Meadows, 346 Westwood place. Death came at 12:05 o'clock.

Funeral services will be held at the residence tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. A. S. Beanman and Rev. E. W. Black will conduct the services. The body will be buried at Leicester cemetery.

Mr. Barrett had lived in Asheville 14 years. He came here from Georgia where he was a farmer before and after the War Between the States. At the outbreak of the war he was 34 years old.

A sister, Mrs. Clara McNish, of Johnson City, Tenn., two daughters, Mrs. M. R. Meadows, of West Asheville, and Mrs. Mary Fore, of Windale, N. C., 15 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren survive.

Asheville Times May 12, 1924

9-11-02

Pastor's faith in U.S. boosted by New York trips

WEST ASHEVILLE — Sue Wright Barron has been helping people her entire life.

"My father was a minister, and we just did things for other people," said Barron, who is a volunteer chaplain with the Asheville Police Department as well as the minister of youth and education at Calvary Baptist Church.

"I find my greatest joy there, not in materialistic things," Barron said. "I have no money in the bank; I've never been a moneymaker. That's just the way it's always been."

So it was no surprise to the people who know Barron that she went to New York with a group of other pastors in the aftermath of Sept. 11 to help however they could — and all at their own expense. That first trip in February, she helped people seeking assistance with housing, work equipment and food after the attacks, served as a "listening counselor" and sometimes as an unofficial chaplain.

A month later she returned to New York on her own, this time helping distribute the funds she had helped people apply for earlier.

"The experiences I had there changed my attitude and outlook on life," Barron said. "I experienced firsthand the integrity of the agencies handling the funds as well as that of the people who lost so much of their lives."

Barron said she returned from her two weeks in New York — which were both horrific and uplifting — with an even greater appreciation for America, while at the same time becoming "more cynical about the battle between political parties."

"Why can't we be one nation? Why do we have to continue this battle between parties when it's the people that matter?" she said.

William Wilke, the West Asheville community resource officer with the APD, said Barron has been an inspiration to police officers here as well as the victims in New York.

"Let me tell you, all the chaplains are invaluable," Wilke said. "Sue is so cheerful, and always willing to help an volunteer in any way that she can. She's always there, and I just can't say enough good things about her."

Barron, who will be ordained as a minister in September, said she plans to return to New York for several days later this year to work with an after-school program at a church in Hell's Kitchen supported by Calvary Baptist.

In the meantime, she continues her volunteer work at the APD and takes every opportunity to talk about what happened last September.

"We must constantly make people aware of what happened," she said. "We can't forget this."

— Barbara Blake

Kelly Martinez/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sue Wright Barron, a volunteer chaplain at the Asheville Police Department and minister of youth and education at Calvary Baptist Church, frequently rides with officers such as West Asheville Community Resource Officer William Wilke, right. Barron has been to New York City twice since Sept. 11 to help victims of the terror attacks.

Community Club Head

Mrs. Edward P. Barry is the new president of the West Asheville Community club. She will be installed at the April meeting of the club. Mrs. Barry, who lives at 117 Brucemont circle, has been residing in Asheville for 14 years and has been a member of the Community club for 12 years. She has served the club in many capacities, having been head of its literary department for four years, and having served as publicity chairman for several years. She also organized Brucemont Garden club and is its president now.

Asheville Citizen 1937 (March?)

THE BRUCEMONT GARDEN CLUB held its annual birthday party yesterday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. Clarence Shaver, 124 Brucemont Circle. Mrs. Edward P. Barry, seated at left, first president of the club, and Mrs. W. K. Dalton, present president and co-founder, presided at the tea table. Also shown in the picture are Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. A. G. Jarrett, Mrs. Don C. Young, Mrs. Richard Zimmerman, Mrs. A. E. Radloff, Mrs. James Finch, Mrs. John May, Mrs. C. R. Pinkston, Mrs. Shelby Horton, Mrs. Frank Mulvaney, Mrs. George Lowe and Mary Ella Lowe.

FAITHFUL NEGRO SERVANT IS DEAD

Henry Bason, for a half century a faithful servant for Colonel Robert Bingham and the Bingham Military school, died at Blue Ridge hospital for colored persons yesterday faternoon.

Bason was known as "Booze" to the students, cadets, alumni and friends of the school. He was one of the unique characters of this section. He was 76 years old and died after an illness of about a week.

Booze became connected with Bingham school when it was established in Mebane in 1880. When the institution was moved to Asheville in 1891 Booze came with it.

No Bingham admirer or student was more loyal to the school than Booze with his keen memory of past experiences, victories and defeats of the various athletic teams. He was always on the side line with "Hold 'em Bingham."

Funeral services will be held at Bingham Heights Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Asheville Times April 26, 1924

WHITE AND BLACK TO HONOR 'BOOZE'

White and colored will pay their last respects today to Henry "Booze" Bason, faithful negro, whose life of long service is interwoven in the traditions and memories of Bingham Military school.

For nearly half a century "Booze" helped educate the hundreds of cadets who came to the famous military school. He was a character with whom every Bingham alumni, many residents of this city and friends of the institution are familiar with.

Rev. Dr. Robert F. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will preach the funeral service this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Grinnan on Bingham Heights. Burial will be made at Riverside Cemetery.

Bason died Friday afternoon at the Blue Ridge hospital for colored persons. Yesterday his body was taken to the home of Colonel S. R. McKee on Bingham Heights. Upon the arrival today of Mrs. Grinnan from Louisville, Ky., the body will be taken to her home for the funeral.

Members of the 1923 Bingham football team will serve as pallbearers. Booze was the son of a slave. For the greater part of his span of 76 years, he served the Bingham family and the school.

Taps were blown for Booze last night.

Asheville Times April 27, 1924

2 Sets Of Twins In This Family

If Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bates of Brevard road, proud parents of the youngsters shown above, resided in Italy, they probably would receive a bonus from Mussolini for rearing a large family. Two sets of twins are included on the first row, from left to right, as follows: Harold Dean, Carol Jean, Bobby Lutrelle, and Peggy Lanelle. Harold and Carol will be six years old on January 5. They entered school this year. Bobby and Peggy will be five years of age next April. Children on the back row are, from left to right: Helen Ruth, who was eight this week and is in the fouth grade; Charles, who will be 12 on December 4 and is in the eighth grade; and Beulah who is 10 and in the fifth grade. Mr. Bates is night watchman at Hans Rees tannery.

Asheville Citizen September 29, 1935

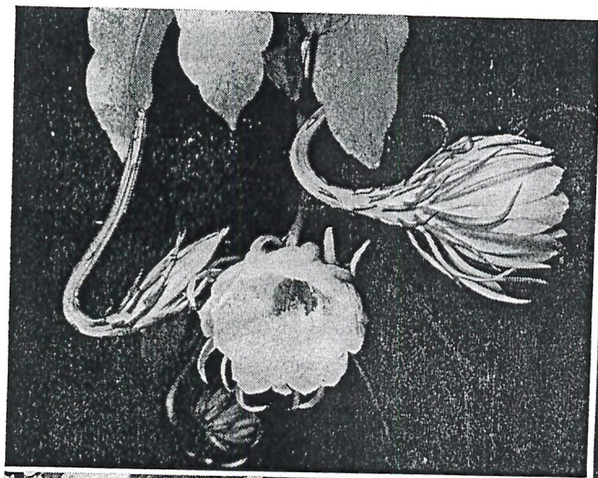
Auxiliary Bates Is Here For Furlough

Auxiliary Mildred H. Bates of the Women's Army corps, is spending an 11-day furlough here and is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Hoyle of 223 Westwood place.

BATES

Aux. Bates has been in the WAC since February and is attached to the medical supply department, station hospital, Daytona Beach, Fla. She is a former employe of the circulation department of the Citizen-Times company.

Asheville Times July 12, 1943



NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS

Photo at top left was made about 9 P. M., as the flower was opening. Photo at top right was made later, and that at bottom right was made about 11 P. M. Mr. and Mrs. Bean are shown above, with plant as it looked the following morning.

GARDEN NOTES

French Broad River Garden Club

ACCORDING to the great plant authority, L. H. Bailey, the "Night-blooming Cereus", as it is commonly called, belongs to the cactus family and is placed in the Selenicereus group. This particular group comprises sixteen different species: night-blooming, clambering, trailing or climbing cacti. It feeds to a certain extent on air and reaches to the tops of trees in its native haunts extending from the southern United States through Mexico to Argentina. The variety shown above is probably Cereus Pteranthus. It has large, very fragrant, waxy white flowers that open at night. It is native to Mexico.

The photographs of the opening blossoms were taken on Saturday night, August 3, between the hours of 9:00 and 11:30 with the exception of the one showing Mr. and Mrs. Bean standing beside the potted plant. That photo was made the day after the plant had bloomed.

Mrs. Bean rooted the plant from a single leaf five years ago. It has blossomed each year for the past four years and has had some 37 blossoms and buds in all. Mrs. Bean has it potted in a mixture of woods soil mixed with old, well sifted, stable manure carefully worked into the whole. She gives a feeding of Vigoro about once every two months in winter—one teaspoon to a quart of water—and keeps the plant outside all summer, in full sunlight, watering it from time to time to supply plenty of moisture during the blooming period. Every spring she re-pots the plant in fresh soil and sifts a little well-rotted, dry, stable manure over the surface soil so that the fertilizing element can trickle down to the roots each time it is watered. This same treatment is given in the fall.

The "bush" is now about 30 inches tall with a good spread. It began blooming in May of this year with two blossoms and has had sixteen blooms to the present time this summer. In dry, hot weather the buds sometimes fall off. Like all other cacti, the Night-blooming Cereus needs a liberal supply of water during the growing period. It is advisable not to over-water plants of this type in winter, as this is the dormant period, but they soon suffer if allowed to get too dry and should never be placed near a hot radiator.

Frank Bell Is Largest Newspaperman In Town

Citizen Carrier Has Good Record; Wants Contest Award

Frank C. Bell is Asheville's biggest newspaperman.

Three inches more than six feet tall and weighing 260 pounds, he is a conspicuous figure at conferences of The Asheville Citizen's carrier force, and has the muscular ability to carry a large load of papers. He has been carrying papers for The Citizen about a year, and has not lost any weight, instead reports are that he has been gaining slightly.

Mr. Bell has a large portion of the West Asheville section and is a hard worker. Since taking over his present route, there have been several increases in patrons and his reports have been very favorably received in the circulation department.

His deliveries have been regular. Mr. Bell has not been late in reporting for his papers at The Citizen office a single time, and has delivered all his papers every morning. His accounts for papers are all settled on time and usually before the required date for such settlements.

The Citizen's prize for its most efficient carrier is something Mr. Bell has in view just now. He is working hard to win and keeping his remarkable record still clear of mis-

Largest

Frank C. Bell, Asheville Citizen carrier in West Asheville, who is out to win the carriers' award. Mr. Bell is six feet and three inches tall and weighs 260 pounds. He is the largest carrier in Asheville.

—Staff Photo by Michael.

Asheville Citizen August 15, 1930

HEALTH—THAT'S HE

One hundred percent health throughout the twenty-one months of his life is the record of Jesse David Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, 90 Solola street, West Asheville. Jesse David weighs thirty-one pounds.

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Personality Profile: John Bell

John Bell with his 1953 soapbox derby entry. Photograph by Reid Chapman.

By Reid Chapman

To visit John Bell's shop-cum-museum is to sit at his feet for a moment. In that moment he offers lessons on relationships, work, and life in general. And he'll drop a string of names on a listener—not to impress, but to communicate where he comes from. As he puts it, "This ain't all about me."

John Bell was born in 1939 in the old Mission Hospital. He lived on Mitchell Avenue in West Asheville for the next 25 years. He credits his childhood friend Sid Parker with pointing out that he grew up in an "Ozzie and Harriet family." During the Second World War, he made the rounds of the neighborhood with his father, an air raid warden, checking to make sure all the lights were out. He had the freedom to ride his scooter to the A & P grocery store. His was a neighborhood in which "lots of people had influences on kids." He cited George Prosser, a relocated Englishman, with teaching him "how to go out to the woods and see something other than trees." In those days, he says, "You didn't worry about people stealing." The worst thing he could think to say about his childhood home was walking out on a Sunday morning and passing Lavonne's, the drive-in that is now Franklin's Outdoor Sports, and seeing the white gravel thrown out in Haywood Road the previous evening by cars peeling out of the lot.

John's lifelong love of racing began in 1953 with his first soap box derby raced along South French Broad Avenue. His interest in cars goes back even farther. His childhood is filled with the lore of automotive travel. In 1926, his father and three other West Asheville boys drove a $15 Model T Ford across the United States.

When Bell graduated from Lee Edwards High School in 1957, his dad issued a warning: "You're not going to sit around all summer. Either go to college or join the service." John reflected that "I'd had about enough of school at that point," so he joined the Army. He quickly learned the difference between the geniality of West Asheville and the reality of the larger world: "I didn't know about the rest of the things going on until 1957." He spent the next three years in France.

In 1962, a few years after John returned from the service, his father bought Main Auto Parts on Craven Street behind the stockyard. Bell proudly walks any interested parties through the shop, showing off photographs and artifacts documenting the history of the business. The building was built in 1947, replacing a smaller one. At that time the company bought old cars and

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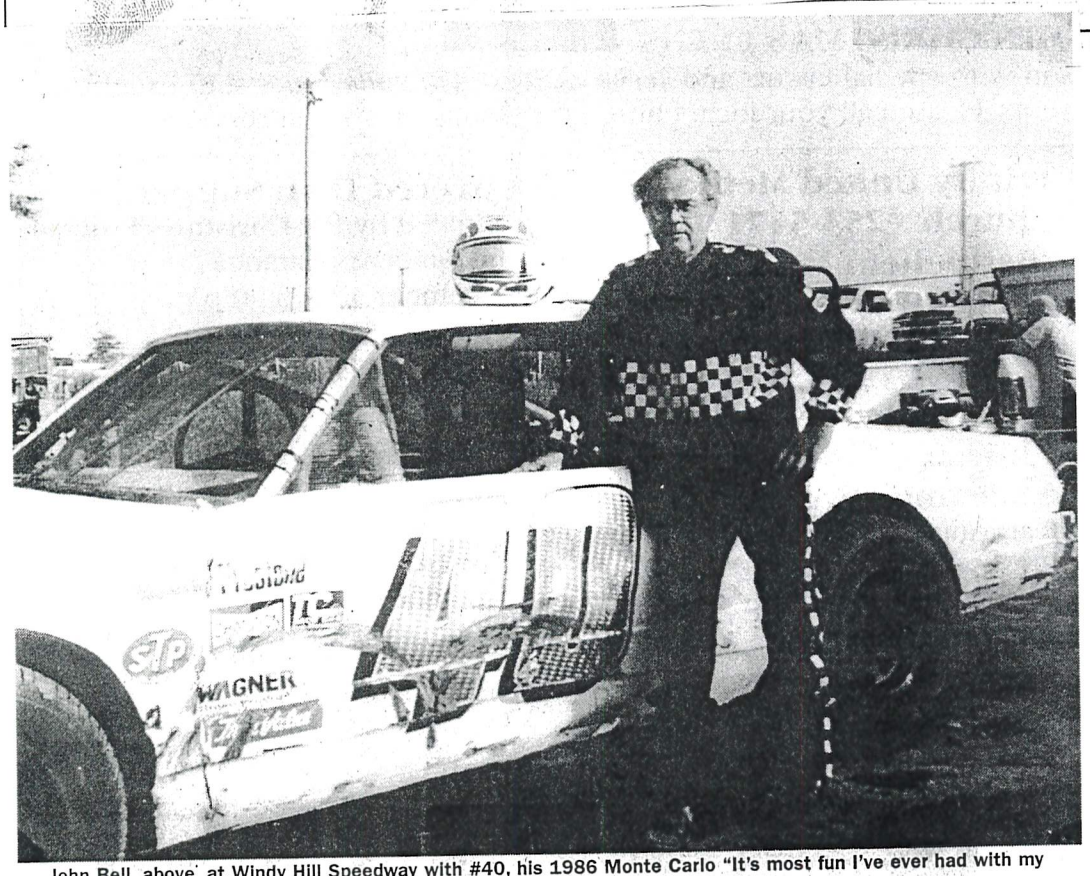

John Bell, above, at Windy Hill Speedway with #40, his 1986 Monte Carlo "It's most fun I've ever had with my clothes on," John says. Photo courtesy John Bell.

other scrap metal. He shows off the award given the business by the War Department during the Korean War for contributing scrap metal to the war effort. "830 tons ain't a big deal till you realize they're doing it by hand." At that point in time cars were scrapped and hauled down to the rail line over a half mile away. "I was 21 years old when I first walked through that door. It's hard to look at this stuff and realize 40 years of your life has gone by."

Bell began closely following racing during this time, often working in the shops of racers Banjo Mathews and Roy Trantham. He also went to the races down at the Speedway "'bout all the time." He took particular interest in a young Randy Bethea, encouraging his attraction to racing. Bethea went on to become the first and only Black NASCAR driver to win a Busch series pole. In 1963, Bell met Patricia Allen at a car show. He reports that she said, "If you need anybody to polish your trophies, give me a call." They were married two years later. Shortly thereafter, with a wife, a house, a business, and two girls to raise, "there was no time for racing." Bell took to working on "show" cars, taking them to Charlotte and Greensboro.

He has an obvious pride in his family, taking the opportunity to describe the achievements of his daughters, Leslie and Shannon. He commented on the recent pleasure of getting to watch his grandson take his first step. This experience was made all the greater knowing that his father had watched his daughter Shannon take her first step. Such traditions are important to John Bell. Later, while looking over Bell's soap box race car, I asked if that same grandson would have the opportunity to race it. Bell replied that it would be better for his grandson to build his own. "That thing about making it easier for your kid than you is a myth. They'll take it for granted."

John's life took an interesting turn three years ago, when he began to draw social security. He looked at that first check and realized it would just about fund a racing hobby. He took to running local dirt tracks. He proudly comments, "I've got the only federally funded car in the circuit." He doesn't miss the irony of this transformation either. "The guys who were racing when I started fixing cars are now burnt out on racing and are working on cars now that I'm racing." And he's had a good bit of success as well. In the past three years he has won three heat races and one feature race. His friend John McRealth got him back into racing. Although they both have cars, they work often as a team. In one recent race McRealth "tore his car up, and I gave him mine." McRealth went on to win the race, and Bell went on to earn an award for sportsmanship. As Bell reflected to his friend, "John, that sportsmanship award might mean more to me than a first place." This fits right in with another of Bell's philosophies: "You only get out of life what you give away."

THE WEST ASHEVILLE NEWS Aug 1929

Local Boys Return From Long Journey

Four West Asheville Boys Make 8,000 Mile Tour in $15.00 Ford

After covering parts of twenty-three states part of Canada and Old Mexico, covering more than eight thousand miles in a semi - rejuvenated Ford car, Carrol Miller, Henry Shook, Dewey Gordon and Raymond Bell, acompanied by their German police dog "Tot" returned to Asheville last week and have been busy greeting and bein greeted by old friends and telling trovelogues.

Leaving here shortly after the close of school this spring the quartette first went to Detroit where they pooled their financial resources and purchased a fifteen dollar Ford. The license plate on the car represented an investment of $12.50 which made the machanical and automotiva equipment complete stand them in the sum of $2.50.

Regardless of the cost, however it seems that the car was equal to the test through which it was destined to go as the boys reported that they had little difficulty during the entire trip and that their "buggy" "cadillaced" over hill and through valley without a whimper.

Garnering a can of yellow paint, the "Four Fordmen" painted the little car up in a coat of bright canary and decorated it with the names of their girl friends back home, punctuated here and there with witty quotations and departed from Detroit for points in Canada.

After visiting points of interest in Canada the "Carolina Special," with its refinue returned to the United States and headed for Kansas where the boys spent some time working in the wheat harvest and then continued on West to the Pacific coast.

Over the old Santa Fe Trail, the Lincoln Highway and the Victory Highway, the "Uncovered Wagon" as the car was also effectively named carried the young men over the plains, deserts and the Rocky Mountains to to California.

From California the party motored over the "Old Southern Route" to Mexico where they visited Juarez and other points of interest, returned to Texas and back to Western North Carolina through Louisiana, Mississippi and other Southern states.

Each of the boys have many interesting tales to tell of their various adventures including catching prairie dogs and jack rabbits in Kansas and other Western states. One of them tells of a Western jack rabbit which they captured which measured forty inches from the tip of his ears to the end of his hind legs. He says these rabbits are "slightly larger" than the native rabbits of the Smoky Mountains.

On one occassion while the boys were working in the wheat fields in Kansas they say they spent one Sunday pouring 750 gallons of water in a prairie dog hole but they say that they have not yet seen this particular animal since the time he made his dive into his hole.

One large desert hawk was captured alive which measured about thirty-six inches across wing tip to wing tip and the boys planned to bring the bird home with them as an additional mascot but unfortunately, he died and they abandoned him above the clouds in the Rock Mountains.

Besides enjoying the grandue of the Rockies, the party enjoyed a swim in the Great Salt Lake of Utah, crossed the Utah desert saw the Royal Gonge, went through Monarch Pass, which is 11,260 ft. above sea level, viewed the sand hills of California and visited many historic spots in the West and on the Pacific coast.

Much attention was attracted along the route and the boys had the opoprtunity to some wonderful boosting for Western North Carolina and Asheville. They met a few motor parties from North Carolina and had the pleasure of answering many questions about the Land of the Sky. Everyone seemed greatly interested they say.

During the entire trip the party enjoyed good weather and was caught in a rain only once. They had no top on their car. After leaving California on the return trip they had no trouble whatever not even a puncture, they say.

Although they greatly enjoyed the experience and are of the unanimous opinion that its educational value was great, each of the boys expressed himself as being glad to be home again some of them will return to school here this fall while others plan to go away to school.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1943

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

RAYMON B. BELL

Typical of the many men here who are doing effective home front service, going about their civilian defense duties without fanfare or ado, is Raymon B. Bell, air raid warden for district No. 22, West Asheville.

He is one of those who ever remains on the alert for an ALERT and keeps his organization ever ready for the yellow, blue and red flash.

Between "air raids" a good air raid warden sees to it that his district personnel is qualified with all up-to-the-minute training available. And Raymon is quite proud of the fact that practically every one of his 49 district members have completed the required course. The only exceptions are those who have recently been recruited to take the place of those who have left the city, but they will soon be full-fledged civilian soldiers, Raymon has not doubt.

Of a quiet, calm and well-composed nature, Raymon is tempermentally fitted for a district leader, especially if the city should ever be besieged by actual fire from the sky; and is equipped with the patience and habit of thoroughness which assure faithful attention to organizational details.

Indeed, district No 22 is one of the reasons why Asheville's air raid system is one of the best in the state. You don't have to take this column's word for it: just ask Air Raid Chief Julian Stepp.

Raymon has another Asheville defense post. Recently he was named a member of the maintenance committee for the Office of Defense Transportation here.

A native of Asheville, Raymon is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bell. His father, as many recall, was a veteran street car and bus operator here.

Raymon attended Ashland avenue grammar school, Newton academy, Hall Fletcher High school, and Asheville Senior high, after which he studied at Biltmore Junior College and the University of Tennessee.

At Hall Fletcher Raymon was

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a member of the student council and at Tennessee was one of the Theta Chi Alpha fraternity.

While attending grammar school Raymon worked in the mechanical department of the Sawyer and the Bell Motor companies. After leaving college, he operated a Standard Oil service station for three years and then went back to Bell Motor company where he remained for four years. Then he became connected with Oscar Brown Motor company, where he worked in the parts and service department for about a year. From there he joined the mechanical department of the Skyland Motor company where he worked for about six months.

With this background of training, he became associated with International Harvester company here in 1940, first serving as salesman. For the past year and a half he has been parts manager for the company.

Raymon never had the rambling urge perhaps but once, and he gave the impulse the works.

Shortly after finishing high school in the spring of 1929 he in company with three other West Asheville boys, Carrol Miller, Henry Shook and Dewey Gordon, and their German police dog, "Tot," set out on a Gulliver jaunt that took them 8,000 miles and covered 23 states, and parts of Canada and old Mexico.

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Raymon won't say whether he met a senorita down in Old Mexico or not, but we have our own idea about the matter.

But even if he did he has had ample reason to forget all about that, because in 1937 Raymon married a brown-eyed Brown belle from out Weaverville way—Miss Frances Brown, whom he met through a sister who had married Frances' brother.

Raymon and Frances, who reside at 64 Mitchell avenue, West Asheville, have two young sons, John Grover, age 4, and William Anson, who is one and half years old. And the way Raymon greets those kids and they him when he comes home after work makes the older daddies want to start playing papa all over again.

Besides Mrs. Robert Brown—who was cupid's liaison in bringing Raymon and Frances together—Raymon has one other sister, Mrs. George P. Buckner.

Raymon is president of the Cosmic club to which office he was elevated last January. A member of the organization since 1937, he is a former secretary of the club, being named to that office to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William L. Morgan. Then Raymon was on the board of directors for one year before being named to the presidency.

Conscientious, sincere and mild in speech, Raymon is not given to much talk, but when he does speak they listen. His club fellows say he is a good president. Our wager is that he will be elected for another six-months term when election time rolls around in June.

Raymon Bell is a hard-working, civic-minded, happily-married and home-loving young man who may be called to the armed services before this thing is over but who in the meantime is doing his bit at home—a typical American.

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RAMSEY

MRS. PIERCE

MISS MOORE

MISS ROBINSON

MISS LANCE

MRS. BENNES

TEACHERS AT THE TOP — Asheville units of two teacher groups elected officers at meetings yesterday afternoon. Miss Margaret Moore of Lee Edwards High School was elected president of the city unit of the North Carolina Education Association. Other officers are Woodrow Ramsey, principal of Queen Carson Elementary School, named vice president, and Mrs. D. H. Pierce of Claxton Elementary School, secretary-treasurer. The Asheville Classroom Teachers Association named Mrs. Anna Bennes of Vance Elementary School, president; Miss Mary June Lance of Grace Elementary School, vice president, and Miss Betty Robinson of Hall Fletcher Junior High School, treasurer. Miss Frances Farlinger of Aycock Elementary School, secretary, was not present for the picture.

N.C. - Asheville - Biography - Bennett, Dr. C.C.

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Sunday, April 1, 1962

Rites To Be Held Monday For Dr. C. C. Bennett, 71

Services for Dr. C. C. Bennett, 71, of 82 Westwood Pl., Asheville dentist for 45 years, will be held at 2 p. m. Monday in First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Bennett, dental member of the Asheville Board of Health for some 30 years, died Saturday morning in an Asheville hospital after an illness of several weeks.

A native of the Cataloochee section of Haywood County, he was a graduate of Emory University's School of Dentistry, where he was valedictorian of his class.

Officiating at the Monday service will be the Rev. A. Allen Gardner Jr., pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

Details of burial arrangements will be announced later.

Active pallbearers will be Glenn R. Snipes, Paul W. Markwood, Albin Knight, Claude L. Hayden, William M. Morgan and Dr. H. W. Stevens.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Geizentanner, James Geizentanner, Guy Ward, Arthur York, Perry Alexander, Dunbar Holder, Cecil Hoskins, Baxter Taylor, June McKenzie, Hilliard Green, Ottis Green, Jimmie Hagan, George Lobb, Charles Wallace, E. C. Burleson, I. C. Crawford, Frank Brown, Ed Lyda, Mort Kahn Sr.

Baker McCullough, Dr. Kermit Brown, Leo Manley, Coleman Zagier, Jennings Groome, Henry Joe Britt, Henry Baker, Ed Street, Andy Anderson, Gene Ochsenreiter Sr., Max Israel, Eddie Koon, Haywood Powers, Hubert Edney, Walter Lewis Sr., Bobby Lewis, Fred Manchester, Lavon Sarafian, John Lassiter, John Spicer, Ed Sams, Frank Keener, Dr. M. L. Leonard, Honiss A. Tull, Jim Dowtin, Dr. George G. Gilbert, Dr. Patrick F. Clark, Bill Krickhan, members of the Buncombe County Dental Society, the Buncombe County Health Department, the Asheville Checker Club and the John A. Nichols Masonic Lodge.

Dr. Bennett came to Asheville when he was 16, worked for a year and then entered Mars Hill College, where he was an honor student.

He also attended the Old Weaver College and soon afterward went to Western Carolina College in Cullowhee where he later served on the board of trustees.

Dr. Bennett was a member of First Baptist Church, the Country Club of Asheville, the Buncombe County Dental Society and the North Carolina Dental Society. He was also a member of the John A. Nichols Masonic Lodge.

Several years ago Dr. Bennett and Frank Donoho of Weaverville, who was greenskeeper at the Country Club of Asheville golf course, invented a greens cultivator that received wide acclaim.

Dr. Bennett's chief hobbies were golf and checkers. He had served as president of the Asheville Checker Club.

Much of Dr. Bennett's time was given to the care of children's teeth. He also was co-inventor of a medicine for infected gums that has been widely used.

For many years he had maintained offices in the Flatiron Building.

Another project in which Dr. Bennett had put much time and money was a private fishing lake with cottages in the Avery's Creek section.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lillian Bennett; three sons, the Rev. Harold Bennett of Nashville, Tenn., Richard Bennett of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ralph Bennett of Sandusky, Ohio; three stepsons, Walter N., Joseph C. and Frank W. Bennett of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Lela Clark and Mrs. June L. Parks of Asheville; two brothers, J. W. Bennett of Fort Worth, Texas, and G. R. Bennett of Asheville, and 13 grandchildren.

Arrangements are under direction of Lewis Funeral Home.

NORTH CAROLINA ROOMS
Pack Memorial Public Library

THE OLD ATKINSON HOME on Westwood Place is a West Asheville landmark. Built in 1881 of handmade brick, it was bought shortly afterward by Capt. Natt Atkinson. A few years later his son, E. B. Atkinson, began a long residence in the home. In its earliest days, the house was one of very few in what is now West Asheville and was used for a while as a summer, country home. The home and some five acres are now owned by Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett.

Asheville Citizen April 3, 1955

BENNETT KRICKBAUM

COASTAL MONSTERS—Susan Bennett and George Krickbaum, both aged 10 of West Asheville, pose behind eight of 29 largemouth bass caught at Currituck on the coast by a party of four which included Susan's daddy. The catch was made last weekend. In addition to W. R. Bennett and L. G. Young of Asheville, the party included H. E. West and Lennie Shaw of Durham. The boys made their catch on Johnson Spoons and Jitterbugs.

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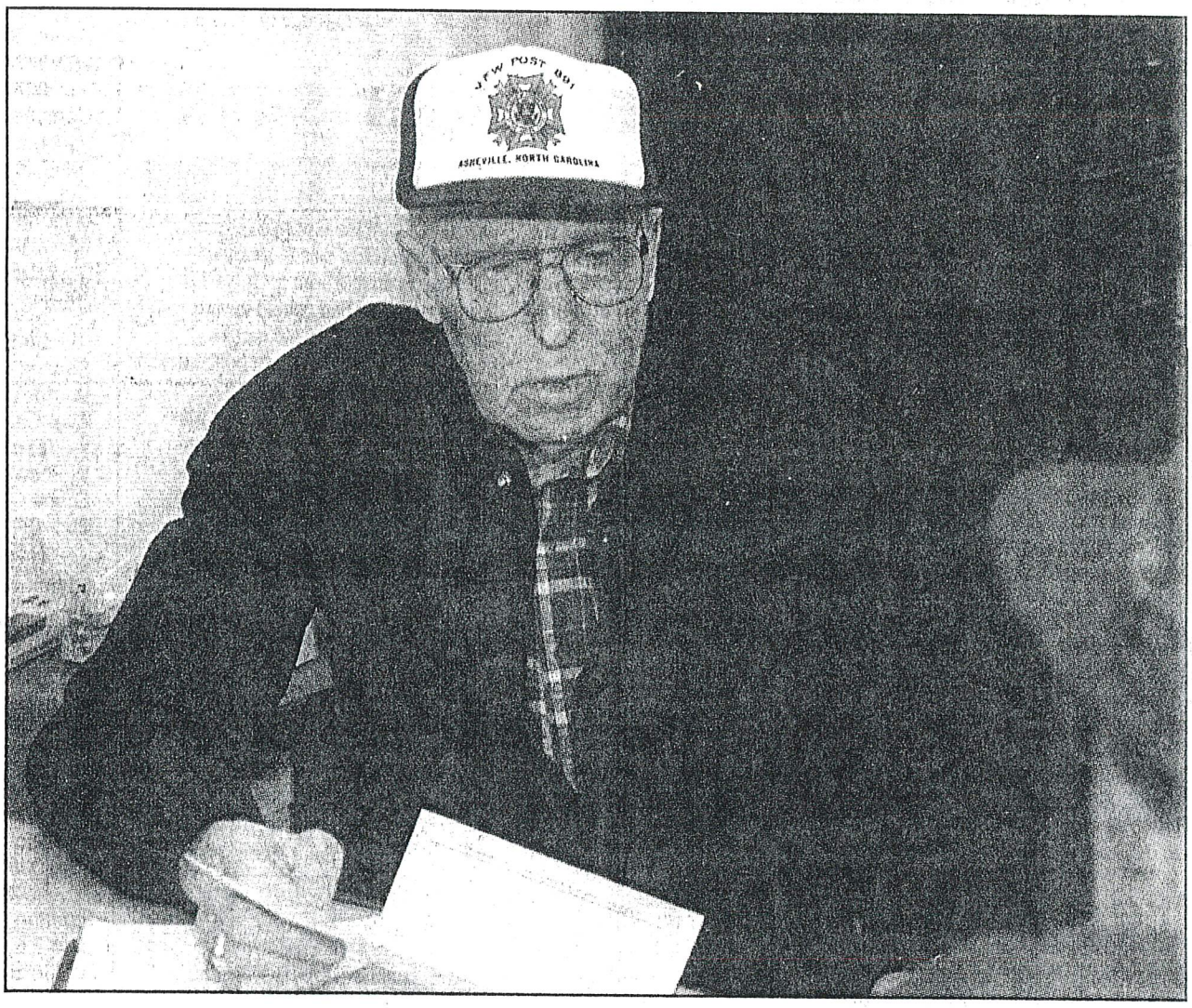
VA Hospital

HELPING VETERANS



EWART BALL/CITIZEN-TIMES

Retired Asheville Police Capt. John Best, who has been service officer for VFW Post 891 since 1953, volunteers his time to help veterans and their dependents file disability claims and work through the maze of the Veterans Administration.

Best knows way around VA bureaucracy

By Barbara Blake
STAFF WRITER

John Best is 85 years old, but he's still the man to see if you're a veteran living in Western North Carolina.

He knows, to lay it out straight, everything there is to know about veterans benefits, claims-filing, disability regulations and, most importantly, the mysterious ins and outs of the behemoth known as the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Best, who retired as a captain with the Asheville Police Department in 1978 after 31 years, has been the service officer for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 891 since 1953.

During the years he was a full-time police officer, he would go to the VFW Post at night and on weekends to help his fellow veterans process their disability claims and plan strategies to take on the Veterans Administration bureaucrats in Washington if they balked at doing the right thing.

In 44 years, he has assisted more than 5,000 veterans and dependants in obtaining favorable action on VA claims.

And he has never received a dime for his services.

"I never give up on 'em – and that's what the VA wants you to do," Best said earlier this week, pecking

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CITIZEN AWARDS

John Best is one of six Western North Carolina residents who will be honored by the Asheville Citizen-Times Saturday as recipients of the newspaper's annual Citizen of the Year awards. The others are Randy Shepherd and Jamie Johnson, Minerva Jones, Sandra Edwards and Jason Summey.

SELECTION: Readers of the Citizen-Times nominated candidates for the awards and a selection panel independent of the paper narrowed the field to 10. Then readers voted through in-paper ballots and call-in votes.

BANQUET: The award winners will be honored at the Citizen of the Year Banquet Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Grove Park Inn. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. For reservations, call 232-5889 or 1-800-800-4204, Ext. 5889.

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with two fingers on an ancient Smith-Corona typewriter in the VFW Post headquarters on Leicester Highway.

"I got one guy $57,000 in back pay, but it took 12 years. He was a POW (in the Pacific Theater during World War II), and it took them (the VA) forever to do anything for him," Best said. "There was a guy with leprosy who had been in Vietnam, and they only gave him 50 percent (disability). But I got him 100 percent, this was back in '85."

Best, who was in the U.S. Army for "12 years, eight months and seven days," served in Africa, Sicily and Italy. Two years after his discharge at the war's end, he began his police career – a career that commanded respect from all who knew him.

"When I came to work at the police department in 1974, I was assigned to work on Capt. Best's squad," said Asheville Police Chief Will Annarino. "I came out of college as a naive young rookie, and I've thought a number of times through the years how important it was for me, in establishing my own standards and work ethic, to have someone like Capt. Best, who was absolutely above reproach.

"The man had the highest moral and ethical standards of anyone I had ever seen," Annarino said. "He demanded a lot from the people that worked for him, and I think that set the course of how I've tried to operate as a police officer through the years – that it's not what you say, but how you act and what you do."

While ethics and integrity were his hallmarks at the APD, determination and knowledge have led to his reputation as the master of VA affairs in Western North Carolina.

"If you need it done, he's the man," said Stephen Clark, a U.S. Navy veteran waiting for Best to help him with a claim at the VFW headquarters on Leicester Highway.

"He's the only man at the VFW who knows how to do this; he gets the ball rolling, knows who to see, where to send things," Clark said. "I honestly don't know who would do it if he wasn't here. He's done it for so many years, and so many people depend on him."

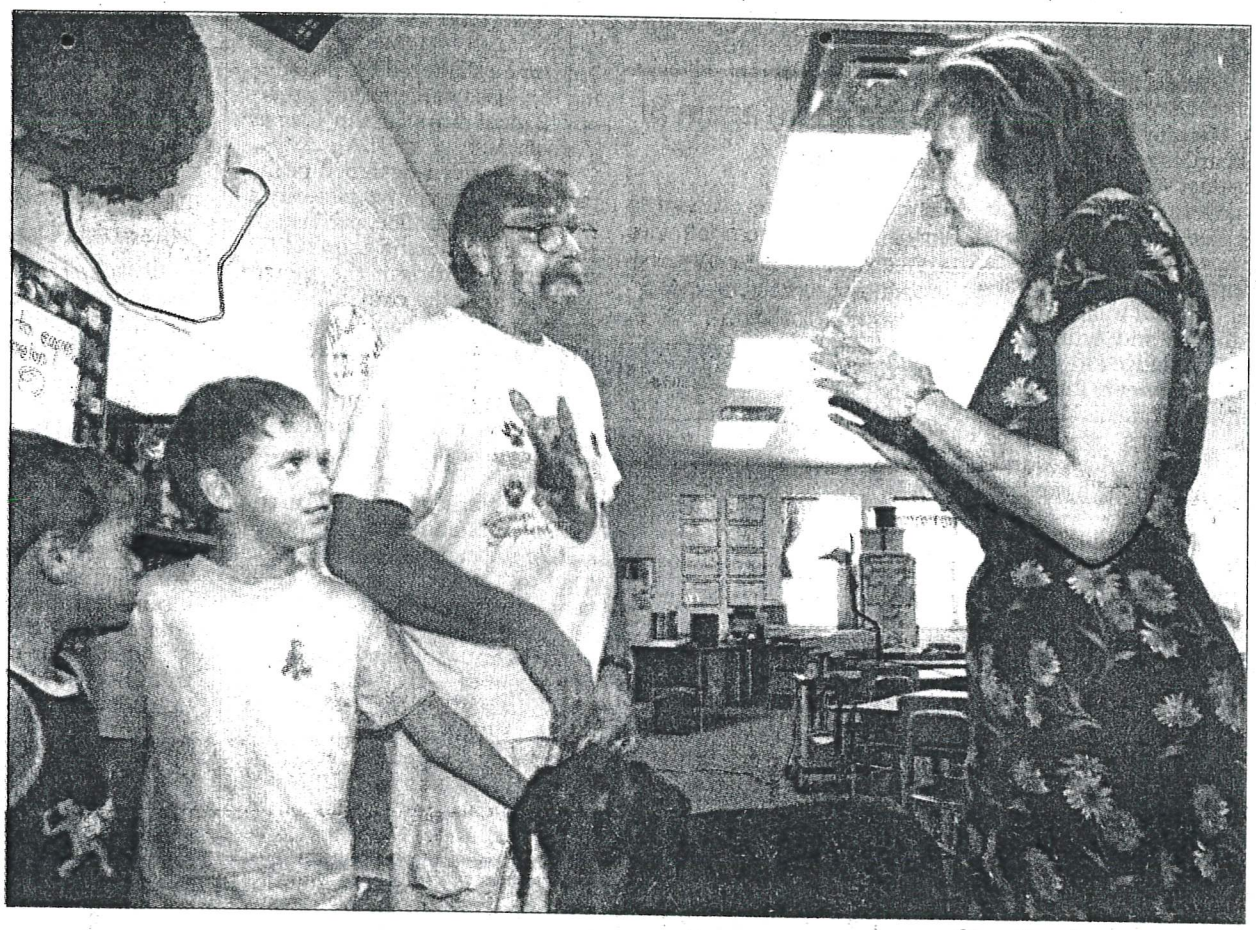
Best has no plans to "retire" from the non-paying job he's held for more than half his life.

"There's a couple of guys who could do this if they wanted to," Best said modestly. "But I'm not planning to go anywhere. I go for an annual check-up every year, and the last time I went, the doctor took my blood pressure because he didn't believe it the first time."

JOHN BEST

OCCUPATION: Retired captain with the Asheville Police Department with 31 years service; volunteer service officer with VFW Post 891 since 1953.
COMMUNITY SERVICE: Represents 11th Congressional District on N.C. Veterans Affairs Commission; 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner; member of Abernethy United Methodist Church; member of American Legion, AMVETS, DAV and VFW.
HEROES: "My Dad;" Gen. George Patton.
HOBBIES: Taking audio tapes to shut-ins each Tuesday as part of church outreach; helping disabled veterans and their dependants.

Know your child's teacher



Steve Dixon/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Emma Elementary School teacher Suzanne Bigsby talks with Roy McNeil during "Meet the Teacher Day." McNeil's 10-year-old grandson Jacob Arrington, second from left, will be in Bigsby's fourth grade class. His other grandson Zachery, 7, at left, will be a first-grader. Accompanying McNeil is "Kaiser," his Doberman, who is a search and rescue dog.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 22, 1896

MILLER—BINGHAM.

Young Asheviller Weds a Blue Grass Belle at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 22.—[Special.]—One of the most brilliant weddings that has taken place in this city for some time was that of Miss Eleanor Everhart Miller of this city and Capt. Robert Worth Bingham of Asheville, which was solemnized at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night at Calvary church on Fourth avenue, between York and Breckenridge streets. The Rev. Dr. Minnegrode performed the ceremony.

The attendants were Miss Pauline Woodruff of Knoxville, Tenn., Misses Mattie Cowling, Lucy Young, Clarisse Hewitt, Amelia Cowling, Carrie Fitz Patty Ellison of this city. Messrs. W. W. Davis of Atlanta, Ga., Charles Bridges, Eckstein Norton, Will McGonnigle of this city, J. Chambers, Thomas Bailey Lee of Asheville, and Thos. L. Stilt of Wabash, Ind.

The church was handsomely decorated with white flowers of various kinds, white being the wedding color. The bride wore a gown of white brocaded satin, trimmed in point d'angleterre. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas. All the bridesmaids wore gowns of white Paris muslin and also carried bouquets of sweet peas.

After the ceremony at the church a handsome reception was given to the young couple at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Samuel Adams Miller, 1126 Fourth avenue.

The bride is a brunette of unusual beauty with most winning manners and attractive personality. She is one of Louisville's most charming young women, and is a great favorite both here and elsewhere.

The newly married couple left late Wednesday night for the Chicago Beach hotel, where they will spend their honeymoon, after which they will return to Asheville, where they will make their future home.

The bridegroom is the son of Maj. Robert Bingham of Asheville, a handsome and popular young man and numbering his friends here by hundreds. The bride has a large admiring acquaintanceship in the city, where she has been a visitor.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 26, 1896.

THE BINGHAM-M'KEE NUPTIALS

BRILLIANT SCENE AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Miss Mary Kerr Bingham of Asheville Wedded to Dr. Solomon Reid McKee of Bowling Green, Ky., Rev. Dr. Campbell Officiating.

Beautiful decorations and exquisite music greeted the brilliant audience assembled last evening to witness the marriage of Miss Mary Kerr Bingham, the accomplished daughter of Major Robert Bingham of this city, to Dr. Solomon Reid McKee of Bowling Green, Ky.

From 8 to 8:50 the Imperial Trio discoursed sweet music to the delighted ears of the large and fashionable assemblage. The bridal party entered the doors to the right, to the music of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The ushers were J. C. Reid of Nova Scotia, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of Louisiana, Robert Worth Bingham of Louisville, Ky., J. S. McAlister of Worthville, N. C., De Berniere Whitaker and Thos. Bailey Lee of Asheville. The bridesmaids were Misses Mary McAlister of Asheboro, N. C., Ethel Bagby of Raleigh, Maud Craig of Atlanta, Ellen Penniman, Laura Carter and Frances Carter of Asheville. Immediately preceding the bride, who entered on the arm of her father, were the little flower girls, Misses Virginia Worth and Josephine Boylan and Miss Elizabeth Pasco of Florida. S. W. McKee, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and the bride was met by the bridegroom at the altar.

The bride was attired in a gown of ivory satin trimmed with duchess and point lace. She carried a bouquet of white roses and ferns. The maid of honor wore a pale green mousseline de soie and carried a shower of white carnations. The bridesmaids wore exquisite gowns of white Paris muslin with tulle waist, and carried pink carnations. As dainty as a dream were the little flower girls with white frocks and holding pink rosebuds in their little hands.

The beautiful ceremony, in perfect harmony and taste with the brilliant scene, was performed by Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell of the First Presbyterian church. In reverse order to entrance the party left the church, the strains of Lohengrin floating on the air.

After the ceremony the bridal party was given a brilliant reception by Major and Mrs. Bingham at Bingham Heights, the home of the bride's parents.

Dr. McKee is professor of chemistry in Ogden college, Ky.

Among the many present at the marriage were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Penniman, Mrs. Chas. A. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Hilliard, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Minor, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Cheesborough, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ridgely Penniman, Mrs. S. Westray Battle, Mrs. Robert Bingham, Mrs. R. W. Bingham, Mrs. Frank Mebane of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Garrett, Mrs. Geo. F. Atkinson of Ithaca, N. Y., Mrs. Bettie Child, Mrs. and Miss Mills of Savannah, Miss Laura West of Savannah, Miss Nellie Battle of Raleigh, Capt. and Mrs. R. T. Grinnan, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Rumbough, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. West, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Mebane, Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Patton, Gen. and Mrs. Theo. F. Davidson, Major and Mrs. Chas. L. Davis, Mrs. J. W. Sluder, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Worth of Worthville, N. C., Mrs. Richmond Pearson, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Bingham of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, Mrs. Sherman of Augusta, Mrs. Howell Cobb, jr. of Athens, Ga., Mrs. W. D. Hilliard, Mrs. J. Taylor Amiss, Mrs. T. Coleman, Misses Erwin, Patton, Branch, Budd of Florida, Rumbough, West, Cheesborough, Polly, Grant, Dole, Campbell, Elizabeth Battle of New York, Hatch, Natalie Venable of Charlottesville, Va., Carrie Holt of Graham, N. C.; Messrs. P. H. Branch, Frank R. Darby, Fred L. Jacobs, J. C. Rumbough, D. C. Waddell, jr., L. P. McLoud, J. S. Coleman, Col. Lewis M. Hatch, Fred Hull, Cheesborough.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22, 1900

COL. ROBERT BINGHAM AT THE UNIVERSITY

HIS ADDRESS TO THE Y. M. C. A. SUNDAY—TALK ON EXPANSION MONDAY.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 21.—By invitation of the president of the university and the Y. M. C. A., Col. Robert Bingham, superintendent of the Bingham school, Asheville, spent Saturday and Sunday at the university speaking to the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday night and to the whole university on Monday. The Binghamites, 15 in number, now at the university tendered him a banquet Saturday night, which was a delightful occasion. His whole visit was one of pleasure and profit to the institution. Bingham school and the university are the oldest continuous educational forces in the state, and it is not too much to say that Bingham school has been to the south in the field of preparatory education what Rugby school was to England.

Colonel Bingham spoke to the Y. M. C. A. on the return of the prodigal. It was a speech of genuine power and unique individual charm. The strong, rugged, forceful personality of the speaker is back of everything he says. There are no catch phrases or formulas in his speech. He sees to the bottom of things and goes straight to the essential point. There were passages of unusual strength in his appeal to young men to so order themselves as to be able to live lives of usefulness and power.

On Monday at the last morning hour the entire university assembled to hear Colonel Bingham discuss the general problem of expansion and the part the English speaking man is to play in the world. The speech was one of power, showing careful study of the characteristics of the English race, its love of liberty, its masterfulness, its justice and it steadfastness.

Colonel Bingham is a pronounced advocate of expansion, indeed, he deems it inevitable, and he is a staunch adherent of English traditions. By his directness and simplicity and sincerity of speech and opinion Colonel Bingham gave a splendid illustration of the powers of such qualities to captivate and attract thoughtful critical young men. If there is anything he knows well it is a boy. He knows how to win his love and admiration and at the same time to control his impulses and direct his course toward scholarship and right living One could not but feel in listening to Colonel Bingham that he had no age but the prime of life that he had a genius for keeping in touch with the movements of the modern world and with the aspirations of young men, and that the great school which has been conducted for over a century by men of his blood is destined for many years to feel the vigorous touch of his own energy and constructive ability.

It has been claimed that the old breed of school masters of the type of Thomas Arnold and Edward Thwing, David Caldwell and the elder Horner and the elder Graves had passed away, but Colonel Bingham, the Nestor of preparatory education in North Carolina, is a living refutation of that claim. The university, his alma mater, will always be proud to welcome him to her walls.

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COL. BINGHAM'S TRIBUTE TO TAR HEEL MANHOOD

(Special to The Citizen.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 14.—The educational conference was in session until midnight. Governor Aycock presided. A full interchange of views was had as to the best plan of campaign. The principal of local option in rural districts is to be pushed vigorously. A well known capitalist whose name is withheld has promised C. D. McIver to erect a thousand dollar rural school house, and others will follow the example.

President McIver in a stirring address, set forth the plans for the campaign of education. The conference adopted an address to the people of the state. An executive committee was appointed, consisiting of Gevernor Aycock, Superintendent Toon and President McIver, and a committee was appointed to furnish the press with matter each week. A letter is to be written to each preacher requesting him to preach at least annually one sermon on public education.

Colonel Robert Bingham presided at the night conference and made a powerful speech for the public schools. His tribute to North Carolina manhood was eloquent and touching.

Asheville Citizen February 14, 1902

Colonel Bingham Makes Address On Compulsory Education

Colonel Bingham spoke before a representative audience of the Central Labor Union last night on compulsory school attendance. The speaker emphasized the dignity of labor and the importance of industrial education in this day of industrial progress. Colonel Bingham enumerated the many sterling qualities of the Southern white man and especially the so-called "mountain whites" of Western North Carolina, as shown on the battlefield. "It is to be hoped," the speaker said, "that this race will never again be tried by the test of war, but often the test of peace is more severe than the test of war. We need to equip ourselves by means of education for the battle of life. The laboring man must be educated to win a livelihood in this day.

"Ignorance is darkness and folly and crime, and the father who keeps his child from an education is in a sense criminal or not a sane man.

"This is a government by the people, but the people must have intelligence if they are to govern. We cannot have intelligent government without an educated citizenship. At this point the state steps in and says all must be educated as a means of protection. The state has a right to demand this in the same way and for the same reason that it may demand a man's money, his service, his knowledge and even his life in order to safeguard the state and to promote its welfare."

In speaking for the additional tax to be raised for the compulsory education of children, Colonel Bingham stated that it was so insignificant that one man in the city could bear it and not be overburdened.

"This movement for compulsory school attendance must start in the cities just as the graded school education started in the cities. Gradually it will spread to the counties and finally to the whole state and to the South.

"The Southern white man has a broad field but many problems confronting him and he must face the future and what it has in store for us by educating our children, all of our children.

"Compulsory education is becoming general throughout the world. The Southern States are still behind in this matter and they must arouse themselves to their great responsibility and meet it. The man who does not give his child the best education possible is an enemy to his race and his nation, and it is our duty as citizens to protect the state against the ignorance of such men. "Cursed be he," saith the Lord, "that doeth his duty negligently."

Colonel Bingham closed his address in a short review of the race question.

President Creasman introduced Dr. Paul Paquin, who spoke for a few minutes on the importance of compulsory education as relating especially to the laboring classes. He said that it was bound to come and that he believed the measure would soon be a law in this state as it is in other states throughout the country.

Professor R. J. Tighe made a short talk, explaining the necessity of a compulsory school law, and he was followed by Mr. O. R. Jarrett, who suggested a scheme to form an endless chain of voters to support the measure and vote for the candidates who would enact the law.

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Col. Bingham Lifts Veil of Half

At the commencement exercises held at Chapel Hill on Tuesday, Col. Robert Bingham of Asheville was the principal speaker. Colonel Bingham's address was of additional interest by reason of the fact that he is one of the very few survivors of the class of '57. He lifted the veil of fifty years, recalling with much pathos on the many changes which half a century has wrought.—During some passages of his speech the colonel was obliged to pause, by reason of deep emotion, and the silence which pervaded the hall was deep and impressive. It seemed as if a voice out of the spirit world was calling to the young generation. Colonel Bingham's address was undoubtedly the best ever delivered at commencement exercises in the history of the university. He was introduced by Colonel T. S. Kenan, as follows:

"Col. Robert Bingham, the youngest survivor of the class of 1857, has been chosen to represent the class today. The school which the Binghams, from grandfather to grandson, have administered since 1793, is the oldest one in the south, and is the only school in the United States which has been conducted by the same family so as to reach three centuries, the waning years of the eighteenth century, through the waxing and waning years of the nineteenth century and continuing in its greatest vigor and expansion in the waxing years of the twentieth century.

The continuous connection of the Binghams with this university is longer than that of any other family in the United States with any other university in the United States, except that of the Adamses with Harvard. It began with the grandfather of the present headmaster, who was professor of ancient languages in the university in 1800. It continued with his son, William James Bingham, the school's second headmaster, who graduated with first distinction in 1825 and declined to accept a professorship in the university because he considered the school his vocation. It continued with William Bingham, who graduated in 1855 with the first distinction, and died in 1873. Robert Bingham, its fourth headmaster, graduated with first distinction in 1857, and has administered the school as its fourth headmaster since 1873, having declined a professorship in the university because, like his father, he considered the school his vocation.

When the war between the sections broke out, he went to the front and surrendered with General Lee's 1,192 armed men at Appomattox Court House, but he employed as his substitute in the school his father's nephew, William Bingham Lynch, a first honor graduate of the class of 1861, afterwards his partner for 20 years, and now enjoying the highest reputation as an educator, a scholar and a man in the state of Florida. After the war ended, Robert Bingham resumed his place in the school, his partnership and his share of the school's income, after paying his substitute, having been kept intact for him by his father and brother during his whole absence.

His son, Robert, who was in the university in 1889-90-91, taught in the school for four years, and is ready to leave the law and become its fifth headmaster when there is need. His son Robert, the third of the name, and of the fifth generation from the school's founder, is already in strenuous training as the school's sixth headmaster, is to enter the university about 1915, and the three Robert Binghams, father, son and grandson, are with us here today. It is most fitting, therefore, that Robert Bingham should represent the class of 1857 at the fiftieth anniversary of our graduation."

Colonel Bingham Speaks.

Colonel Bingham, who on rising, was received with loud applause, said:

"It would be interesting and instructive on an occasion like this to deal in reminiscences; but with things more vital to say, I shall confine myself to but one reminiscence, which I refer to because it contrasts the educational conditions of today and of 50 years ago very sharply.

"In 1853, when the class of 1857 matriculated, there was not a single university west or south of the University of North Carolina. Now there are about 30 universities, and universities so-called, in the state of Tennessee, more than 20 in the state of Texas and, according to the statistics of the late Prof. Baskerville of Vanderbilt university, there are more universities and universities so-called in the southern states than in all the rest of the English speaking world.

"Up to 1875, 80 years after its foundation, this university had never created a president for itself, and in 1853, when we matriculated, not a single one of the full professors was an alumnus of the university, and only one was of southern birth. All the others were northern men from northern colleges, except one, and he was an Englishman and was commonly known as Old Bull, Old Johnny and Old Johnny Bull. In 1853 the university had only about 200 North Carolina students; Davidson only 100 in all; Wake Forest about the same number, and Trinity was founded only in 1853. Now this university has 680 North Carolina students, and our denominational colleges aggregate more than 1,000 North Carolina students, an increase of about 300 per cent. for the university and of more than 500 per cent for the denominational colleges, and the state's A. and M. college, presided over by an alumnus and ex-president of the university, an impossible conception in 1853, has about 500 North Carolina students.

Imported Teachers.

"In 1853 very few, if any, men of North Carolina training were sought as teachers anywhere, and we ourselves imported northern men from northern colleges as presidents and professors in our university and in our institutions of learning, both for our young men and our young women just as well. When a North Carolinian was called for in 1833 to succeed President Caldwell, a New Englander from Yale, the politicians determined to shelve their most dangerous rival for the United States senate by making him president of the university. He was a man of great natural gifts and had risen more rapidly than any other politician had ever done in the state before, or than any one has ever done since, though he had but little training of any school and no training at all of any college, and the United States senate, his greatest ambition, seemed easily within his grasp. But a combination of the other less successful politicians against him sent one of his rivals to the senate and made him president of the university.

But of late universities and colleges conferring degrees in 21 states of the union and in three foreign countries have come to North Carolina for presidents and professors. This university has created three presidents for itself, one for the University of Texas, one for Tulane and one for the University of Virginia. This university has furnished 157 presidents and professors to universities and colleges; Davidson, since its foundation in 1837, has furnished 80; Wake Forest, since its foundation in 1838, has furnished 104; Trinity, since its foundation in 1853, has furnished 75, and these North Carolina bred presidents and professors, 416 in all and enough not recorded to carry the number to 450, have carried our North Carolina standard of culture to Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and across the seas to Brazil, China and Japan.

"How few of the class of 1857 are present today! How few of the absent ones are still in the land of life! How many have gone the way of all the earth! Of the 75 men with the dew of youth upon them, who took their diplomas here 50 years ago, only 20 remain; all the others have passed over to the silent majority, and now,

" 'Their place in all the pomp that fills
The circuit of the summer hills,
Is that their graves are green;
For The moss-clad marbles rest
On the friends who loved the best
And were loved in their bloom;
And the names we loved to hear
Have been carved for many a year
On the tomb.'

And, alas! no friendly marble marks the nameless graves of some who fell in battle. Of more than one it may be said:

"We buried him darkly at the dead of night,

COL. ROBT. BINGHAM.

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COL. BINGHAM GIVEN WARM GREETINGS

Veterans at Reunion Rejoiced to Seed Aged Officer Whose School Is Famous.

The friends of Colonel Robert Bingham, the venerable and loved educator of the famous Bingham School, have thoroughly enjoyed meeting Colonel Bingham at the several functions tendered the veterans during their stay in Asheville.

Colonel Bingham was a brave Confederate soldier, having served during the entire four years. He was, at the time the war closed, Captain of Company G, 44th Regiment.

He attended the organ recital at Grove Park Inn on Tuesday afternoon and again last night attended the ball at the Battery Park Hotel. He entered into the spirit of the festivities and greeted many of his old comrades who were delighted to again see their old friend.

Colonel Bingham recently celebrated his 84th birthday, he having been born on the 5th day of September, 1838. On the occasion of his bithday he received from an admiring friend the following tribute in the form of a poem, which fully expresses the admiration and love in which Colonel Bingham is held by those who have known him for many years:

To COL. ROBERT BINGHAM

In strength and pride of youth,
He answered first the call of arms
Through bloody fray and weary
march
He bore a part.

When war's alarms no more were
heard,
He boldly took his stand
With those who sought to build
again
A war-torn land, seeking no personal gain;
Content Fame's accolade should be.
He was a Soldier, one who followed
Lee.

Now with the passing years have
come
Pain, age and weakness, the inevitable foes
No man may conquer and no
strength oppose.
Serene he sits, love-guarded, fearing naught,
As one who has met unflinchingly
What Life brought and kept unstained
His faith and loyalty,—
A Soldier still, as when he followed
Lee.

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U. D. C. WILL PRESENT PORTRAITS TO SCHOOL

With Col. Robert Bingham delivering the presentation address, the educational committee of the Asheville chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will present a portrait of Stonewall Jackson to the Biltmore county school tomorrow morning.

The committee has started a campaign to present portraits of the Confederate leaders to the various schools of the county, Portraits of Gen. Robert E. Lee having been presented to the Grace and Haw Creek schools.

Colonel Bingham was present at the surrender of Lee and he will tell the pupils of the school of the day at Appomattox court hou- when the four years of strife was ended.

Mrs. Charles Ma.olm Platt will present the portrait of General Lee to the school. The invocation is to be delivered by Rev. J. S. Williams, chaplain of the Good Samaritan mission. The hour of the presentation will be announced tomorrow.

Asheville Citizen April 25, 1916

Col. Robert Bingham Felicitated By School-Mate, Former Students And Friends On 85th Birthday

WILLIAM R. WEBB EULOGIZES HIS FORMER TEACHER

Distinguished Men Present for Informal Celebration at Bingham School.

MANY FLOWERS AND TELEGRAMS

M. C. S. Noble, Haywood Parker and Others Praise Educator.

With relatives, former classmates, students and close friends gathered around him, Colonel Robert Bingham beloved educator and ex-Confederate soldier, fittingly celebrated the 85th year since his birth at Bingham School last night. Featuring the addresses, in which glowing tributes were paid the venerable leader, was that of William Robert Webb, former United States Senator from Tennessee, who told of the great services rendered to the State of North Carolina and to the South by Colonel Bingham in his several decades of teaching.

Distinguished men from Asheville and elsewhere, all intimately associated with Colonel Bingham in the course of an unusually rich life, attended the birthday celebration and all expressed their love and affection for their old teacher and friend.

Buffet supper was served the guests on the porch of the residence of the head-master of Bingham School. Colonel Bingham, though somewhat infirm of body, was able to greet all his guests personally and many remarked upon his retentive memory. At his 85th year, Colonel Bingham is in full possession of his mental faculties.

All during the day yesterday, telegrams and flowers came in addressed to Colonel Bingham. The messages expressed many happy returns of the day, and the flowers expressed the love that his friends and former students bear him. The floral gifts and telegrams came from many places throughout the country, wherever there was a former Binghamite or friend.

An admirer of Colonel Bingham, hearing of the proposed 85th birthday celebration, sent the following lines, dedicated to him, to be read to the Colonel on the date of his birth. It is entitled "To Colonel Bingham."

"Grown Old—I know there's one
On whom time cannot trace these words—
Simply a wisdom large and crowning grace
Of kindness, from a hearth long lent
To every thought and act of love;
And to a mind to custom bent to thoughts
Whose goodness, justice, truth soar far above
And yet seem not too high for mortal hands to reach.
Grown Old—not while a life like this can teach.
Only Eternity itself measures the goal:
For years can never touch the soul
Of one grown only nobler,
Not grown old."

The informal birthday exercises, held in the reception room, were of an impressive nature. As the guests walked into the room where the birthday cake was, Colonel Bingham greeted each one at the door. In the line was old Uncle Henry Basin, a colored servant that has been with Colonel Bingham and his family for over 50 years. Uncle Basin is ten years younger than Colonel Bingham. He was recipient of many handshakes and felicitations from his old friends, the former Binghamites.

The informal birthday exercises were opened by invocation pronounced by Rev. John H. Tillinghast, of Columbia, S. C., a former class-mate of Colonel Bingham at Oaks, in Orange County, back in the years from 1849 to 1853. They were also together at the University of North Carolina from 1851 to 1867. Mr. Tillinghast was also Chaplain in the 44th North Carolina Infantry, in the War Between the States. This was Colonel Bingham's old regiment. Mr. Tillinghast and Colonel Bingham are also first cousins. These two men have seen much of life together and last night Mr. Tillinghast paid tribute in no uncertain terms of his beloved friend. He brought out the fact that he was the oldest Binghamite present, having been a student under Colonel Bingham's father, and is three years older than Colonel Bingham himself.

The main address of the evening was by former Senator Webb, head of the famous Webb School of Bellbuckle, Tenn. Dr. Webb, an uncle of Chas. A. Webb, of Asheville, who was present last night, was given the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the University of North Carolina a year or two ago. He is possibly the most distinguished man ever taught by Colonel Bingham. He was one of Colonel Bingham's first students. Mr. Webb was born in 1842 in Person County, N. C. He attended Bingham School during 1855-1860. He entered the University of North Carolina in 1860, one of the first four men Colonel Bingham prepared for the University. Of these, three of them were "first honor men" of their class. This is distinctive when it is considered that only one other man of the University class was "first honor man."

In introducing his former student last evening, Colonel Bingham stated that Mr Webb was the first teacher to be directly called from the teachers' rostrum to the United States Senate. Mr. Webb was appointed to the Senate in 1913 to fill out an unexpired term, on account of the death of Robert L. Taylor.

Mr. Webb declared that the greatest honor that ever came to him was to be allowed to attend the 85th birthday celebration of Colonel Bingham and to express his appreciation and love for him as a man and as an educator. Dr. Webb expressed his admiration for the educational methods of Colonel Bingham and told of the disciplinary features of his system. Colonel Bingham, it is stated, was a strict disciplinarian, but always mixed punishment with mercy and good will.

Mr Webb also called attention to Colonel Bingham's stress on teaching Latin and Greek and the other classical studies in preference to "commercial" teaching. Mr. Webb expressed his approval of this and told of the efficient methods employed by Colonel Bingham in handling boys.

M. C. S. Noble, former Bingham student, and former instructor and commandant of cadets at the School, but for years Dean of the School of Education at the University of North Carolina, spoke of the days when he was a student under Colonel Bingham and said that many of North Carolina's foremost sons got their training from the former superintendent of the Bingham School. Professor Noble declared that it is his belief that when the history of this State is written in the future Colonel Bingham's name will shine as one of North Carolina's great sons. He also paid his respects to teaching methods as employed today and compared them to the methods as used by Colonel Bingham, with the comparison in favor of the latter. Professor Noble is a firm believer in the classics and so expressed himself.

Other speakers of the evening were Dr. Pinkney Herbert, who, although he declared himself as not being fortunate enough to have been a Binghamite, expressed himself as a great admirer of Colonel Bingham and his school; Judge Thomas McDow, of Columbia, S. C., who said that Colonel Bingham was the finest of North Carolina manhood; Dr. Millender, who spoke as Colonel Bingham's physician for the past 30 years and as an old Bingham student, declaring that Colonel Bingham yet had 15 years or more of life left to him and said that he was in very good condition; and Major Barlow, U. S. A., Commandant, who expressed himself as being greatly impressed with what he has learned of Colonel Bingham in the few months he has been connected with the school.

Haywood Parker, of Asheville, brought out an interesting fact concerning the educational career of Colonel Bingham. He said that in the years following the War Between the States, when the South was poor and there were few public schools, Colonel Bingham furnished free tuition to at least one-third of the students of his school.

Colonel Bingham was born at Hillsboro, N. C., in 1838. His preparatory education was received at Bingham School, conducted by his father. He attended this school from 1849 to 1853, and then entered the University of North Carolina. He received both the A. B. and M. A. degrees. In 1890 he was given the honorary degree of doctor of laws by his alma mater. He was a captain in the Confederate Army and was with General Lee at the surrender at Appomattox. He was later a colonel in the North Carolina National Guard. Since the year 1873 he was superintendent of the Bingham School until some three years ago when he retired. He is now superintendent emeritus. He was at one time president of the North Carolina Historical and Literary Society, and is the author of many articles on diversified subjects.

In the years during Colonel Bingham's activity in the interests of Bingham School, "its success and the character of its managers, as well as of its student body, has a rank second to none among American preparatory schools." In 1891 the school was moved from Orange County to the present location on Bingham Heights.

When Colonel Bingham retired as active head of the school three years ago, his often expressed desire to see what his successors would do was fulfilled. Milton Bailey, of Bakersville, a student of Colonel Bingham in 1891, when the school first opened on the Asheville Plateau, last night openly congratulated Colonel Bingham on the efficiency of those now in charge of the school. Colonel S. R. McKie, son-in-law of Colonel Bingham, is the present superintendent. Captain Bingham McKie, representing the fifth generation of Bingham teachers, being a grand-son of Colonel Bingham, is teaching modern languages.

Among the friends and alumni attending the birthday testimonial were the following: W. R. Webb, Chas. A. Webb, Rev. John H. Tillinghast, Major Barlow, Prof. M. C. S. Noble, Dr. Pinkney Herbert, Judge Nelson Phillips, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, a former Bingham student; Thomas McDow, A. H. McCormick, Rae McCormick, Dr. M. C. Millender, Dr. Charles Millender, Judge Frank Carter, Clarence Sawyer, J. K. Cowan, Haywood Parker, Louis M. Bourne, William Johnston, Col. Robert Johnston, Joe Studer, Harold Johnston, Edwin L. Ray, Julian Woodcock, Cameron Waddell, Dr. P. H. Orr, T. J. Wooldridge, Judge J. Frazier Glenn, J. S. Adams, Lions Lee, Gilliland Stikeleather, Girdwood Cochran, Spears Reynolds, Allen T. Morrison, Clarence Ryman, Ralph Arbogast, Carlton Carter, Dr. Eugene Cocke, Tim Cocke, Carl Felmet, Albert Bunn, Stephen Adams, Francis Bourne, Frank Heilig, William Williamson, Allen Williamson, William Kimberly, D'Arcey William, Selwyn Bryant, Bynum Orr, G. MacFarlane, Jr., G. MacFarlane, the third, both of Clarksville, Tenn.; Col. L. L. Lee, W. E. Burrick, L. R. Hoffman, T. Milton Bailey, James M. Coleman, C. V. Reynolds, Captain John A. Ferry, U. S. A., former commandant; Allen D. Williamson and others.

Several local members of the Alumni Association, including J. Thomas Ferguson, John Lange, G. Merrimon, Spears Reynolds, Sanford Brown, Theodore Morrison and Chas. E. Waddell sent best wishes, through unable to attend.

Present last night were Colonel Bingham's two daughters, Mrs. S. R. McKie and Mrs. R. F. Grinnon, both of Asheville; his son, Judge Robert Bingham, of Louisville, Ky.; and six grandchildren, as follows: R. W. Bingham, Jr., Henrietta Bingham and Barry Bingham; all of Louisville, and Bingham McKie, Martha McKie and Sadie Temple McKie, all of Asheville.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1927

COL. BINGHAM IS DEAD AFTER USEFUL CAREER

Educator Succumbs To Long Illness At Advanced Age

WAS HEADMASTER MILITARY SCHOOL

Will Hold Funeral Of Beloved Citizen This Afternoon

Col Robert Bingham is dead.

Weakened by a long illness, he had been in a critical condition for several days and members of his family were at his bedside when he died yesterday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock. The end came peacefully and almost imperceptibly as he dropped off to sleep.

Two daughters, Mrs. S. Reid McKee and Mrs. Robert Temple Grinnan, of Asheville and one son, Judge Robert W. Bingham, of Louisville, Ky., were at his bedside as were five grandchildren, Robert W. Bingham, Jr., Barry Bingham, Bingham McKee, Miss Martha McKee and Miss Sadie Temple McKee. One granddaughter, Miss Henrietta Bingham is in London.

Headed School

For many years headmaster of Bingham Military school, both in Asheville and at Mebane, N. C., Colonel Bingham was one of the foremost educators of the South, a man who championed the cause of learning in the days following the Civil War and did much to bring about the educational awakening below the Mason Dixon line.

Throughout the United States and in many foreign countries alumni of the school who came in contact with Colonel Bingham during his long years of active service in educating for citizenship, remember him affectionately as "Old Bob," a pet name that clung to him as generation after generation of boys came to know him and to love him.

Colonel Bingham was a distinguished soldier, serving with the rank of captain throughout the Civil War and in later years he won recognition as an able writer and a fearless speaker in behalf of the causes to which he dedicated his life. His greatest achievements were in the field of education, and besides devoting most of his time to the task of educating the young men of his beloved South, Colonel Bingham was a leader in the educational movement in the state, a pioneer on the question of industrial training, a factor in the establishment of the State Woman's College at Greensboro and the father of the first compulsory school law in the South.

The funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church where Colonel Bingham was for a great many years an elder, by the pastor Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery.

Confederate veterans of the county will gather at the church and march in a body, followed by the Bingham cadets and then by the casket and members of the family and friends. Only members of the family will go to the cemetery for the interment.

Pioneer Educator Dies

COLONEL R. BINGHAM

The following will serve as active pallbearers: Dr. W. P. Herbert, W. L. Brooker, Charles E. Waddell, Graham MacFarlane, Ruffner Campbell, Theodore Marrison, Thomas S. Rollins, R. R. Williams, and William Coleman.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Louis M. Bourne, Judge Frank Carter, James S. Coleman, Capt. J. M. Coleman, Gen. Theodore Davidson, Capt. R. V. Edwards, Capt. J. H. Ford, Capt. O. O. Hartsig, Capt. W. C. Haynes, Major L. R. Hoffman, Capt. H. C. Lawson, A. J. Lyman, Dr. M. C. Millender, Dr. C. R. Minor, Judge J. D. Murphy, J. H. McConnell, Haywood Parker, J. E. Rankin, Dr. C. V. Reynolds, Major H. R. Smith, Capt. H. C. Stout, Cameron Waddell, Charles A. Webb, J. M. Westall, Dr. Jere Cocke, William B. Williamson, and Dr. F. Webb Griffith.

Colonel Bingham was the third generation of Binghams to head the famous school. The school was founded by his grandfather at Mebane, N. C., in 1793.

He was born in Hillsboro, Orange County, N. C., September 5, 1838. He was the son of William James Bingham and Eliza A. Norwood Bingham. His forebears were English and Scotch. His paternal grandfather, Rev. William Bingham was born in County Down, Ireland, and came to America after graduating from the University of Glasgow.

Colonel Bingham was prepared for school by his father. He was one of the four first honor men in the class of 1857 at the University of North Carolina. He immediately joined his father and brother in the management of the school. He was then 19 years old.

During the four years of the war between the states he was active in the conflict. After the war he returned to school work and a military department was co-ordinated with the school's activities. In 1882 the government began detailing officers from the United States Army as commandants of the school's cadet corps.

The school was subesquently removed from Mebane to Asheville and known as Bingham School of Asheville.

Friend Of Education

Colonel Bingham was for years a staunchest friend of the cause of public education that North Carolina had. He was regarded as the father of compulsory education in the South, and it was through his effective influence that Asheville became the first city in the South to adopt it.

Though headmaster of a private school Colonel Bingham championed the cause of education for the masses of both sexes and colors. During the period of reconstruction following the war between the states he stood out almost alone against the prevailing attitude of laissez faire in regard to education.

When the state began to recover from the impact of the war and to realize that education was a paramount necessity the people awoke to the fact that the constitution of 1867 limited taxation to such a degree that the public schools could be kept open only three months a year. In order to overcome this frightful condition the legislature authorized a local option tax for public schools. By this means each community could raise funds according to its ability.

The opposition to this tax was keen and bitter. But in the face of it Colonel Bingham took the stump and spoke up and down the state. His friends tried to dissuade him, but he felt that he was right. School leaders foday who look back upon the progress of education made in North Carolina credit his zeal and fearlessness with laying the seeds which subsequently germinated into a great school system.

Supports Blair Bill

His speech "The New South" delivered first before the superintendents' department of the National Educational Association in Washington in 1884 in support of the Blair bill, then pending before congress, and later before the association meeting itself in Madison, Wisconsin, is still remembered as one of the most eloquent pleas for education ever made in this country.

Another educational advance fathered by Colonel Bingham in the state was industrial training. Up to 1886 there was no such a thing as industrial training in the state. Colonel Bingham took the question up with the Grand Master of Masons and ex-officio head of the Masonic Orphanage of Oxford. He urged that industrial training be introduced into the orphanage. The next legislature appropriated funds in accordance with his suggestion, but not without considerable opposition.

A few years later a move was set on foot in Raleigh for the creation of a state "College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts." This move was largely the outgrowth of the activities of Colonel Bingham in behalf of industrial training.

Normal School Training for Women was another progressive step in education that had its beginning in the activities of Colonel Bingham. In 1886 Colonel Bingham addressed a teacher's meeting at Black Mountain and moved that they call upon the state legislature to create a normal school for women. The next legislature appointed Charles D. McIver and Edward A. Alderman to go about the state carrying on educational work of this character. In two years time they had created such sentiment that a reluctant legislature was forced to make an appropriation for a State Normal and Industrial College for Women. After President McIver had organized the school he invited Colonel Bingham to address the 600 girls and tell them of the germ of the idea for the school in his proposal at Black Mountain in 1886.

Compulsory Education

But the greatest battle that Colonel Bingham ever commenced for the cause of education in this state was the fight for compulsory education. He knew, as all intelligent men knew, that illiteracy was one of the crying causes that held the South in her state of economic want and destitution after the war. He knew that there was only one way to attack ignorance and that was by taking the control of children out of the hands of ignorant parents and placing it in the hands of the state. But, public sentiment was against him. He had done valiant service in helping to force into existence local option taxation for city school, and later for county school, taxation for the State Industrial School of Men, and for the State Industrial School for Women, but the fight for compulsory education was more difficult.

The cry against it was that it not only increased taxation but it also interfered, many claimed, with the inherent right of parents to control their children. Religious prejudices were stirred against it and the scripture quoted to prove the point of the opponents. However, the plain people of Asheville gave the Colonel strong backing and a local option compulsory educational law was forced through the legislature. No provision, however, was made for school buildings and teachers. With the help of the labor element in Asheville, with whom Colonel Bingham was popular, compulsory education was passed in Asheville and $30,000 appropriated to meet the expenses. Thus Asheville became the first city in the South to adopt compulsory education.

One of the most important things Colonel Bingham did for the South was the publication of the facts concerning the relationship of Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis to secession. In a notable article, called "Some Sectional Misunderstandings" published in [illegible] September 1904, Colonel Bingham published for the first time [illegible] proof that these two great Southern leaders had been taught from "Rawle's View of the Constitution" [illegible] that if it should be [illegible] allegiance would [illegible] to [illegible]

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David Coleman Bailey

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THE BINGHAMS

While Wolfe was setting the standard for skillful writing about the family boarding house, the epitome of social standards and mores in the community was represented by the Bingham School and the famous family that operated it for four generations. It also had a profound effect on public education.

The cadets were a part of social life in Asheville through a variety of activities ranging from churches to parades and other public events to tea dances. The young ladies were invited to events at the school and in turn the cadets were participants in social functions all over town.

The Bingham name itself was a badge of distinction. During August of 1918, the headmaster's son, Robert Worth Bingham, purchased the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and thereby established another dynasty that would be the subject of journalistic scrutiny and speculation for decades to come. It was called the "royal family" of Kentucky.

A pillar of North Carolina education, the Bingham Military School was founded in 1873 when a group of Wilmington men, traveling in Scotland, had looked into the university while visiting Glasgow. They were favorably impressed, and with so much enthusiasm that they wanted to engage the services of a faculty member to come to America and establish a school for their sons.

The young man selected was carefully chosen for his character and ability. He was the Rev. William Bingham. He arrived at Wilmington, Delaware, for reasons now obscure, but was finally able to reach North Carolina after a long and arduous journey. While the Scotch-Irish came down the Great Wagon Road, the Scots themselves came in numbers to the Cape Fear River and thence up its waters to the place where they founded Campbelltown, renamed for the Marquis de Lafayette following his visit there.

This school was established in Wilmington along Scottish lines and principles but shortly thereafter was moved out into the countryside of the county. For reasons similar to those which impelled the founders of the University of North Carolina to select Orange County as a site for the first state university, the school was moved there, at Mebane near Chapel Hill. Activity in Asheville in the late Eighties attracted wide attention and a decision was reached to move the school to the social and physical climate of the Land of the Sky.

The 250-acre site was one of the finest in the city, a majestic bluff overlooking the French Broad, adjacent to the estate Richmond Pearson was in process of creating. Across the river, the Montford community was just getting started. On the bank, a rustic park had been established for recreational purposes of a casual nature. And plans had been considered to extend the street car line to a new terminus there at Pearson's Bridge.

The academy commenced relocated operations effective with the 1889-90 term. Standards were based on uncompromising Presbyterian principles that gained it a wide reputation for integrity

and merit. Its graduates held high commissions and fought at the front in every war in which the United States participated. America's leading diplomat during the First World War, Walter Hines Page, was a "Bingham boy." He served throughout, 1913 to 1918, as United States ambassador to the Court of St. James's and played the key diplomatic role in Allied opposition to the Kaiser Wilhelm.

Born at Mebane, Robert W. Bingham was an instructor on the faculty of the school in Asheville. His political career took him to Kentucky and from there to the top. By the end of the epoch, he was regarded as one of the foremost social, political, and diplomatic personalities in America, and this led to his appointment in the same role as his predecessor. An Independent Democrat, he was not appointed to high office under the Hoover administration but when Mr. Roosevelt took office, he was ready to appoint him as secretary of state.

An Anglophile, Bingham was regarded by many as an ideal choice for the top diplomatic assignment in London. Immediately thereafter, Roosevelt chose him for that position and instead named Cordell Hull as secretary of state. He remained there until his death, becoming a part of British social life. Honored by the monarch, granted honorary degrees by Oxford and Cambridge. With war clouds then darkening on the horizon, he found himself in a similar position to that of his earliest predecessor and he sought to follow honorably in his footsteps.

Along the way, Bingham married into several of the most wealthy and prominent families in America, notably Kenan, Flagler and Morgan. His marriage on May 20, 1896 to Eleanor E. Miller of Louisville ended with her death during a controversial automobile accident in 1913. On November 15, 1916, he married the former Mary Lily Kenan, widow of Henry M. Flagler, father of modern day Florida. A former partner of J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller. She died just eight months later, leaving him an extensive fortune.

The Binghams of Asheville remained on Bingham Heights. His father was in command of the school, instrumental in establishment of compulsory public education. A distinguished captain of Confederate infantry during the war, Col. Robert Bingham was deeply concerned over the plight of education in the Tar Heel state, once described as that "vale of humility between two mountains of conceit." As a result of extreme poverty, the public school system was virtually non-existent. Those who could afford it were educated by private tutors or small academies. Except in a few large towns, the rest generally had to fend for themselves.

Bingham led an intellectual and moral crusade for improvement which led to many reforms, including compulsory education, a system of normal schools for the establishment of minimum standards, a woman's college at Greensboro, and an agricultural and mechanical school at Raleigh which evolved into North Carolina State University. The educational renaissance at the turn of the century under Governor Aycock followed Bingham's repeated exhortations in a classic vein.

Colonel Bingham served as head of the school from 1873 until becoming headmaster emeritus in 1920, when his son-in-law became commandant. A firm influence for right causes and principles to the last, Bingham passed away quietly on May 8, 1927. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Campbell the following day. As in 1914 when word was received of the death of George Vanderbilt and earlier that of George Pack, flags of city and suburbs were flown at half staff. Some saw it as a symbol of possible social change as well.

Throughout travels of Colonel Bingham's illustrious son, the Binghams of Asheville remained

on Bingham Heights and he was a frequent visitor to the city, where he maintained many ties. In spring of the year following, Col. S. R. McKee, speaking for the administration, announced plans for construction of a major new building that fall. Later there was another announcement, the school would be closed during construction. It never reopened. The road of progress was being closed down with barriers and detour signs, the economic bridge about to be washed out, and it went down with the rest. After four generations starting with the ambassador's great-grandfather, the school was out of business.

Unlike his staunch Presbyterian forebears, Robert W. Bingham became a devout Episcopalian and an active participant in the Anglican Communion of Britain and America. The family in Asheville included his sisters, Mrs. S. Reid McKee and Mrs. Robert Temple Grinnan, affectionately known in the community as Sadie, and the McKee children, Robert B. McKee, Miss Martha McKee and Miss Sadie Temple McKee.

In later years, remaining members lived in one or two of the almost deserted old buildings standing on the bluff. An old fashioned family carrying on where this distinguished and venerable institution had been a vital factor in the life of the city. A social influence since it was founded in the year Louis XVI lost his head during the French Revolution.

As the corps came into rigid formation for its closing review along the old courtyard, tears fell from some who watched those ranks with many emotions.

Endnotes

1. On August 20, 1924, he married Aleen (Muldoon) Hilliard of Louisville in London. She survived him.
2. He received degrees from the University of North Carolina, the School of Law there, the University of Louisville, the University of Michigan, and honorary degrees both in America and Britain. (He was graduated from the family school in 1888.)
3. Mary Lily was the sister of Wm. Rand Kenan, Jr. Under terms of a hotly contested will, the famous Kenan fellowships, scholarships, and professorships were established at the University of North Carolina and the Kenan and Morehead families became the university's leading benefactors. Bequests were suggested by Mr. Bingham.
4. Some accounts describe Colonel Bingham as father of compulsory education in the South.
5. .5. Bingham and Hull were born (1871) a few weeks apart, the latter in Overton County, Tennessee, south of Louisville.
6. In August of 1918, he bought a two-thirds interest in the *Courier-Journal* and the afternoon *Times*. Remaining shares were acquired the following year. It became one of the most important regional newspapers in the country. He also established WHAS, the first radio station in Kentucky.
7. Bingham was succeeded in London by Jos. P. Kennedy, founder of a different dynasty.

Discipline Was No Problem At Bingham School

By Billy Arthur

When it was time for punishment, the famed school master offered students a choice of "Dr. Black or Dr. Brown."

Today's opponents of corporal punishment in the schools would certainly have targeted Col. **Robert Bingham**, once called "North Carolina's greatest schoolmaster." As joint or head principal of mobile **Bingham** School from 1860 to 1927, he not only inflicted bodily punishment with leather strops but also encouraged students to "fight out" their enmity and confined disobedient ones to cramped solitary guard houses.

Students took their punishment good-naturedly, because that was the tradition and code of the historic school, founded in Wilmington in 1793 by the **colonel's** grandfather, then moved to Pittsboro, the Oaks and Mebane in Orange County and finally to Asheville in 1890.

Many students reported they never knew of any classmate who ever bore the "national figure in education" any ill will. M.C.S. Noble, longtime dean of the UNC School of Education who had been a **Bingham** student, called him "just and fair." The solid foundation on which the strict discipline rested was Col. **Bingham's** constant effort to build up in the boys their inborn sense of right and honor."

The 10 Guard Houses

Everyone who got more than a certain number of demerits within a week was imprisoned in a guard house all day on Monday, which was the weekly holiday, instead of Saturday as at most schools.

The ten guard houses were about four feet wide by five feet long with a cowcatcher extension at one end to accommodate the feet if one chose to lie down. Entering just after breakfast, the student received his midday meal on a tray and was released just in time for supper.

Often there were more culprits than guard houses; so, for some there was the alternative punishment -- a vigorous beating with a leather strop by the **colonel** himself. But no boy was ever beaten against his will. He was always permitted to do his turn in the guard house when one became available on a Monday.

Another student, *Chapel Hill Weekly* editor Louis Graves, said he had seen more than a half dozen boys at a time crowding around the **colonel** on Mondays, each insisting he preferred a thrashing to confinement. "It hurt and it hurt bad," Graves said from experience, "but when it was all over the slate had been wiped clean."

No Disgrace

There was no secrecy about the whipping. Nobody cared if other boys came into the room. "It was a tradition that no disgrace was attached to the lickin' -- it was simply a price that was paid for excessive neglect of the rules -- for idleness, for lack of cleanliness of room or person and so on," Graves said.

The candidates would come in after breakfast, and the **colonel** would take down two thick strops -- one black and one brown -- about two inches wide. Very ceremoniously, he would ask the boy to choose "either Dr. Black or Dr. Brown." Also the boy chose whether he would be licked on the hands, legs, "the sitter," or equally distributed. Both Graves and Noble said the boys took it almost without flinching, then went happily off to Asheville for the holiday.

Though the rules forbade fighting, if enmity between two boys reached a boiling point, Col. **Bingham** sanctioned a fight -- in the presence of him and the student body -- but only after he had failed to get the boys to settle their differences without one. The whole school gathered between the dormitories with Col. **Bingham** as referee. Each boy had his partisans who cheered when blows were landed.

The **colonel** was completely in charge. There were no fixed rules. If the fighters clinched too long, he separated them; if they evidenced fatigue, he called for rest. When they became exhausted or had had enough, they went to their rooms, "washed up, applied salve and lotion, and -- no longer snarling -- were in column when the battalion marched to the mess hall," Graves recalled.

Smoking

Not in accord with Col. **Bingham's** strict policies was his toleration of smoking when it did not interfere with classroom or military duties. However, because of danger of fire, a student would be expelled forthwith for "smoking in the bunk."

Col. **Bingham's** stated educational creed was to "make men of boys . . . **Our** men stand at the top everywhere they go. We have taught 5,000 boys. Ninety-five percent have made good, five percent went to the dogs . . . and ten percent of those had already gone to the dogs . . . before we got them," he said in 1920.

Graves said **Bingham** "demanded and compelled close attention to classroom duties. He believed in a simple curriculum and in thoroughness. He sought to develop in boys a devotion to truth, honor and courage. Long before the honor system was much talked about, it was functioning admirable at **Bingham** School."

Col. **Bingham** was a leader in establishment of NC **State** College, of the NC College for Women at Greensboro (now UNC-G), and adoption of a compulsory school law **state**-wide. Through his efforts Asheville was the first city in the south with compulsory education. He died in 1938. A son, **Robert**, once owned and published the Louisville (Ky.) *Courier-Journal* newspaper.

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English Girl Arrives In U. S. By Airplane To Marry E. R. Bird, Jr.

Another of those English-girl-meets-a-Yank stories will reach the wedding-bells stage here at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

This time it will be blonde Yvonne M. L. Hobden of London and a recently discharged field artillery captain, Edward R. Bird, Jr., of 101 Vermont avenue, West Asheville. The marriage ceremony will be performed at the West Asheville Methodist church.

Miss Hobden, formerly an English nurse, arrived in the United States by plane two weeks ago. The couple first met three years ago at a London party.

The bride-to-be, getting her first look at America, "didn't like New York a bit . . . but Asheville is sweet."

One of her biggest thrills is tomato juice. Bananas and eggs—("I just like to stand and look at an egg; we used to get one a month in England")—are runners-up as the blonde Yvonne's favorite American commodities. But she definitely doesn't like America's still-overcrowded trains and buses: "I think I must have come from New York to Washington in a cattle-truck!"

She is taken with American kindness, she says, and "with the courtesy of shop people. You have strange kind of courtesy over here. You may bump a person off the street and say nothing—and yet you still are so nice in most ways. You are—well, the words are 'free and easy.'"

The Birds will live in Asheville. The bridegroom-to-be is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bird, Sr. In service four years, he returned to the United States last Sept. 7 and received his honorable discharge January 27.

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VETERAN OF GRAY IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

J. N. Bishop, Confederate Veteran, died suddenly yesterday at the residence of his daughter in West Asheville. He was 77 years old and was well known in Asheville.

Funeral services will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mt. Gilead Church, Henderson County and interment will follow in the cemetery there.

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"The Littlest Shepherd" is a part of the Christmas story sometimes overlooked, but carries with it, the poignancy and feeling of the "person left behind." Portraying this character of David, the Littlest Shepherd, in the play given at Eugene Rankin elementary school today, was Jimmy Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bishop of 38 Nebraska street, shown in the above picture at the left. Little Barbara Callahan depicted the "Star Child", shown at the right, who came to the shepherd in a dream. When the Shepherds go to Bethlehem, David is left behind to watch the flock and although longing to go, he gave aid to many persons. Because of his goodness, his "Star Child" throws stardust in his eyes and shows him the Nativity scene in a dream, according to the narrative. Persons participating were as follows. Joan Norman, as "Mary"; Donald Green, "Joseph"; Barbara Moffatt, the girl traveler; Billy Farmer, the old man traveler; Carl Messer, Robert Neely, Joseph Randolph, Dennis Freeman, Eugene Harrin, Billy Wilson, Larry Taylor, and Bob Ingle, shepherds; Billy Summey, Rolby Ingle, Ralph McCurry, the Three Wise Men; Patsy Kirkpatrick, Billy Ingle, Agnes McRary, Hillary Ingle, Jack Wilson, Peggy Shipman, Mary Candler, Ronnie Murphy, Donald Talbert, Charles Bolden, Dean Harrsman, H. R. Wells, Billy McRary, Lucille Orr, Donald Norman and Wilburn Brookshire, travelers. Members of the Angel chorus were Franklin Orr, Shirley Jones, Barbara Heise, Jimmy Fisher, Shirley Muse, June Sherlin, Mildred Alexander, Dolores Gillespie, Martha Sue Lance, Julian Sutton, Betty House, Gwynette Worley, Donald Walker, Pearl Hopson, Wilma Gordon, Peggy Taylor, Mary Anne Sprouse, Billy Joy Alexander and Marilyn Messer. Charles Ingle and Doyle Taylor were narrators and Etta Mae Langford was soloist. The program was given by the primary grades.

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COIN DISPLAY COLLECTED BY RAILROAD MAN

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Firemen Gets Big Kick Out Of Discovering Rare Currency

UNUSUAL DESIGNS FOUND IN EXHIBIT

Herman Bishop Has Devoted Years To His Profitale Hobby

By DOROTHY SCHUMAKER

Men have quder hobbies. Staid lawyers have been seen earnestly chasing butterflies and eminent capitalists breathlessly losing their self-control over an Indian arrowhead. Yet it is unusual to find a locomotive fireman with a passion for rare old coins!

Herman Bishop, of 43 Montana Avenue, West Asheville, a fireman on the Southern Railway, has been collecting old coins for so long that he cannot remember when he began. In a trunk at his mother's home, he says, are most of the coins he has gathered in his lifetime of thirty years.

He has with him, however, a small collection in which American coins figure largely. One of these is the 1795 silver dollar, which 43 years ago brought twelve dollars at auction, and which is now, of course, even more valuable. A bank of Dallas, Texas, rates it from thirty dollars up. It has a border of fifteen stars, and the Liberty head is unbanded, with flowing hair. There is no statement of value on either flat surface of the coin, but around the edge runs the legend, "Hundred cents, one dollar, or unit." While this coin has not the rarity of a 1794 dollar, and cannot, therefore, command such high prices, it has a peculiar interest of its own. An authoritative manual states with regard to the Philadelphia mint: "The mint was not fully in operation until January, 1795. Before that time it was rather engaged in experimenting . . . .' Thus the 1795 silver dollar has the distinction of being the first regular dollar of the United States to be put into circulation.

Lucky Dollar

Mr. Bishop was exceptionally lucky in obtaining this coin, he admits. The estate of an old colonial family in South Carolina was being disposed of, and the only remaining relative, a young surveyor, broke up a rare collection of coins belonging to the estate by giving them away to his friends and acquaintances at face value. Mr. Bishop was one of the favored few, receiving the 1795 silver dollar and a silver half-dollar minted in 1833. This half-dollar has the Latin motto, "E Pluribus Unum," floating in a scroll over the eagle's head. The next year, however, came the change of standard, and the motto, which had never been acknowledged in the law, was discontinued.

On a street car one day, Mr. Bishop received as change two dimes, dated 1840 and 1854. The 1840 dime is in a remarkable state of preservation. A seated Liberty supports a small shield across which "Liberty" is written in tiny letters on a scroll, yet every letter of the word is distinct and clearly read.

The collection includes also two coins of the Dominion Republic on the island of Haiti: a 2 1-2 centavos piece dated 1888, and a silver coin of 20 centavos dated 1897; a Danish three-cent coin, dated 1859, that is very tiny, less than one-half the size of our penny, and so thin that it feels brittle; a Danish cent of 1860; a "Deutsches Reich" 2-pfennig piece of 1876; an 1854 French coin with the mark of the Rouen mint; two copper Spanish coins dated 1861 and 1879; an American half-cent of 1828; and and English half-penny of 1871 with the initials F. D. cut into the reverse side of the coin, defacing the profile of Victoria. The meaning of the initials is unknown. They may be a mint mark.

Mr. Bishop also has a very tiny, octagonal gold coin. The date, 1849, can be distinguished, but the surface is undecipherable. The only American octogonal coin is the fifty-dollar gold piece issued in 1851, on the Pacific Coast, but that, of course, is out of the question, since a coin of that denomination would be much larger than the one in Mr. Bishop's possession. Assam, a British province in the Brahmaputra valley in India, had, and may still have, an octagonal currency, and it may be one of her coins that has drifted across the seas into Asheville, by way of Mr. Bishop.

Many Ports

Most of his foreign coins have come into his hands through a sailor-friend, now in Hamburg, Germany, who picks them up in his cruises round the world and turns them over to Mr. Bishop at the end of each voyage. The latter says he has returned a goodly number of these coins to the sailor, who himself has two wooden jars filled with foreign currency. The strange adventures those jars of coins hint at, can be guessed. A square Japanese coin with a hole in it brings instantly to mnid the almond-eyed girls, the fantastic temples, the rare beauty of the cherry blossoms. Another suggests a night in a Chinese gambling den, a street-bazaar in Persia. An encampment of Romany wanderers. Still others picture a Norwegian fishing-smack hailed in passing, Arabs with fantastic eyes, Australian bush-tribes, low-caste native Indians. All these may have played a part in the gathering of the tokens, which passed through the hands of the sailor into the possession of Mr. Bishop.

Born at Landrum, South Carolina, in 1898, Mr. Bishop and his twin brother spent their childhood on a farm. Their parents were of old Irish descent on both sides, and the young Herman must surely have inherited the adventurous Irish temperament, for at the age of 15 he left home and began his railroad career. At sixteen he was a brakeman. He went west for the first time in 1915. The next year found him in Hendersonville, crippled by an accident, and because of this he missed that greatest adventure of all for a young man—the World War. He recovered, and in 1922, went west again. In the flood of that year, he saw the business streets of Wichita, Kansas, under six feet of water. He also was in Hutchins, Kansas, and there heard President Harding on the 29th of June, in his speech on the World Court.

In his two trips west, Mr. Bishop has covered a good deal of territory. He is familair with every section of the Union except the New England states. He has been up Pike's Peak twice, and true to his profession, is very enthusiastic over the cog-railway up the mountain.

He is a sturdy, pleasant-looking young man, with a slow, soft voice and an appealingly diffident manner, but his shyness quickly vanishes in his enthusiasm over his collection. He does not pretend to be a connoisseur of coins, and indeed, he is not one, in the strict sense of the word, but he handles them with a genuine interest and affection.

Coin-collecting is not his only hobby, however, since he takes an only slightly less interest in the rock specimens he has collected. And hunting and fishing have an equally strong claim on his leisure hours. He knows many trails of the Smokies, and he knows, too, almost all of the Cherokee Indians, having lived at Bryson City for four years.

Mr. Bishop has been living in Asheville since 1922. In 1924 he married, and he has now two children, three-year old Ted and the baby Carolina. He is a Mason, a member of the Moose order and belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Mr. Bishop has been a fireman for eleven years. He has been in several wrecks and runaways in his varied railroad career, but he doesn't like to think about them, and refuses to talk about them. Still, he likes his job. And he hopes to keep on being a fireman—and collecting coins.

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On Bible In Schools Dinner Program

These students of Hall Fletcher junior high school in West Asheville will present the devotionals at a dinner meeting of the interdenominational committee for Bible in the Public Schools at Central Methodist church Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The Rev. W. G. McFarland, now of Salisbury and formerly pastor of the Haywood Street Methodist church here, will be the principal speaker. His topic will be "Fortifying Youth for National Defense." All persons interested in Bible instruction in the city schools are invited, but reservations must be made today at Telephone No. 2865 or No. 7272. The students, members of the Bible classes at Hall Fletcher, are Miss Juanita Watts, Miss Dorothy Blackwell and Miss Betty Ann Dover.

Asheville Times January 12, 1942

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Winners In Garden Club Essay Contest

The boys and girls shown above studied the importance of the conservation of trees and then wrote winning essays in a contest sponsored by the conservation committee of the Asheville Garden club. They are, left to right, seated: Nancy Eller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Eller of 60 Brucemont circle, first prize at Aycock elementary school; Jack Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnston of 95 Cumberland avenue, second prize winner at Randolph elementary school; Jo Ann Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Zimmerman of 37 Michigan avenue, second prize at Aycock elementary school; standing, Robert Brackett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee Brackett of 4 Amboy street, second prize at Rankin elementary school; George Lance, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lance of 21 Brotherton street, first prize at Rankin; and Tommy Rezzuto, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rezzuto of 29 Blake street, second prize at Randolph elementary school. Other first and second prize winners unable to be present for the picture are Wayland Plemmons, first, and Mary Frances DeVore, second, at San Hill school, and Georgia Hensley, first at Vance Elementary school. Third prize winners of the schools are as follows: Pat Grice, Aycock; Helen Young, Rankin; Thomas Sumner, Randolph; and Granville Corn, Sand Hill. Cash prizes amounting to $12 will be given the winners at a meeting of the garden club Wednesday, February 18 at the George Vanderbilt hotel.

Asheville Times February 11, 1942

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1928

UNUSUAL FEATURE PLANNED TONIGHT

Radio Station Will Offer West Asheville Artists In Drama

A group of West Asheville artists has planned an unusual program which they will broadcast over the local station WWNC from 9:30 to 11 o'clock tonight.

Several rehearsals have been given for G. O. Shepherd, director of the station, with the result that Mr. Shepherd announces that this will be one of the best local programs offered recently.

It is to be a musical and dramatic entertainment. Group numbers and solos will be offered by the following musicians: Mrs. Etta H Blanchard, pianist, Mrs. Elizabeth Krausse, violinist, Mrs. E. C. Griffin and George Hartrick, vocalists.

In between the musical selections a radio drama will be broadcast. It is an adaptation by Arline Pruette from "The Jackdaw," short story by Owen Oliver, well known English author. The cast of characters includes Mrs. Pruette as the wife, Hellin Keeling as Tom Bruce and Charles Trumbo as the "Jackdaw."

There will also be a ragtime vodvil offered by Hetz, Hetz and Ross, comedians, which promises plenty of laughs.

Asheville Citizen September 8, 1928

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March 10, 1929

Community Life Centers About Organized Groups

West Asheville Folks Combine Efforts In Unity Plan

By GLENN W. NAVES

The people of West Asheville believe in organization.

And, incidentally, they believe in co-operation, and that a combination of these two elements is essential to community growth and progress.

Consequently, they have embodied the two in a number of well organized community groups, each of which is varied in policy and purpose so as to conform with the needs of everybody from the business man down to the boys and girls who are going to school and training themselves to be future citizens.

Beginning several years ago, public spirited citizens of the community grouped themselves in the belief that business, religion, social work, education and community government can best be conducted when each is thoroughly organized. And these organizations have grown with the progressive expansion of that section until each is a valuable asset, something which just as essential in a sense as the streets, schools and churches are because many of these benefits have been obtained through the efforts of one or more of the organizations.

Club Is Oldest

The largest and oldest of these groups are the West Asheville club, the West Asheville Community club and the West Asheville Merchants Association.

The former was organized in November, 1925 with S. D. Hall as president. Other presidents have been: Don C. Young, 1926, Hugh Sowers, 1927 and H. B. Posey, whose term will expire in November of this year. Both Mr. Posey and Mr. Sowers are bankers, the former being cashier of the Bank of West Asheville and the latter connected with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Young is representative No. 1 from Buncombe county in the General Assembly. G. G. Morgan was elected the first secretary and after his resignation was succeeded by Bert Starnes, who has served in that capacity since.

The club's membership of around 75, includes business and professional men of every calling—lawyers, bankers, ministers, physicians, merchants, public officials, and even one fire chief, a mayor and a few "politicians." The fire chief is A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, the mayor, Gallatin Roberts and the "politicians" include Mr. Young, who is also among Asheville's best known attorneys.

The club has since its organization shown a deep interest in the upbuilding and progress of the community, and at present has on schedule a number of plans in that direction.

Community Club

Shortly after the West Asheville club was formed the ladies of the community decided that they should also have a similar organization so the West Asheville Community club was formed.

The club has its musical and literary de[illegible] which have separate meetings and give programs in which the members participate. One of the most popular of these features is the monthly musical program, usually held at the home of a member. Local talent is used and a visiting artist entertains with vocal or instrumental numbers, or perhaps lectures on some interesting phase of music study. Each month the program is planned under the supervision of a selected member and is arranged so as to provide variety and an opportunity for each member to exercise their talent.

In many other ways the club takes an active part in the social, and church and educational life of the community, and has a large and active membership, many of whom are charter members.

Merchants Group

The West Asheville Merchants Association was organized in January, 1926 with a charter membership of 13 business men. The organization has since grown to 60 members, including practically every business concern in the community.

In accordance with tentative plans this organization has continued to function as a mutual benefit group for business men and citizens and has accomplished much in the expansion of the business interests of West Asheville.

J. R. Mills, who died about two years ago, was the first president. Other officers elected at the initial meeting who are still serving are O. J. Judd, vice president and V. F. Brown, secretary. John May succeeded Mr. Mills as president.

Other Organizations

Other groups pprovide the essential organization element for the people, of the comunity.

Young people's organizations include two troops of the Boy Scouts of America; the Junior Music club; the Business Girls' Circle; the Young Men of the Presbyterian church, and others.

One of the Scout troops has been organized at the Methodist church and is sponsored by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, and others, Troop 5 of the Presbyterian church is under the leadership of Jimmy Haley, patrol leader and F. Bonnotte, Scoutmaster.

The Junior Music club was organized by Mrs. A. X. Blanchard and has since grown from eight to eighty members. The group was formed so as to give the children of the community with musical talent an opportunity to benefit from study and contact with each other, and to maintain their interest in music. The club is known as one of the most active in West Asheville.

Other organizations are the Calvary Baptist church orchestra and male [illegible] Junior choir of the Methodist church; Business Girls' Circle, Woman's Auxiliary, Men of the Church and Young Men of the Church, of the Presbyterian church, the Woman's Missionary groups of the community churches, the B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor organizations, the Mitchell Avenue Home club, the Friendship club, the Parent-Teacher Association of Hall Fletcher, Aycock, Eugene Rankin, and Vance schools, the Sunday school groups and others.

Fraternal organizations include the West Asheville chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Locke Craig Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Red Men, Moose, Odd Fellows and the A. F. and A. M. Masonic

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MRS. ARTA X. BLANCHARD

A poet, when once asked the secret of his life, replied, "I had a friend!" The story of this week's personality coincides with that formula.

One day the phone rang.

"Is this 1377? Well, this is Louise. I want you to do something for me," the voice continued.

"What is it?" was in inquiry.

"I want you to take my class of twenty pupils," came the answer.

"Why I never gave a lesson in my life," was the reply. I cannot do it."

"I cannot turn them out to the four winds, and you are the one to take them," continued the urgent Louise.

This was the gist of a conversation when Miss Louise Jackson, daughter of D. L. Jackson, called her good friend, Miss Elta Handte on the telephone not so many years ago. Little did Miss Jackson think at the time that her summons was to be the means of changing the whole life source of her friend and at the same time be the beginning of a career that was to elevate Miss Handte to a high peak in the field of pedagogy in the years to come.

This was Miss Handte's first year of teaching, and at the end of the year Miss Jackson's class had proven a delight beyond all expectations, even tho there was the three-mile walk home across the mountain after classes were over on the two teaching days each week.

Jacob S. Handte gave his daughter, when she was about ten years old, a dime bank, to encourage her to save. This act prompted the very young lady to make some definite decisions, for when the father asked her a short time later what she was going to save for, she immediately replied, "To go to New York to study music!"

This incident took place shortly after the young girl had come with her parents from Chicago to Asheville. Here her mother at once sought the best teacher of piano available. The teacher was Miss Minnie Westall, under whose guidance the young and musically ambitious Miss Elta remained for quite a few years, at the same time continuing her education at the private school, The Asheville School for Girls. Mrs. Blanchard claims much inheritance of her love for good music from her mother, who had studied for years and who was also a church organist.

During her first year of teaching at Haw Creek, Miss Handte continued study at the same time with the nationally known Grace Potter Carroll, who had then only been teaching in Asheville a few years, as well as doing some recital accompanying for Carl Behr, well known celloist, and former member of the Boston Symphony orchestra.

Mrs. Carroll proved the inspiration and help in the final preparations for Miss Handte's long-planned trip to New York for further study. The bank account, begun in childhood, was sizeable enough by now to get to the big city for study for at least a short time, with teaching and accompanying making longer period of study possible.

Happy and satisfactory progress was being made, and engagements with well known singers were being booked, when Miss Handte was stricken with double pneumonia, which sorely depleted both her funds and strength and forced her return to the sunny south to recuperate from what nearly proved a fatal illness.

To return to the metropolitan city in the fall was the plan, but all the time Dan Cupid was silently working, and instead of returning to New York in October, Miss Handte, on the arm of her father, marched down the aisle of Trinity church here to meet her future husband, Arta X. Blanchard, at the altar. Although Miss Handte was a member of Central Methodist church, being president of the Roberts Philathea class, one of the largest in the state, her marriage took place in another edifice because Central's new building was under construction at the time.

But although Mr. Cupid thwarted her plans as for going to New York, he was not able to interfere with the continuance of her teaching career. For in 1925, a year after her marriage, calls began coming in from mothers who were wanting to begin their sons and daughters in the study of the pianoforte; and so it was that on July 4, 1925, the Blanchard studio, with a class ready built by interested mothers, was opened. And a steady increase in teaching and related activities have filled the nearly eighteen years since that July day. Mrs. Blanchard declares that whatever she has done has been largely due to the faith and encouragement of both her husband and father.

Many very talented young people have come under Mrs. Blanchard's supervision, including Miss Dorothy Gaskins, director of music at David Millard high school, who was a charter member in Mrs. Blanchard's classes; and Miss Joy Hipps, now Mrs. Jack Adams, former head of the music department at the Henry Ford school in Georgia. Many talented students are now enrolled and a waiting list is always existent.

But Mrs. Blanchard has other interests besides teaching. She is a fine and sympathetic accompanist (concert accompanying is what she had always planned to do) and appears on radio frequently, presenting request programs of her works. She composes teaching numbers for young musicians, writes poetry and musical articles, does water color sketching and paints.

Organization work also has been an interesting feature of Mrs. Blanchard's activities. In 1925 the West Asheville Junior Music club was organized under the direction of Mrs. Blanchard, who a year later was greatly honored by the membership, changing by unanimous vote the name of the organization to that of the founder. Over two thousand boys and girls have been touched through the ministry of the Blanchard Junior Music club.

Every good chance for study has been taken advantage of by Mrs. Blanchard. In addition to those already named, she has studied under such well known teachers as Mrs. Crosby Adams, Hans Barth, Blanche Fox Steenman, John Thompson, Guy Maier, Kate Morton Laxton, Ernesto Berumen, Frank LaForge, Dr. Arthur Livingston Manchester and Dr. Frederick Stanley Smith.

As perhaps many of the music world in this section will recall, Dr. Manchester was the director of the Florio Singers, a chorus of young women, who once gave many programs in and around Asheville. Mrs. Blanchard assisted in the arrangement and presentation and was accompanist for these programs.

Mrs. Blanchard is a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers, also the National League of American Pen Women, and at present is working on her degree in psychology.

Mrs. Blanchard's advice to young people is to decide definitely on what they want most to do in life, and then after the goal is set, to bend every effort in that direction. "And don't count the hurdles life sets before you," she counsels. "They are only to test you, to see what you will do about it."

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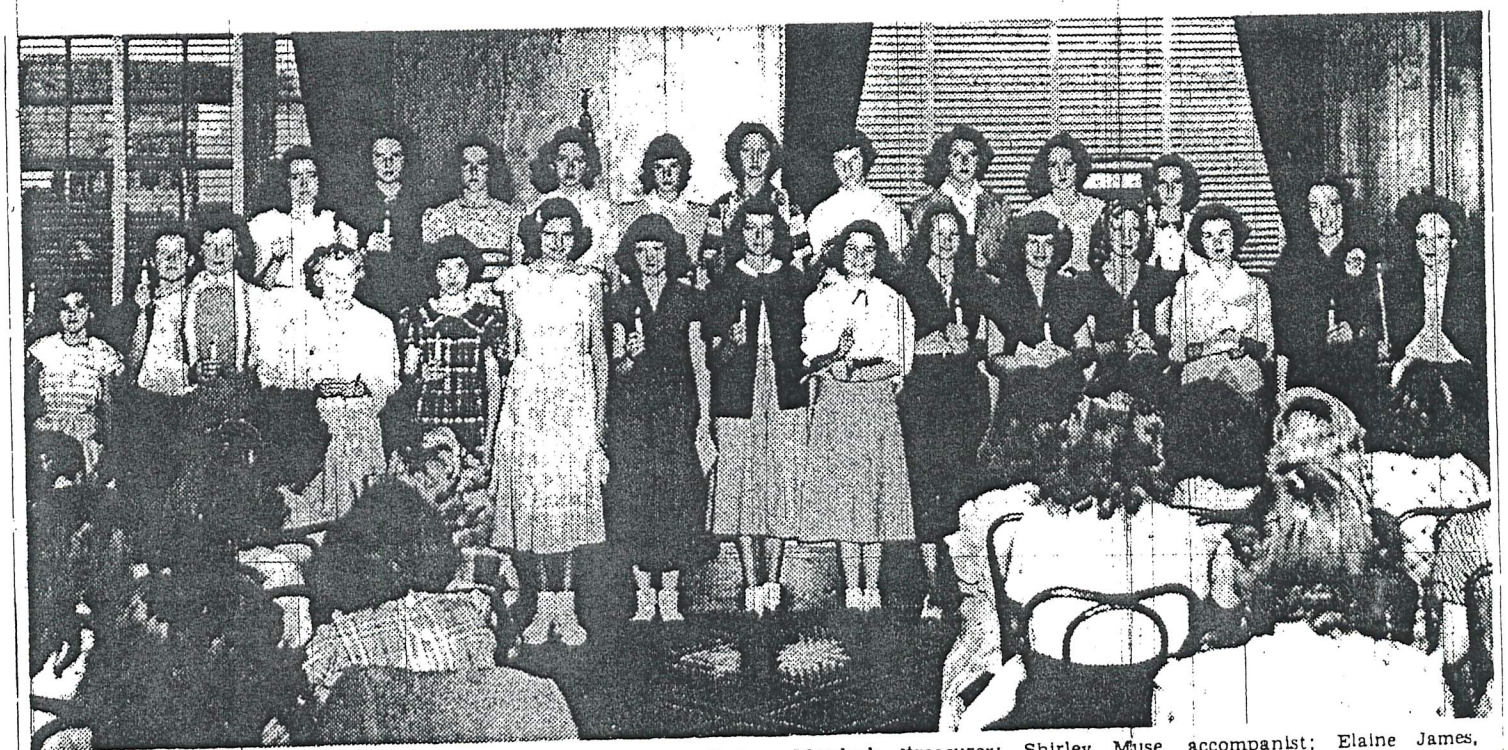

NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS were installed at a meeting of the Hamilton Junior Music Club yesterday in the George Vanderbilt Hotel. This was the first meeting of the fall. Among speakers was Mrs. Elta H. Blanchard, music teacher and writer. She reviewed the history of the club. New officers of the club, shown in the photograph, are: Beryl Roberts, president; Margurite Reed, first vice president; Mary Anne Styles, second vice president; Peggy Rich, third vice president; Patricia Swann, recording secretary; Lois Kline, corresponding secretary; Emogene Murdoch, treasurer; Shirley Muse, accompanist; Elaine James, assistant accompanist; Marjorie Kaiser, Jeanette Velsor, Alice Bell and Betty Moffatt, year book committee; Mary Alice Romine, Nancy Edwards, Jean Lane and Margaret Sublett, scrapbook committee; Alice Goforth, parliamentarian; Betty Lou Compton, publicity chairman; Beth Owens, club rating chairman; Patricia Warren, Maria Roberts and Gladys Dalton, radio committee; Dorothy Logan, Mildred Bowers and Sandra Hollingsworth, music club magazine. Mrs. Hugh Brank is councilor for the club.

A Poet's Songs Of Faith

Elta Handte Blanchard's Shield of Faith (Banner Press, Emory University, Georgia, $2) is a book of verse which sings notes of love, hope, and faith above the turmoil of today's discordant world.

Mrs. Blanchard has been closely identified with the musical life of Asheville for many years as a musician, teacher, composer, and accompanist. Residents of Western North Carolina will realize, while reading the volume, that many people, prominent in the musical world, were the inspiration for some of the poems. Among them are Dr. Crosby Adams, Mrs. Grace Potter Carroll, Miss Ruth O'Shaughnessy, the late Mrs. O. C. Hamilton, and others.

Mrs. Blanchard's volume of poems might, just as aptly, have been titled "Songs of Faith," for her verse mirrors the music which is an integral part of her nature. Indeed, many of the poems are so lyrically perfect, with happy imagery and apt phrase, that they seem to carry their own faint and delicate melody to the mind of him who reads.

The volume takes its title from the poem, "October," whose trees are "Autumn's radiant shield of faith." The entire work is a sincerely and delicately presented impression of a true shield of faith (blended of reverence, the intimate loveliness of nature, the solace of music, the love of true friends)—a shield which has guarded the poet through times of darkness to the serenity and deep spiritual joy which made the poems possible.—L. L. Mc.

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EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE
Staff Writer, Asheville News

ELTA HANDTE BLANCHARD

Not too long ago, a book, "Life Begins At Forty," came off the p r e s and on the book shop shelves. One beginning-time. Elta Handte Blanchard, well known musician, teacher, composer and poet agrees with the Grecian women of old who considered their lives as beginning with marriage. But there might be another beginning for this courageous life.

Her great grandfather, Jacob Stuckrath, at fifteen years of age, set out from Wurtemburg with three companions, for America. The trip in a sailboat took three months — but they arrived in Pittsburgh. The lad grew up, married and in 1858 became Mayor of Pittsburgh. A prominent Mason, the Stuckrath Lodge, named in his honor, stands today in the Pennsylvania city.

Mrs. Blanchard fragile in physique but strong in the purpose of a full, triumphant life, is dated insofar as we know from Jacob Stuckrath who braved the Atlantic, plunged into the unknown world and became a leader of men. Jacob Stuckrath was symbolic of his descendent. Mrs. Blanchard rolls time back and symbolizes her courageous ancestor. But Mrs. Blanchard insists on that marriage date, 1924, as her life's rich fulfillment. Arts X. Blanchard was a prominent hotel man at that time. Their home became an "open house" for musicians and music lovers.

A little girl, Elta Handte, came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Handte, from Chicago where Mr. Handte had been connected with the Vaughn Seed Company. The family located in Asheville and Elta attended the Asheville School For Girls, conducted by Miss Elizabeth K. Ford. She studied music under Miss Minnie Westall. Elta was ready to enter Converse College when her mother's illness and death changed this plan. She studied intensively with Mrs. Robert Carroll, then in 1922, after teaching and recital accompanying the cellist, Carl Behr, Elta left for New York for further work in concert accompanying. The young Elta worked too hard with her studying and her accompanying engagements in New York. She contracted double pneumonia and was obliged to come home to recuperate. About this time John Enwright secured Arta X. Blanchard as his associate manager of the Langren Hotel. Mr. Blanchard was from Richmond, Virginia. The young people met, they admired, love conquered and they were married on Elta's life-date, October, 1924. Mr. Blanchard passed away in December, 1946, mourned by literally hundreds of friends.

In 1925 Mrs. Blanchard saw the need of a Junior Music club in West Asheville. With characteristic initiative and ability she organized the West Asheville Junior Music Club. In 1927 the membership of one hundred voted unanimously to change the name to that of its founder, the Elta Handte Blanchard Junior Music Club. Prophecy: Her name will live in the music-loving hearts of little children, her gentle spirit will help guide their fingers over the ivory keys, as long as Jacob Stuckrath has lived in Elta's own memory — or longer. The club maintains a scholarship fund and assists students when the need arises.

In January, 1950, the organization will have its twenty fifth birthday. It has never faltered in its purpose of service to the young people of Western North Carolina. Miss Ada Gordon is unit co-counselor and continued the meetings during 1946-47. The Blanchard Junior Music Club has touched the lives of over two thousand young people. In concentric circles ever widening, ever deepening, its music has rippled into a surge of spiritual influence. Many of these pupils have completed or are completing their musical start at colleges and universities throughout the South and West.

Mrs. Blanchard has done much senior music club work, as well as junior work. She has taught a limited number of serious music students, maintaining two studios —one on Wall street and one on Blue Ridge avenue. She carries on classes at four county schools —Fairview, Woodfin, Haw Creek and Sand Hill. Recital accompanying has filled the years. Some grand opera singers Mrs. Blanchard has accompanied include: William Gustafson, Jeannett Vreeland, Emily Kalter, Felix Borowsky. Her clubs include: National League of American Pen Women of which she is membership chairman; member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers; Audition chairman for Western North Carolina; member of the Asheville Music Club; Counselor of the Blanchard Junior Music Club; Honorary member of the Eugene Field Society, listed in "Who's Who in Music."

Mr. Jacob Handte her father has made his home with Mrs. Blanchard and her husband until his passing, since the death of Mr. Handte's wife in 1941. She and her father have been members for forty years of Central Methodist Church, Asheville. Mr. Handte has just celebrated his eightieth birthday. A large reception with Mayor Clarence Morgan, giving a speech of tribute to the church's honored member and official, was arranged for Mr. Handte. Hosts for the occasion were the Charles Wesley Byrd class, the Roberts Bible class, the Mother's class, the Men's Bible class of which Mr. Handte had been secretary for so many years. Mr. Handte is a member of long standing of Central's Board of Stewards. Mrs. Blanchard, over a long period, has been a member of the Robert's Bible class. She was its president for seven years in alternate terms.

Mrs. Blanchard has studied piano under Miss Minnie Westall, John Starnes, Mrs. Crosby Adams, Mrs. Robert Carroll and in New York, Frank La Forge, Ernest Berumen. Her teacher courses have been with Kate Morton Laxton, Hans Barth, Guy Maier, John Thompson, and Mrs. Crosby Adams. Her composition was with Frederick Stanley Smith and Dr. Arthur Livingston Manchester. Mrs. Blanchard holds a degree of Doctor of Psychology from the College of Metaphysics in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Blanchard is author of a book of poems, "Shield of Faith," less than a year. Of the work, The first edition was sold out in Doctor of Literature, Lucia Trent, one of America's best loved poets, writes, "The reader who journeys through this volume will find lines which tug at his heartstrings, lines which sustain him in these days of dark transitions, lines which will refresh his faith in the essential unity of life." Glowing comments on "Shield of Faith" have come from many sources, including President Truman, Dorothy Dix and hosts of other poetry lovers.

Art, as projected beauty, seems one of Mrs. Blanchard's unusual definitions which is her new hobby. She has three outlets for her inner gift of the spirit, music, poetry, pictures which are kodaking, enlarging, then painting in oil. Over the mantelpiece of her charming living room is an oil painting, carried through this entire process by her own skill and talent. The painting is of a full blossomed cherry tree. The entire scene is twenty four inches by thirty inches. Her grand piano, a bronze statue, exquisitely wrought, of Jean Baptiste Lully are two other distinctive features of this room whose walls are tinted in pale blue, whose draperies are rich maroon.

Across from Mrs. Blanchard, as if reaching out the protective arms of age, is the wide, low built former home of one time Congressman Hays. This structure is a real landmark in Asheville. A short distance from Mrs. Blanchard's delightful residence Blue Ridge Avenue sheers off to a valley overlooked by some of the rugged foothills of our sections. Her whole life and surroundings seem integrated around beauty. She sums up her aspirations in Emerson's words, "To help the young soul, add energy, inspire hope, and blow the coals into a useful flame; to redeem defeat by new thought, by firm action; that is not easy; that is the work of divine man."

No date

Mrs. Blanchard's Book Of Poems "Candle In The Heart" Released

Elta Handte-Blanchard, Asheville poet and musician, author of "Shield of Faith" and "Singing Heart", has recently published her third book of collected poems, CANDLE IN THE HEART, dedicated to the memory of her father, Jacob S. Handte, "A loyal devoted father, businessman, friend, and churchman, he was referred to as Francis of Assissi, by Dr. E. H. Blackard, his pastor. Mr. Handte had been a member of Central Methodist Church for over a half century; he was an honorary steward." Ash. News

Of her works, Edith Deaderick Erskine says, "The poetry of Elta Handte-Blanchard pulses with a warm human interest, and yet brings out in people and nature, a physical quality that is indeed rare. Candle in the Heart points out the beauty of today, and guides to a more hopeful future."

Expressing the language in words of poetry, Mrs. Blanchard exalts the supremacy of thought in "The Cedar and The Apple Tree," brings out concentrated energy of human endeavor in "I Knew A Father", and throughout the book, each poem opens up new worlds of conquest of thought that mean for a fuller, more useful and a happied existence:

"A friend is like music, loved and cherished 6-29-62
Long after the tones have faded away.
There is touch in the hand of friendship
That silently says what words cannot say.

'Like a gilding ray from the lighthouse tower,
Friendship glows warmly in far-reaching light.
It leaves us a legacy of vision and courage
That inspires for days beyond sight."

Mrs. Elta Handte-Blanchard

Asheville News, June 29, 1962

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Poetry Council of North Carolina
Bay Leaves Dedications

"More life in poetry and more poetry in life"

***Bay Leaves* is the annual poetry awards anthology of the PCNC.**
The PCNC thanks Sally Logan for compiling this list of dedications.

1. **1950-1951 Poets of the Old North State**
2. **1952-1953 James Larkin Pearson**
3. **1954-1955 Olive Tilford Dargan**
4. **1956-1957 John Charles McNeill**
5. **1958-1959 Andrew Hewitt and Metta Folger Townsend**
6. **1960-1961 Lena Mearle Shull (organizer of Poetry Council)**
7. **1962-1963 Charles Albert Shull**
8. **1964-1965 Elta Handte Blanchard and Paul Bartlett**
9. **1966-1967 Teenus Cheney**
10. **1968-1969 Olive Tilford Dargan (1869-1968)**
11. **1970-1971 Edward Dixon Garner and Dr. Victor R. Small**
12. **1972-1973 Hope Robertson Norburn**
13. **1974-1975 Charlotte Young**
14. **1976-1977 Margaret and Eugene Woodruff**

15. **1978-1979 Fred Chappell**

16. **1980-1981 Grace DiSanto**

17. **1982-1983 Ellen Turlington Johnston-Hale**

18. **1984-1985 Jane Chilton Adams**

19. **1986-1987 Winnie Murphy Killian**

20. **1988-1990 Personnel of Poetry Council**

21. **1991-1992 Gladys Owings Hughes**

22. **1993-1994 Founders, officers, contest coordinators and managers, judges, editors, and many other individuals who helped the Poetry Council in the writing and appreciation of poetry**

23. **1995-1996 Joyce Hendrix**

24. **1997-1998 Leon Hinton**

25. **1999 Founders of the PCNC (50th Anniversary Issue)**

26. **2000 Susan Singleton Rose and Emily Rose Warner**

27. **2001 Gladys Owings Hughes**

28. **2002 Keith Petersen**

29. **2003 Libby Campbell and Janet Trail (representing teachers)**

30. **2004 Katie Barnes**

31. **2005 Sally Buckner**

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Cradle Song	Brahms-Grainger
Rhapsody G minor	Brahms
Soiree de Vienne	Schubert-Liszt
Impromptu A flat	Schubert
Impromptu E flat	Schubert
(1) To Ruth	Grace Krick Sanford
(2) My Boy	Morris
(3) Angels Guard Thee	Hamilton

Mrs. Kilgore

Scherzo E minor	Mendelssohn
On Wings of Song	Mendelssohn-Liszt
Rondo Capriccioso	Mendelssohn
Valse E minor	Chopin
Nocturne F minor	Chopin
Polonaise A flat	Chopin

Mrs. Elta Handte Blanchard, Well-Known Musician, Dies

Mrs. Elta Handte Blanchard, musician, composer and instructor of music for several years, died in an Asheville hospital Tuesday following a long illness.

A resident of 77 Blue Ridge Ave., West Asheville, Mrs. Blanchard was the founder of a junior music club (second oldest of its kind in the state), which was named in her honor.

A composer with numerous songs to her credit, she was a winner four different times in the North Carolina State Composers Contest.

She was organist of Central Methodist Church for several years, a former chairman of the National Guild of Piano Teachers of Western North Carolina, and treasurer of the Grace Potter Carroll Student Loan Fund of the Asheville Music Club.

Mrs. Blanchard was a former president of the National League of American Pen Women, Asheville Branch, and was the author of three books of poetry. Her last work, "Candle in the Heart," will be published later this year. Several of her articles on music were published by Etude Magazine.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Handte of Ohio, who moved to Asheville when she was a child, Mrs. Blanchard was the widow of Arta X. Blanchard. She leaves no known survivors.

MRS. ELTA H. BLANCHARD

Groce Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, which were incomplete Tuesday night.

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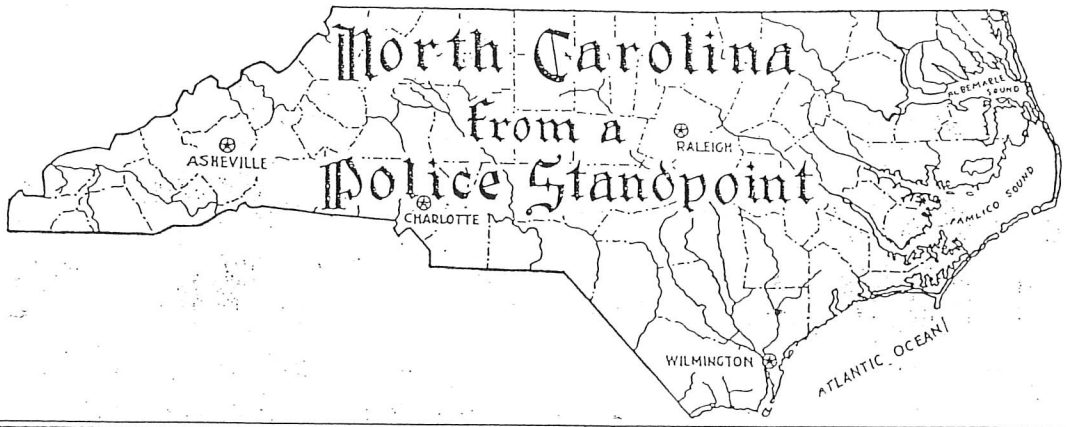

DON W. BLANKENSHIP
Patrolman
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Officer Don Blankenship says he joined the Department May 11th, 1926, and likes it because of the outdoor phase of it and gives him a better chance of meeting people than he has ever enjoyed before and as if those reasons were not sufficient he gives another—policing is a business full of chances for advancement.

So you see he is ambitious to make good in order that he may receive promotions and a spirit like that is bound to win.

He thinks the members should be students of subjects bearing on criminology and always be conversant with the laws of their State.

Prior to this work he was a member of the City Fire Department and at one time an automobile mechanic.

Naturally he likes a smooth running Department and thinks discipline is the best way to get and maintain one.

Officer Blakenship is a native of North Carolina having been born May 9th, 1898 in Weaverville, living there 4 years, then moving to Asheville.

Weaverville lost a good energetic youngster but by the same token Asheville has a good energetic young man.

He is said to regulate traffic as well as patrol.

He is therefore an all round member of the force.

5 feet 11¾ inches tall and weighs 176 pounds.

His residence No. 29 Allen Street, West Asheville.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES

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LOCAL NEWS

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Thursday

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Blomberg leaves 7-decade legacy

By Bob Terrell

CITIZEN-TIMES COLUMNIST

Harry Blomberg, whose business career in Asheville spanned seven decades, from the 1920s to the '80s, died Wednesday morning in a local hospital.

Harry Blomberg

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Temple Beth Ha-Tephila, where he was a member, with the Rev. Ronald Bluming officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Williams Funeral Service.

Blomberg was proud of the fact that he was in business in Asheville for 64 years, and that he held the Cadillac dealership exactly 50 years.

He was born in 1904 and grew up on Woodfin Street, around the corner from Thomas Wolfe's mother's boarding house, the "Old Kentucky Home," and said he had helped put Wolfe's father, W.O. Wolfe, to bed "many a time when he came home roaring drunk."

Blomberg was four years younger than Thomas Wolfe, but the two were boyhood friends, and many years later, in what he considered to be one of his proudest moments, Harry purchased the Wolfe home to save it from the wrecking ball and later resold it to the family.

Blomberg's first business was a partnership with the late Clarence Sluder Jr., whose father had driven the first automobile in Asheville, a Locomobile Steamer brought here by Octagon Soap Co. in 1898.

Blomberg's father was one of Asheville's success stories. Lewis Blomberg arrived in Asheville in the 1880s almost without funds, and opened a sporting goods and pipe and tobacco shop at 17 Patton Ave. His business grew and he soon numbered among his customers the Vanderbilts and Arthur Murray, who came here to teach dancing at the Battery Park Hotel and traded the elder Blomberg so many dancing lessons for boxes of cigars.

Harry Blomberg and Sluder opened a gasoline station on North Market Street in 1923 when Blomberg was 19 years old.

He had quit high school after the ninth grade, much to the chagrin of Andy Hutchins, principal of Asheville High, who later admonished Blomberg: "You're wasting your time fooling around with cars. You ought to come back to school or get a job and go to work."

Sluder finished high school and went to college, and Blomberg bought his share of the business, calling it "Harry's Motor Inn." For a long while, everything he did had something to do with rolling wheels – gasoline stations, parking garages, automobile sales.

He sold Haynes cars, Appersons, Auburns, Locomobiles – any brand he could obtain – and at the time Blomberg was flexing his business muscles, an auto-building boom spread across the country and more than 2,000 different autos were marketed.

In 1937, Blomberg made his biggest move, accepting the Cadillac dealership in Asheville. Four years later he added Pontiacs to his showroom and for the remainder of his life he was known as Asheville's Cadillac-Pontiac man.

Blomberg was a master salesman. Once when automatic transmissions first came out, he and one of his salesmen, Johnny Groom, demonstrated a car for a potential customer who lived on a hill on Howland Road. When they drove the customer home and Groom put the car in reverse to back out

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Blomberg

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of the circular drive, the transmission stuck. With the customer waving for them to drive on through, Harry instructed Groom to "keep backing." Rather than let the customer see the transmission was stuck, they backed down Howland Road, down Macon Avenue, up Charlotte Street, and over to Harry's Market Street garage where the transmission was repaired.

Sometimes Blomberg acted on whim. Once he wanted to buy a whiskey still displayed at Biltmore Homespun Shops for display at his business, but when he learned the still was not for sale he bought the entire homespun business. Naturally, it too became immensely successful.

He was one of Asheville's greatest boosters, once promoting the city by persuading Saks Fifth Avenue in New York to pass out Asheville brochures in its men's department, figuring more tourists would be better for business.

Blomberg also was one of the city's great benefactors, pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into charitable causes. He contributed so much to the community that he formed a foundation and funded it privately.

Blomberg once traded a 1928 Rolls Royce (value today: $200,000) for a $450 diamond ring, though one of his finest moments came on Dec. 22, 1941, when he purchased the Wolfe home on Spruce Street. The massive gabled house of 29 rooms had passed from the hands of Julia Wolfe, Tom's mother, to Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. when she invested heavily in the Florida land boom and went broke.

He bought the house from Wachovia ahead of a man who wanted to tear it down and build a produce market, then sold the property to Fred Wolfe, Tom's brother, two months later.

Blomberg is survived by his wife, Shirley Blomberg of the home; two daughters, Barbara Blomberg of New York and Mrs. S.M. Patton of Asheville; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was a member of Biltmore Lodge 446 AF&AM, Scottish Rite Bodies of Asheville and Oasis Shrine Temple of Charlotte.

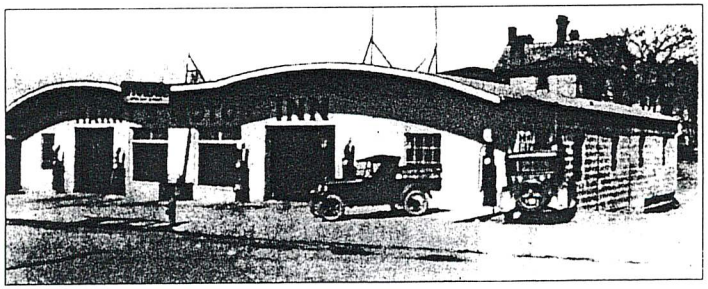
The family has asked that contributions to charity be made in lieu of flowers.

"You're wasting your time fooling around with cars. You ought to get a job and go to work."

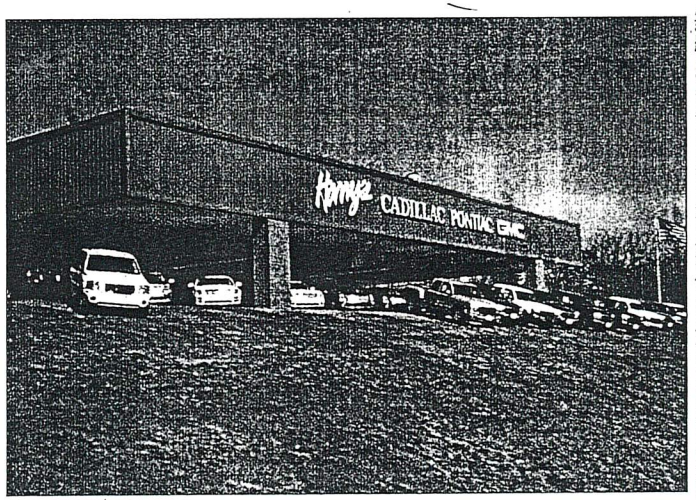
Asheville High principal Andy Hutchins had no idea that in 1919, when he spoke these words to Harry Blomberg cautioning him about spending all his time tinkering with cars, that Harry's Cadillac, Pontiac, GMC would be standing on a hill on Patton Avenue eighty-six years later. What began as one of Asheville's first gasoline filling stations on North Market Street is today a third generation family business.

Initially, everything Harry did, had something to do with rolling wheels, gasoline stations, parking garages, and automobile sales. He sold used Appersons, Auburns, locomobiles, Haynes cars, anything that had an engine and four rolling wheels.

During the great depression of the 1930"s, when many of Asheville's automobile dealers went broke and even the city floundered financially Harry's business flourished. He was adiligent and honest. He correctly gauged the needs of automobile owners. He knew they needed fuel and service and because most cars were open air models with window curtains, storage for bad weather days. He called his places "Harry's Motor Inns" and located them strategically throughout the city— one on Market Street, another on Haywood Street, and a third at the Grove Park Inn, capturing the tourist trade at Asheville's most prominent hotels.



In 1937, Harry obtained the Cadillac franchise, the first in the Southeast. Four years later, in 1941, he acquired Pontiac. Harry's son-in-law, Buddy Patton joined the business in 1950.. In 1967, Harry's Cadillac-Pontiac moved from downtown Asheville to it's current location on Patton Avenue. In 1991, GMC Truck was added to the franchises and the company was renamed Harry"s Cadillac-Pontiac-GMC and nicknamed Harry's On The Hill.



Harry Blomberg died at the age of eighty-seven in November of 1991. The company is now owned by Buddy Patton, his wife Marilyn, and Harry's younger daughter, Barbara Blomberg. Two of Buddy and Marilyn's three children are operating the business. Pat Grimes is General Manager and her brother Harry Patton is in charge of Sales operations.

Harry would find it difficult to believe that today a top of the line Cadillac XLR sells for $76,000, that three of the company's managers are female, that cars are diagnosed by factory trained technicians with aid of computers, that the paint matching in the collision repair center is a science more than an art and that customers are greeted at the door by his grandson Harry's yellow lab, Shirley.

He would not be surprised that what started with his fascination with wheels over eight decades ago was developed into a multigenerational family business with more than sixty employees who continue to serve the automotive needs of Western North Carolina. Harry's message to his family- "Work hard, treat your customers and employees fairly, and always give back to your community"- is still heard at Harry's On The Hill.

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

HONORED AT HALL FLETCHER — Miss Peggy Compton, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Compton of 66 Covington street, has been named valedictorian of the graduating ninth grade at Hall Fletcher junior high school. Miss Elizabeth Bolt, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bolt of 96 Blue Ridge avenue, has been named salutatorian. Miss Compton has a scholastic average of 94, and Miss Bolt has an average of 92.2. Both girls will speak at commencement exercises May 23 at the school.

Asheville Times April 27, 1944

TWO ARE HURT AS THEY JUMP FROM BUILDING DOOMED BY FLAMES

Colonel and Mrs. P. G. Bowman Seriously Injured Making Escape From Handsome Home, Strawberry Hill, Destroyed by Fire Last Night.

Their escape cut off by flames before their peril was discovered, Colonel P. G. Bowman and Mrs. Bowman, narrowly escaped being burned to death after Mrs. Bowman had fallen and Colonel Bowman had been forced to jump from the second story of their beautiful country residence, Strawberry Hill, which was destroyed by fire shortly before 12 o'clock last night.

Finding his escape by the stairway rendered impossible by the rush of flames from below, Colonel Bowman attempted to lower his wife down by use of bedclothing, but her hands slipped and she fell to the ground beneath, breaking her right leg. Colonel Bowman jumped immediately from the second story and fell close by where his wife lay; in the fall he was so injured that he could not move himself nor aid Mrs. Bowman. Both lay nearly an hour almost within reach of the burning timbers of the house.

Neighbors Come.

After what seemed an age to the imperiled sufferers neighbors finally came and hastened to call a physician. Dr. J. O. Anderson was the first to get to the spot and he placed Mrs. Bowman in his automobile and hurried to the Mission hospital, where it was found that her right leg had been broken as a result of the fall. Shortly afterward Noland, Brown and company's ambulance, which had been called by telephone, arrived and Colonel Bowman was immediately taken to Meriwether hospital, where it was found he had a dislocated knee, fracture of several bones in the feet, and a large number of bruises about the body.

At the time the fire broke out, about 11:10 p. m., Mrs. Bowman was sitting up reading, and her first warning was a rush of smoke and flames up the stairway, which took the route probably because it offered the only opening. This was heightened by a draft of hot air from the cellar where the furnace was located, and from which the fire is supposed to have started.

When Mrs. Bowman fell from the end of the improvised rope on which her husband hoped to let her safely to the ground, it was just 11:10; Colonel Bowman jumped immediately and both were on the ground practically unable to move from that time until 11:50. The fire was discovered by the cook who tried to warn the occupants of the house in which were only Colonel and Mrs. Bowman. The servant was returning from Asheville when she saw the blaze.

After the alarm was given a crowd of nearly 200 people went out from West Asheville to the burning house, but neither they nor the West Asheville fire department, which responded to the alarm, were able to do anything to prevent the destruction of the house and its valuable contents. This was due to the fact that the house was located nearly a mile from the end of the car line in West Asheville and beyond the reach of the water lines.

The house which was valued at $25,000 was partially covered by insurance. It was built in 1890 by W. D. Hoagland of Chicago, Ill., and was originally planned as a country club, but after its construction Mr. Hoagland used it as a residence for his family for about ten years. It was then sold to Dr. Winters, of Philadelphia, who occupied it for more than two years. Its last occupant was Colonel Bowman, who came to Asheville recently from Birmingham, Ala.

The destruction of the house was complete and it was impossible to save any portion of the furnishings.

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C.
Thursday, May 6, 1965

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"MOTHER OF THE YEAR"

Mrs. Frank J. Bowman, Asheville

WINNING ESSAY: By Barina Bowman

"A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER"

My mother is my guide to God. She leads me day by day. And when I have a problem, I always feel free to ask for advice. A mother is not just a loved one, but a friend who will always be by your side whether times are good or bad. There are many children throughout this world of ours who have to struggle through life alone the hard way, but I thank God for her, because I can have only one mother through life.

Thank you Mother, you've done a good job of helping me start my life out right.

Miss Barina Bowman, age 12, 6th Grade, Sand Hill School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Bowman.

MRS. FRANK J. BOWMAN and her daughter Barina. Mrs. Bowman is the secretary of the Sand Hill School PTA, and is active in the Eastern Star Electra No. 228 and the American Legion Auxiliary. Mr. Bowman is employed at the American Enka Corp.

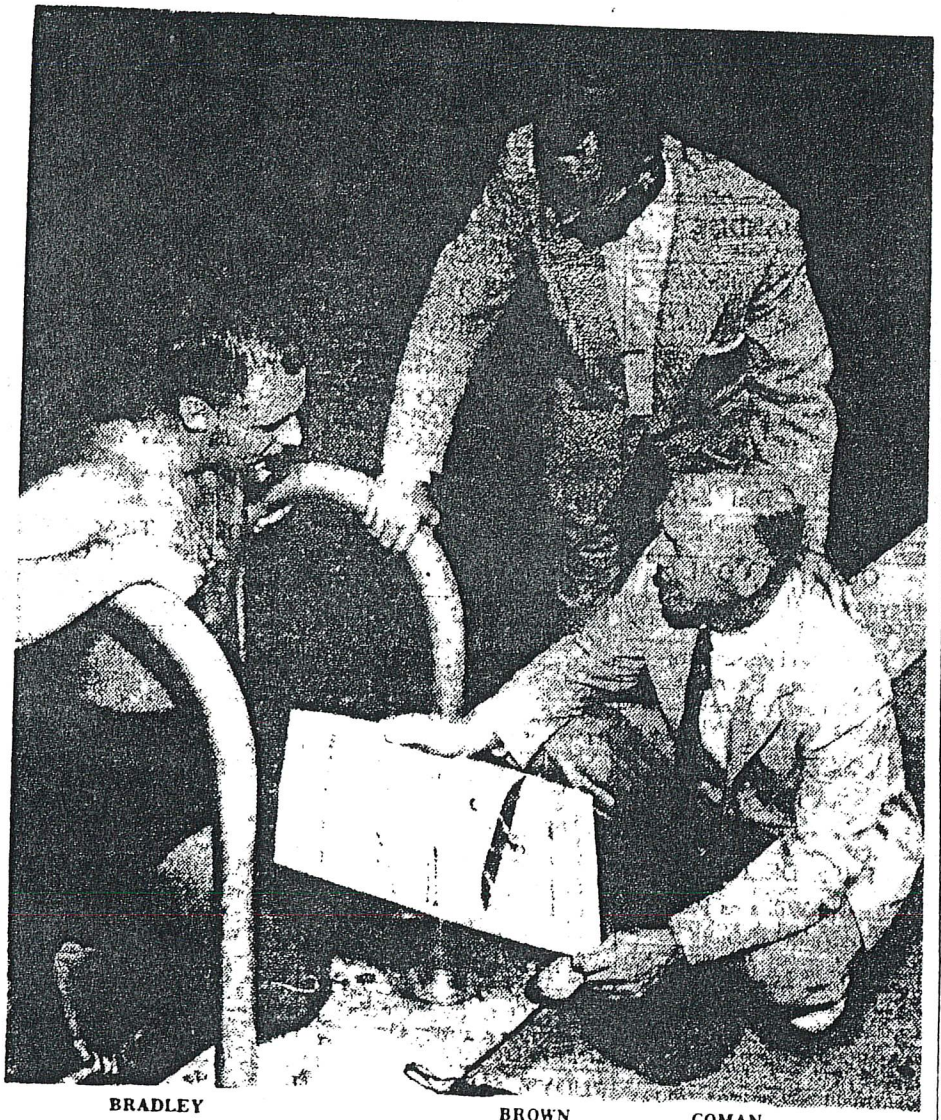
S. Sgt. C. H. Bradley Now In England

Staff Sgt. Carlos H. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bradley of 6 Mitchell avenue, is serving in England with the United States signal corps. He has been stationed there since last October.

BRADLEY

Sgt Bradley entered the service in August, 1942, receiving basic training at Fort Monmouth, N. J., where he attended radio school. He was then sent to Camp Crowder, Mo., for a course in signal corps training prior to going on maneuvers in Oregon. He was then sent to a point of embarkation in New York. A graduate of Lee H. Edwards high school, Sgt. Bradley was employed by the Southern Bell Telephone company prior to entering the service. He is married to the former Miss Jean Wicker of Asheville

Asheville Times March 20, 1944



BRADLEY BROWN COMAN

RED CROSS CHECKUP—J. D. Brown, chairman of safety services of the Buncombe County Red Cross chapter, and J. Herbert Coman, newly appointed chairman of water safety, confer with Charles Bradley, life guard at Malvern Hills swimming pool, as they initiated an inspection of water and water-front safety facilities at all of the city's swimming pools.

Asheville Citizen June 22, 1956

Asheville young folk by the scores took to the streets and by ways yesterday and today, after a thin blanket of snow and freezing temperatures had turned slopes into ideal places for sledding and sliding. Some sleds got their first use of the year. These scenes are typical of many throughout the vicinity a short time after the snow had covered the ground. The top picture shows Miss Dorothy Thomas, student at David Millard junior high school, in the act of throwing a snowball—at The Times photographer. She was among the first to get out in the snow during the afternoon. Shown in the bottom picture, three youths are shown enjoying a rapid ride down the slope of Craggy avenue in West Asheville last night. They are Lee Bradshaw, Nick Collins, Jr., and Bruce Blankenship.

Asheville Times January 8, 1942

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Branks' Igloo Is Attractive Product of Storm

This igloo is the "real thing" and will house six children fairly comfortably. It is in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brank, 33 Dorchester avenue, West Asheville, and was built by the Branks family and some of the neighbors' children. They all worked about four hours on it yesterday and the Stars and Stripes were raised on it today. In the picture, left to right, are Kenneth West, Mrs. W. S. Brank, Marian Gibbs, Eddie Winslow, Peggy Lou Laughter and Helen Ruble Brank. The igloo is quite a neighborhood attraction and is substantially built. The back, or body, part is much larger than appears in the picture. The three children seated and Mrs. Brank, with shovel at the right, were all inside when the photographer arrived.

Asheville Times March 4, 1942

Taxi Driver Robbed, Shot By Assailant

A Blue Bird cab driver was robbed and shot early yesterday, narrowly escaping death.

Buel Breedlove, 32, of 81 Virginia Ave., was shot three times in the head by a Negro fare about 2 a.m. He was in fairly good condition at Memorial Mission Hospital where he was admitted some 50 minutes after the attack.

The bullets did not penetrate Breedlove's brain, but were embedded in the skin near his ear, hospital attendants reported. He also suffered a wound in the back and the side of the head.

A suspect was taken off a bus by Greensboro police at the request of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department and officers from here questioned the Negro at length yesterday.

It was reported, however, that the man was only detained and later released.

The Asheville officers returned to the city last night.

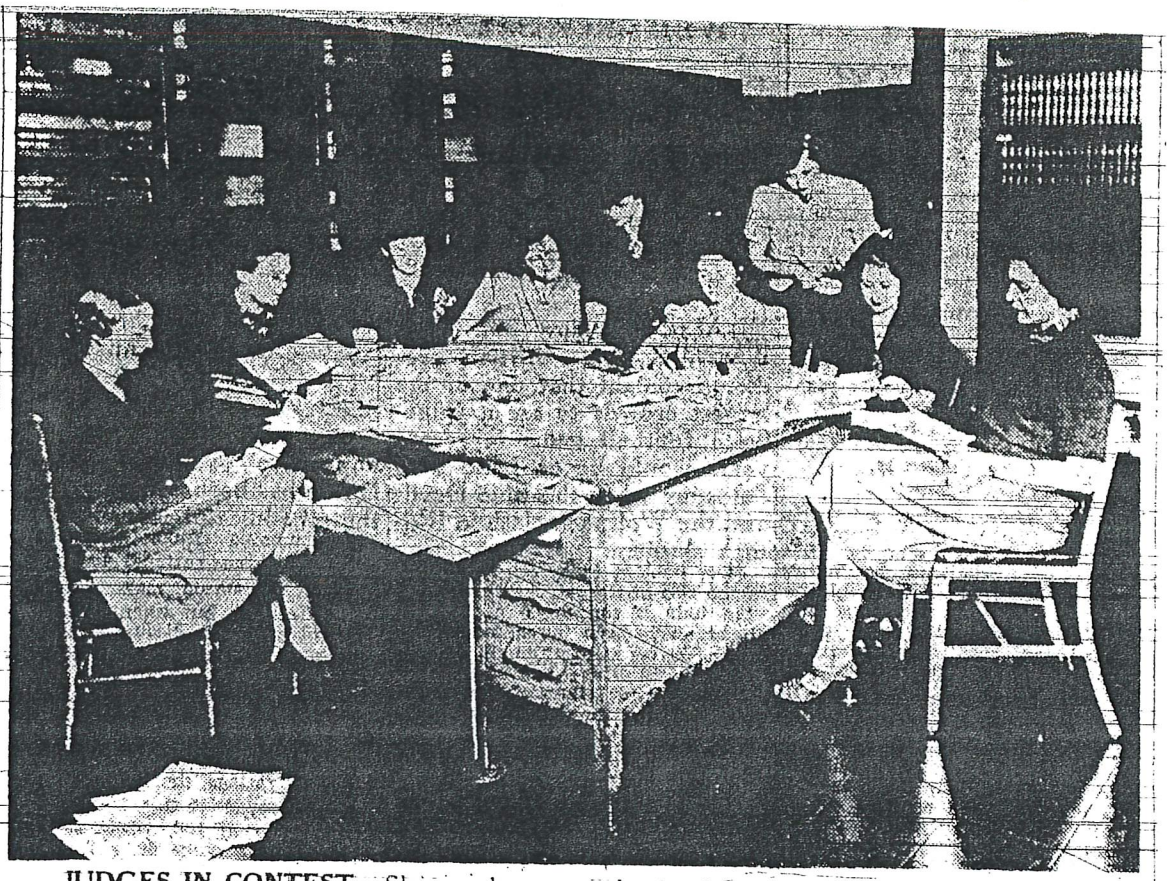
Deputies said they were informed by Breedlove that he had picked up his fare on Southside Avenue early yesterday and had driven him to the intersection of Brooklyn and Wyatt Roads in Shiloh where the Negro demanded Breedlove's money at pistol point.

Officers said Breedlove told them that he gave the Negro both his personal and taxi fare money, totaling $30.

Then the gunman, Breedlove was quoted as saying, shot him. As the driver attempted to get out of the cab, the Negro shot him twice more.

Breedlove stumbled some 200 yards to a nearby residence where he asked occupants to call the Police Department and an ambulance.

Asheville Citizen December 13, 1955



JUDGES IN CONTEST—Shown above are the food experts who judged the more than 6,000 entries received in the Citizen-Times company's Thanksgiving and Christmas recipe contest. Left to right: Miss Doris Lee, dietitian at Aston Park hospital, Miss Mary Louise Armstrong, hostess at Biltmore Dairy Farms, Mrs. Polly Crosby, dietitian at Appalachian hall, Miss Jane L. Wilson, dietitian at Asheville Teachers college, Mrs. Rose Whittington, hostess at Southern Dairies, Mrs. Cornelia W. Middleton, home economics teacher in Asheville city schools, Mrs. Miriam Little, home economist of Carolina Power and Light company, Mrs. Anne Shoup, home economist of Carolina Power and Light company, Mrs. Dick Briggs, home economist of West Asheville. Another judge, Mrs. Levinia Smith, dietitian at Mission hospital, was not present when this picture was made.

Asheville Citizen November 24, 1939

95 Vermont Ave.

RETIRING MAYOR IS HONORED BY BOARD

Board of Aldermen at Final Meeting Adopt Resolution Praising Work of Mayor Bright.

At a final meeting of the board of aldermen of West Asheville held last night, a resolution, thanking retiring Mayor J. L. Bright for his work in lending official aid in the building up of the town of West Asheville was unanimously adopted. The text of the resolution follows:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the board be tendered retiring Mayor J. L. Bright for his courteous treatment of the members of the board on all occasions during his term of office and his untiring and painstaking efforts to develop and upbuild West Asheville."

The foregoing resolution was ordered recorded on the minutes of the board. The remainder of the session was largely taken up with routine matters, including the auditing of bills and otherwise putting things in good shape for the new administration.

Asheville Citizen November 17, 1915

A. L. BRIGHT, 88, IS DEAD AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Was Mayor Of Town Of West Asheville From 1913 To 1915

A. L. Bright, mayor of West Asheville from 1913 to 1915, died at 1:15 p. m. yesterday at his home, 148 Brevard road, after a lengthy illness. He would have been 89 years old on March 17.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. today at the home and burial will be in Green Hills cemetery. The Rev. A. C. Tippett and the Rev. T. A. Groce will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Dunn-Groce.

Pallbearers will be C. M. Taylor, W. V. Felmet, L. J. Brookshire, C. H. Dickson, H. L. Owen and D. T. Jarrett.

Honorary pallbearers will be J. W. McRary, Dr. P. B. Orr, W. S. McRary, W. S. Parkins, Dr. L. E. Davis, Dow Daves, S. D. Hall, N. A. Collins, Jasper Alexander, J. N. Jarrett, C. J. Ebbs and H. H. Compton.

Mr. Bright was born in Dysartville, McDowell county, and had been married twice. His second wife was Miss Mary Robinson Brown. He made his home with a step-daughter, Miss Clara Bfown. Also surviving are several nephews.

He was one of the first settlers in West Asheville, owned business property in that section, and many years ago ran a store there.

For many years he was prominent in work of the West Asheville Methodist church. Until a year ago he was a member of the board of trustees.

Asheville Citizen January 16, 1941

FORMER MAYOR BRIGHT DIES IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Long Illness Claims Pioneer Merchant And Civic Leader At Home.

Ash. Times — 1-16-41

A. L. Bright, former mayor of West Asheville, died this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock at his home, 148 Brevard road, following a long illness. Mr. Bright would have been 89 years old on March 17 of this year.

He elected mayor of West Asheville when it was incorporated in 1913. He served for two years and was followed by the late J. L. Crook, who was mayor until Asheville and West Asheville were merged.

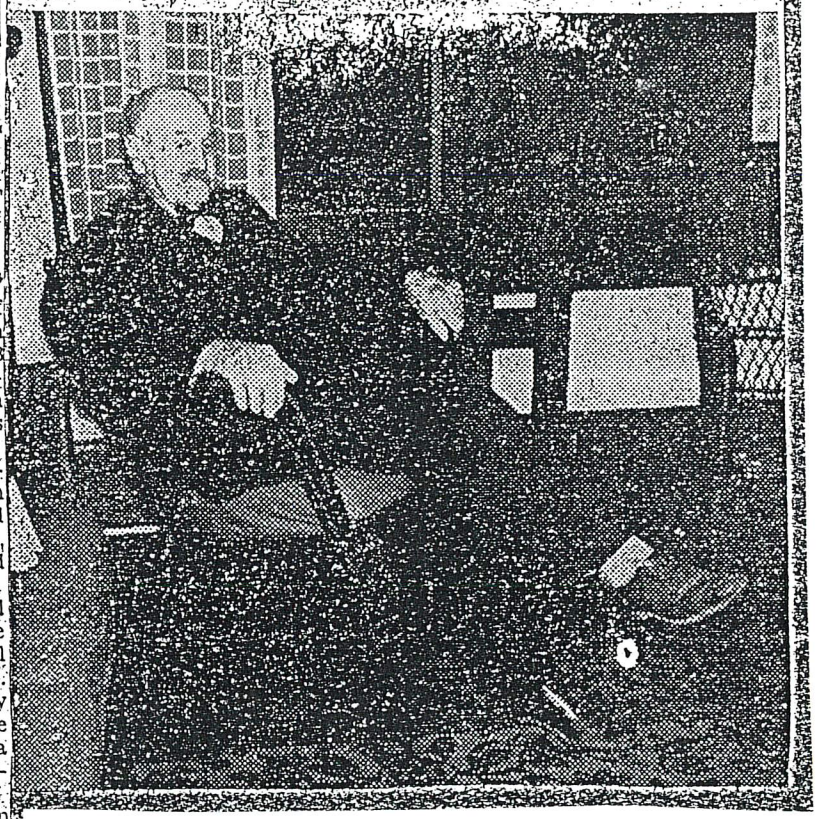
Mr. Bright had been seriously ill at his home for several days. He was born in Dysartville, McDowell county. He had been married twice. His second wife was Miss Mary Robinson Brown. He made his home with his step-daughter Miss Clara Brown. He is also survived by several nephews.

Mr. Bright was well known in this section and was one of the first settlers in West Asheville. He owned business property in that section. He ran a store in West Asheville many years ago.

He had been a prominent member of the West Asheville Methodist church. Up until a year ago, he was a member of the board of trustees and had taken an active part in church work.

Funeral services are tentatively set for tomorrow afternoon. Arrangements, are under the direction of Dunn-Groce funeral home.

Former West Asheville Mayor Dies



THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1935

In Operetta At Hall Fletcher

Shown above is a group of leading characters in "America in Song and Costume," an operetta, to be presented at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at Hall Fletcher Junior high school in West Asheville. The presentation is being staged by the music department of the school under sponsership of the Hall Fletcher P. T. A. Those on the first row are from left to right: Floyd Woody as master of ceremonies, Dorothy Wright, Virginia Terrel, Hazel Coffey, Leola Mae Byerly, Hope Griffith, and Albert Moore, music master. On the second row are from left to right, Charles Pugh, Fern Kirsch, Balfour Brookshire, Jack Hendrix, Jane Ewers. Many periods in history are represented by the characters. Charles Pugh and Fern Kirsch portray the modern boy and girl.

Asheville Citizen October 18, 1935

Know Your Pharmacist!

L. B. BROOKSHIRE
B & B PHARMACY

Graduate U.N.C. School of Pharmacy 1943, licensed by N. C. Board of Pharmacy to practice in North Carolina. His experience dates from 1943. He served in the Navy as a pharmacist's mate during World War II. Formed partnership with H. L. Bishop in 1953. B & B Pharmacy located at corner Hanover and Haywood Rd. in West Asheville. Is a member of the W. Asheville Rotary.

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By BERTHA W. HALEY

BALFOUR BROOKSHIRE

Balfour Brookshire is co-owner of the B and B Pharmacy, 462 Haywood Road, West Asheville. He and H. L. (Cotton) Bishop opened the drugstore in October of 1953.

The son of Mr and Mrs. Lorain J. Brookshire, Balfour was born in Biltmore, and moved with his family to West Asheville at the age of five.

He received his preparatory education in the Asheville city schools, and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

After graduating from the above school, Mr. Brookshire "worked for a short time," then enlisted with the United States Navy in 1944.

As an active member of the U. S. Navy, he served as Pharmacist Mate attached to aviation medicine at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946, returned to West Asheville and resumed his work as pharmacist.

Brookshire was associated with the Ideal Drug Store on Haywood Road until he and H. L. Bishop opened the B&B Pharmacy.

Mrs. Balfour Brookshire is the former Miss Martha Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams. Her father is the assistant fire chief of the Fire Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Brookshire have two young sons, David age five and Larry two years old.

Brookshire is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church. He is a member of the West Asheville Rotary, Western North Carolina Drug Club, North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, and the National Association of Retail Druggists.

His mother, Mrs. Lorain J. Brookshire, is a member of the teaching staff at Hall Fletcher High School. Mr. Brookshire, Sr., is in the lumber business.

Hobbies. Fishing and golf when he finds the time.

Mrs. Brookshire's interests are her home, her two boys who keep her "pretty busy," and she too, likes to fish, swim and an occasional game of Bridge.

12 Winnfred St.

Four Rotarians are honored

Times Reports

Four members of the Rotary Club of West Asheville have received the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

They are Balfour Brookshire, B. Allan Culberson Jr., Dr. Orville MacAlpine and Walter Tipton.

The awards were presented by District 767 District Gov. S.C. "Mark" Markanda, of Matthews.

The four received the awards at a spring ladies night dinner at Asheville Country Club.

The award is named for Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905 in Chicago. Rotary International provide scholarships for study in foreign countries for U.S. students and brings students from other countries to the U.S. for study.

The four local Rotarians were honored for their work in behalf of Rotary International.

In 1985, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International provided 945 scholarships to students and professionals, so they could pursue their educational goals in countries other than their own.

Last year, Rotary International began a "stop polio by 2005" program as part of the Rotary Foundation. This 20-year project will use $6 million each year for a "polio-plus" program, which will immunize all the children of the world by 2005. A Rotary International immunization task force and area operational committees have been put to work.

The program has innoculated more than 50,000 children in Panama and 12 million in Mexico in January 1986. Another team was back in Mexico in March 1986 to innoculate additional Mexican children. Teams have been sent to other countries around the world with reports coming in to Rotary International in Evanston, Ill.

As the work is completed, Paul Harris Fellow Awards are supported by donations from members of Rotary Clubs, by projects conducted by each club and donations from the Rotarians receiving the award.

Bishop Paul Hardin, who serves as counsel for church and public relations at Givens Estates' United Methodist Retirement Community, was speaker at the dinner.

Soldiers Get Proper Fits, Brookshire Says

WHEN you join the army now you're not thrown into an oversized uniform, tight shoes and a motley collection of men.

Douglas C. Brookshire of Asheville who was inducted at Fort Jackson on May 20, told today of the pains specialists take in properly clothing the soldiers, and by thorough tests and lengthy interviews determining where each man will fit into Uncle Sam's fighting forces best.

BROOKSHIRE

Private Brookshire who formerly was employed as librarian by The Citizen-Times company is home on a brief leave. He already has passed through the induction center and now is going through the reception center before being assigned to an army unit.

There's no guess work about any of the procedure, he said, and the physical, mental and aptitude tests are conducted just as carefully as you would expect your own doctor to do them.

Soldiering is a business matter these days, Private Brookshire said, and the army is conducted accordingly. There's plenty of work and discipline, but the food is plentiful and well cooked and living quarters are comfortable.

"It's just like in civilian life. When a man has a job that takes care of his necessities and provides enough money for some of the luxuries of life, he in turn is expected to do his work well."

Private Brookshire is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Brookshire of 44 School road, Malvern Hills.

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Harley Gaskill Brookshire, Jr., general practitioner (1940)

Harley Brookshire, Jr. was one of the few Asheville natives to join the local medical community in the forties. His father, Harley Brookshire, Sr., was a prominent physician and civic leader, a member of the City Council, and a trustee of Asheville-Biltmore College.

Harley Brookshire, Jr., attended local public schools and Mount Herman School for Boys. After graduating from the University of North Carolina, he obtained his medical degree from Tulane Medical School and interned at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Beginning practice in nearby Candler in 1940, he also accepted an appointment as the Asheville school physician, succeeding Margery Lord.

In 1942 Brookshire began his military service with a medical battalion of the 77th (Statue of Liberty) Infantry Division in the European Theater. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel and was decorated with the Army Commendation Ribbon and the Purple Heart. After his return from overseas, he served briefly on the surgical service of Moore General Hospital in Swannanoa.

Discharged in 1946, Brookshire returned to general practice here. He, his wife and two children lived on Shelbourne Road in West Asheville. He died from the rupture of an intracranial aneurysm in 1949. He was 45 years old.

***History of Medicine in Asheville*, Dr. Freeman Stephens, 2013 pp. 179, 180**

L. W. BROOKSHIRE

L. W. Brookshire, owner-manager of the West Asheville Half-Hour Laundry, moved to his new place of business 722 Haywood Road from 746 Haywood Road about a month ago.

He has been in the laundry business since the conclusion of World War II, and prior to coming to Asheville, owned and operated a laundry in Wilmington.

During World War II, Mr. Brookshire had the position of Shipyard Supervisor of the tool department in the North Carolina Ship Building Company for five years in Wilmington, one of the largest concerns of its kind, holding an inventory of 3 million dollars in tools.

A native of Asheville, Brookshire was educated at West Buncombe high school, Fruitland Institute in Hendersonville, and attended night school in a technical school in Detroit, Michigan, for three years.

After graduating from the Fruitland Institute in Hendersonville, he for five years was associated with the Werk-Weaver Motor Company in Asheville as auto service manager.

He then accepted the position as Field Service representative for Hudson Motor Company with headquarters in Detroit, Michigan, covering some 14 states, and as he put it, "about every state that touches the Mississippi River," Florida, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, etc.

After a number of years with the Hudson Motor Company, Mr. Brookshire accepted the position with the Lincoln Division of the Ford Motor Company as Field Service Representative with headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia and Charlotte, North Carolina. He held this position, as supervisor of the tool department in the Wilmington, N. C., Shipyard.

Mr. Brookshire is a member of Calvary Baptist Church on Haywood Road. He is a member of the West Asheville Lions' Club and is a member of the West Asheville Business Association that is responsible among other civic projects, for the attractive Christmas lights along Haywood Road.

He has one daughter, Mrs. J. L. Gorman, who with her husband

h. 748½ Brevard Rd

EDUCATOR PASSES

Rev. Dr. Albert E. Brown, prominent Baptist educator, who died early this morning at his home in West Asheville.

REV. DR. BROWN DIES AT HOME IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Was Superintendent for the Past 25 Years of Mountain School Department of Baptist Mission Board.

PROMINENT EDUCATOR

Rev. Dr. Albert E. Brown, for the past 25 years superintendent of the mountain school department of the Southern Baptist Board of Home Missions, and one of the most prominent Baptist educators of the south, died suddenly at his home, 39 Tremont street, in West Asheville, this morning.

Death occurred shortly after seven o'clock, from an attack of heart disease. Rev. Dr. Brown had been in his garden a few minutes previously and became suddenly ill. He went to bed and a doctor was called, but death ensued within a few minutes.

He had been seriously ill for some weeks previously with a complication of ailments, but recently had been much improved.

The funeral will be held at Calvary Baptist church, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, with burial in the West Asheville cemetery. Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. Dr. B. D. Gray of Atlanta, secretary of the Home Mission Board; Rev. Dr. R. J. Bateman, pastor of the First Baptist church here, and Rev. J. W. O'Hara, assistant to the late Rev. Dr. Brown.

Born in Tennessee

Rev. Dr. A. E. Brown was born near Jefferson City, Tenn., August 6, 1863, and was 61 years of age at the time of his death. He was educated at Carson-Newman college, where he was graduated with degree of A. B., and later had the degree of Divinity conferred upon him. He entered the ministry, and for a time was at Hendersonville, later becoming pastor of the West End Baptist church in this city, where he served a year or more.

While he was pastor of the West End church he received appointment of superintendent of the mountain schools.

To this work he devoted his life's efforts and was eminently successful. Starting with no schools, by reason of his direct work there are now 30 of these schools in nine southern states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia, Arkansas, and Missouri. These schools now care for 5,000 pupils, and engage 225 teachers. The property valuation is $1,500,000. During his career as superintendent Rev. Dr. Brown established 46 mountain schools, but several of these were discontinued or consolidated with other schools.

On October 1, 1923, Rev. J. W. O'Hara became assistant superintendent and has been aiding Rev. Dr. Brown since that time.

Surviving Relatives

Dr. Brown was married to Miss Lamanda A. Whittaker 38 years ago. The widow and five children survive. They are: W. A. Brown, Cincinnati, O.; A. M. Brown, Asheville; Mrs. B. A. Green, Bakersville, N. C.; Mrs. C. T. Gossett, Asheville; Mrs. Roy Hamrick, West Asheville. Other immediate relatives are two brothers: Rev. T. L. Brown, of Gates, N. C., and E. A. Brown of Sylva; and a sister, Mrs. Sallie Walker of Cleveland, Tenn.

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Home of Dr. Albert E. Brown, 39 Tremont St., West Asheville

E. H. Brown, Businessman, Dies In City

Eugene H. Brown, 61, of 29 Lucerne Ave., owner and operator of the Asheville Seed Store, suffered a heart attack Thursday and was prononunced dead on arrival at an Asheville hospital.

A native of the Leicester section, he was a son of G. F. and Leona Plemmons Brown. A graduate of the old Fruitland Institute, he taught for a time in Buncombe County schools.

BROWN

Mr. Brown in 1923 became associated with the Asheville Seed Store and had been owner and operator for the past 16 years.

He was a member of the United Commercial Travelers Assn., a past chairman of the board of stewards of Abernethy Methodist Church, and had been active in community affairs.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Aleatha Anthony Brown; one nephew, Tony Davis of the home; seven sisters, Mrs. Miller Ramsey of Asheville, Mrs. Ott Duckett of Canton, Mrs. O. J. Rogers, Mrs. C. W. Waldrop, Mrs. Stans Brown, Mrs. Walter Cole and Mrs. G. F. Bridges of Leicester; three brothers, Vonno L. Brown of Asheville, W. L. and Carter Brown of Leicester.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Abernethy Methodist Church. The Rev. W. B. A. Culp, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Nease Jr. Burial will be in Grace Methodist Church Cemetery in the Leicester section.

Active pallbearers will be Donald Shook, Jennings Brown, Murgil A. Johnston Jr., Robert Gillespie, Dennis Brown and Rex Brown.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the board of stewards of the church, members of Groce Bible class, Jack Siler, Zeb Whitt, S. B. Tate, W. C. Wilson, Sam Young, J. C. Dennis, Mitchell Lominac, Artimums Hawkins, Clyde Grigsby, R. C. Freeland, Dr. Norman Anderson, Dr. L. C. Waller, Claude Coffey, the Rev. C. V. Hall, Cecil Hall, Bob Groce, Tom Morrison, Jed Roberson Sr., L. B. Hahn, John Earle Jr., Weldon Penland, and W. M. Styles.

The body will remain in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home until taken to the church to lie in state 30 minutes prior to the services.

Buncombe County Launches Drive On Inflation

Scores of civilian defense block leaders and volunteer workers were busy today soliciting pledges from Asheville housewives that they will help enforce the government's rationing and price control programs as the Buncombe county Home Front Pledge campaign against inflation was officially launched. Here Mrs. C. T. Lowe (left) and Mrs. N. S. Dyer call on Mrs. G. Carl Brown at her home at 85 Brucemont circle to explain the campaign and obtain her pledge.

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MARY GERTRUDE TALLENT BROWN
20 Vandalia Avenue
West Asheville, NC 28806

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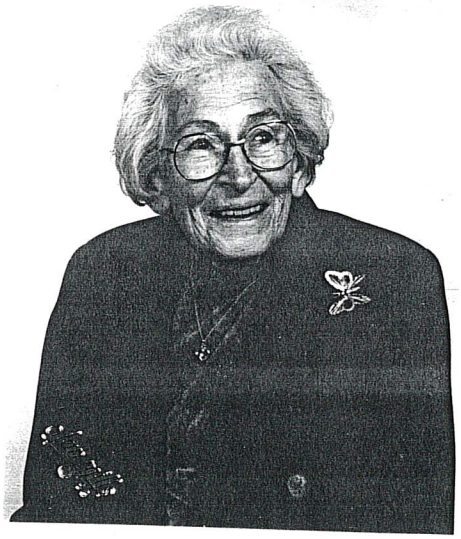
Mary was a wonderful homemaker. In fact, Robert wrote the "Betty Crocker" show and they won a trip to New York City and tickets for two. She made the best beef stew and chocolate cake. They traveled to New York by train and were treated like celebrities!

After working for Sears she took a job at WLOS Radio Station, and helped them move the office to the house next to the Grove Park In. WLOS radio became a TV station where she did the cooking show and remained in the bookkeeping office until she retired in 1979.

Mary was an active Eastern Star member and an active member of Metro (a station organization). She loved to garden in her spare time and shared with her neighbors. She also helped Robert with his publications of books and columns he wrote for the paper. She traveled to Mississippi and South Carolina to visit her grandchildren.

After a 1991 heart attack she moved to Alabama in 1992, for recovery and the remainder of her last eight years. She loved living on the Tennessee River with her daughter Betty.



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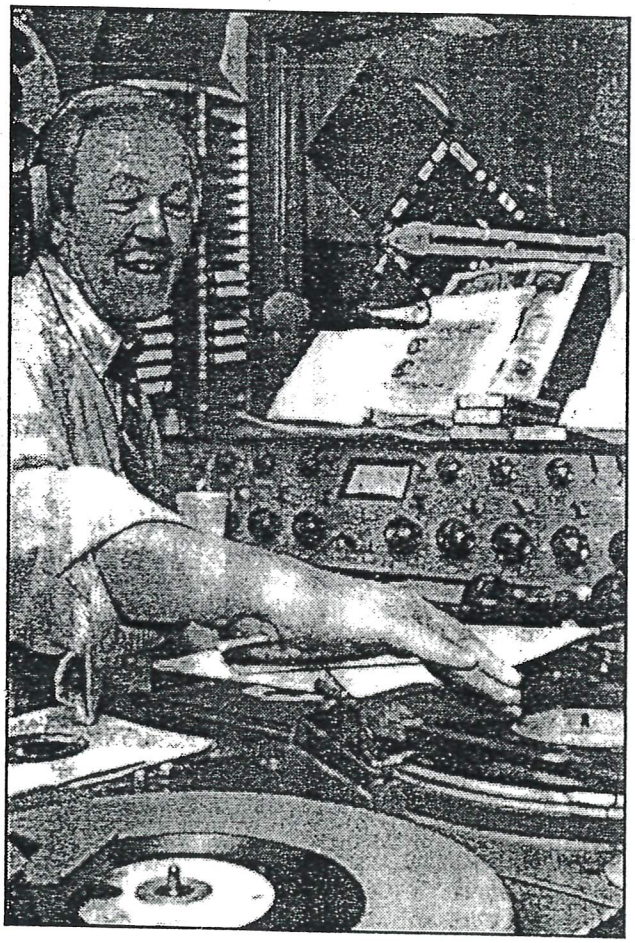
Lower left: Ross Hesse, Mike Federlein, Cliff Mashburn, and A. G. Jarrett seem to be trying to figure out what comes next while H. C. Pfalzgraf and Bill Goslin try to figure out what they're figuring and J. H. Brown gives up in despair.

This is when they moved the offices around!

WNC's Little Joe Brown

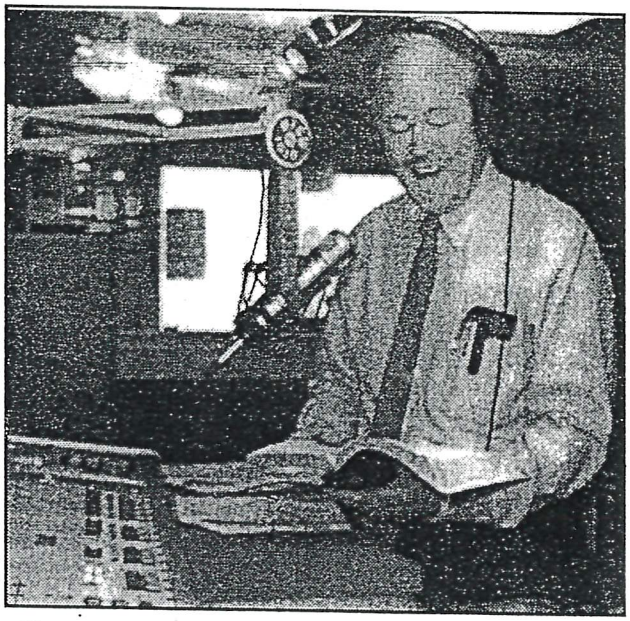
One of Asheville's longest running radio personalities continues to be the host of the Gospel Hymn Time program on Christian 1010 AM, WFGW. Little Joe Brown, a Western North Carolina native has been a radio announcer,



Last day for Brown at WSKY.

talk show host, and the personality that many people have grown to love for over the past 37 years. Brown began his career in radio on WTOE in Spruce Pine where he worked as station manager at the age of 24.

Little Joe moved to WBMT in Black Mountain for a span of time before moving to 570 AM, WWNC where he hosted the popular "Nightwatch" program, calling up the



Brown at the controls of WFGW in Black Mountain.

sheriff's dept., fire dept., sports arenas, and any place that had the latest news. Joe Brown allowed the local officials to come on the air and relay the information to the public.

When the year of 1964 rolled around, Brown won the NC Broadcaster's Press Association Award.

This award was an award of excellency after a story he produced with a broadcast on a cave-in at a talc mine in Murphy, NC. Throughout Little Joe's successful adventure of spinning records, he worked at WISE from 1965 - 72 , and at WSKY for 14 years.

WSKY's 1,000 watt radio station recently moved to Westgate Shopping Center in Asheville. In this facility, Joe was the host of a weekday morning program from 6 - 9 AM before retiring to only part-time disc jockey work on Sunday mornings when he allowed the Gospel to spin across the turntables.

In 1997 Little Joe Brown continues to spread the Gospel with his "Gospel Hymn Time Too" program on a local radio station.

Music from the top 7,000 Gospel hits is accompanied by prayer for special requests, and Little Joe also gets the song requests in for his listeners. Like many other great radio announcers, radio runs in his blood.

Buncombe Veterans Fought In Famous Civil War Battles

One man who charged up Cemetery Ridge with the Stars and Bars in Pickett's immortal and fatal rush at Gettysburg and half a dozen who took part in Bragg's "barren victory" at Chickamauga, are among the 37 living Confederate veterans in Buncombe county. Another was present when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and still another remembers clearly the fall of Fort Sumter, the opening gun of the war, although he did not enter the service until several weeks later.

The veterans living today are a modest lot for the most part. Those who were old enough to get into the grey ranks in '61 are extremely few and a majority of the men who attend the meetings of Zeb Vance camp at the courthouse nowadays say quite frankly: "We were just boys in the regiments recruited toward the end; we guarded prisoners and watched mountain passes, some of us were not even armed. But we had to sleep in the snow sometimes, and live in the mud go hungry and ragged, so we feel that we did our part."

Average Age Is 98

Consider for a moment the troops recruited in '61 were from 21 to 35 years old. Possibly the average was 25. That would make the average age of the survivors today 98 and the youngest, recruited at 20, would be 93. The young men who went into the late regiments in '63 and '64 were often as young as sixteen—from eight to 15 years younger than the troops of the first great Confederate victories, so by far the greater number of veterans living today are of these late regiments.

But even among the living veterans who were but lads in their teens when Sumter fell, are men who fought with musket and bayonet, dashed on horseback with naked sabre, or swabbed and pointed cannon, in the really great battles of the war.

Gettysburg, the real death knell of the grey hopes and Murfreesboro or Stone's River, one of the bloodiest battles of the war, the hundred bloody skirmishes in Sherman's path of devastation; the victory of Bragg at Chickamauga and the battle of Kennesaw Mountain are memories that stir the blood in the now feeble limbs of about a dozen of the veterans in the county today.

Among them are:

W. W. Pace, now 93 years old, had not yet enlisted when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter, but he was enrolled in Company B, First South Carolina artillery a few weeks thereafter and spent the next two years as a member of the fort's "rebel" garrison. He was there when the Union fleet finally battered them into submission in April '63, and from Charleston, his outfit set out across the Carolinas and Georgia. He was in front of Sherman when that Yankee general swept through Georgia and he was captured finally at the big battle of Averysboro, S. C. He was wounded during the seige of Sumter by the Yankees. He now lives with his son J. B. Pace near Arden.

Was At Chickamauga

J. M. Case, who lives at Emma, and his brother, W. H. Case, now dead, went out with Company D, 30th North Carolina and were transferred to the famous sixtieth regiment. They saw service in Virginia and fought at both Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain and were in the thick of 36 days of service fighting around Atlanta.

John M. Houck of Marion, a member of Zeb Vance camp, was captured at Gettysburg after being wounded. He was also in the fighting around Richmond and faced Grant's troops in the wilderness around Spottsylvania.

Spencer Freeman, who served in the 25th North Carolina, is another veteran of the battles of Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain.

Captain W. Elbert Weaver of Weaverville and his negro body servant, Gilbert Baird, went out with the 29th North Carolina and campaigned over six states, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and both the Carolinas. Captain Weaver still carries a bullet from Chickamauga. He saw Sherman burn Atlanta and took part in the last battle of the war, an engagement at Mansfield, La., some days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Colonel R. L. Fitzpatrick, present commander of Zeb Vance camp, was for awhile a member of Morgan's famous raiders, but didn't cross the Ohio on the brilliant raid into Kentucky and Indiana. He enlisted with 31st Tennessee, but for most of the war was in Captain Owen's detachment of scouts, doing reconnoitering for Vaughn's brigade.

F. B. Bishop, 89, of Avery's creek, was present at Lee's surrender to Grant and was wounded "at the big battle of Bull Gap." His father and older brother also wore the grey.

S. Patterson, 67 Murphy street, says he was in "plenty of battles" in the Carolinas, and was wounded seven times. He is now 97 years old.

Wounded In Pickett's Charge

Levi J. Walker, 83 years old now, was the fifth color bearer shot down in the Confederate charge up Cemetery Ridge. He lost his left leg and spent the remainder of the war a prisoner at David's Island, N. Y. He has lived in Asheville since 1920 and his home is at 266 Forest Hill drive. He was in Company B of the 13th North Carolina.

The Rev. T. F. Glenn, who has been in the ministry 75 years, was chaplain of a regiment of General Joe Wheeler's command called the Third Confederate. It was made up of companies from Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. He was at the battle of Murfreesboro in Tennessee and was in front of Sherman at Atlanta.

Lee Williams of Old Fort, was in Company B, of the 9th North Carolina artillery battallion. He took part in the battle of Forth Fisher and saw service in Virginia.

Ephraim Byerley, who lives in West Asheville, had two fingers shot off at the battle of Hatcher's Gap. He served in Company A, 21st North Carolina.

J. J. Stephenson, who was in Company C, 69th North Carolina, was in the battle of Bull's Gap and saw service in Tennessee.

R. T. Underwood, Chestnut street, now 87 years old, served Capt M H. Love's company of Col. W. H. Thomas' Legion, which included 400 Cherokee Indians. The unit was made up largely of young boys and Underwood's job was to guard Yankee prisoners and the passes in the Great Smoky mountains. He and his comrades saw no fighting but endured great hardships in the last winter of the war. He brought many prisoners back to Asheville.

P. B. Brown, living on the Brevard road, was in Company C, 16th South Carolina regiment.

Several Served In Cavalry

A number of the local veterans belonged to the 14th North Carolina cavalry battalion, a unit recruited of young soldiers. Among these were J. J. Stephens, R. B. Bitton of Horseshoe, J. A. Hughey and H. S. Walton.

John Paxton of Canton, who belongs to Zeb Vance camp, saw service in the western army with Company I, 62nd North Carolina.

J. W. Dickerson, who was in Col. Walter Bryson's command was quite young, and served at the saltpetre works near Hendersonville.

There are a number of names on the Confederate pension role at the courthouse whose regimental affiliations and records are not known to the camp, nor does the pension clerk have their addresses. They are known to be living, however, as they called for their checks in June. They include D. V. Cole, T. M. Cole, F. Guthry, Thomas Hudgens, Henry S. Limbaugh, O. W. Reynolds, Clingman Sawyer, O. W. Surratt, David B. Watts, Charles W. White and Richard Gowan. The names of J. A. Ballard and H. E. Parham are on

P.B. Brown

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By TOM CUSHING

ROBERT JOSEPH BROWN

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This is an interview with a far better interviewer than I am.

Robert Joseph Brown (or you may call him just plain "Bob" like every one else does if you wish) has written stories about the truly great ones of this country and the world. He has also taken their pictures. I believe he could also write the music if called upon to do so.

Twice in recent years Bob Brown interviewed the late President Roosevelt, took excellent pictures of that great world leader. Bob said he knew the President better than he did Mrs. Roosevelt, in spite of the fact that she visited this section (Ed: and others) oftener. Dorothy Dix, the internationally known Columnist of Common Sense, wrote Bob Brown that the picture he made of her for one of the leading magazines was the best she ever had. I was much amused at her personal letter to Mr. Brown, in which she insisted on paying him for the prints. "I am," she wrote, "one of those honest widder wimmin who pays her debts."

That superb violinist, Jascha Heifitz, saw a portrait photograph which Bob Brown made of him (and it is one of the best I ever saw of anyone). Heifitz took the picture, refused to return it until our editor of the Farmers Federation News promised before witnesses to supply the concert violinist with prints! Jeannette McDonald, the well-known opera and movie star, considers Bob Brown almost her State Photographer as well as her friend. Jose Iturbi, the pianist; Martinelli, renowned Metropolitan Opera singer; John Barrymore: they have all been willing subjects before the camera of Robert Joseph Brown. It makes me feel so small to be writing about this top-flight news man.

I hardly know where to begin. Maybe it would be best to start with the beginning of a career rather than a birthday.

The bus from Rockwood, Tenn. to Knoxville stopped for a few minutes at Harriman. A youth of 22 got off to stretch his legs. He was on his way to Knoxville, hoping to get a job in that most depressing year of 1929.

The young man, always alert to anything around him, chanced to hear some excited conversation among the natives of the town. A local mother had just drowned her three children and hung herself. Horrors!

Robert J. Brown (you guessed it!) went into action. There would be another bus in an hour. He had just quit a Cincinnati newspaper because of an unfortunate type-setting error proved later to be no fault of his. He hoped to get a writing job in Knoxville. Here was the lucky break he needed.

Within minutes Bob Brown had checked with the sheriff's office, the local undertaker, and several others. The story was true. Bob promptly phoned the story to the Knoxville News-Sentinel. Then he caught the next bus to that city. That afternoon he entered the editorial offices. "How do we know you can write?" he was asked.

"You have a front page story I wrote in that paper," pointing to the latest edition of the News-Sentinel on the editor's desk.

It was the story of the tragedy at Harriman. "Well I'll be . . !"

Young Bob went to work at once. His personal depression was over.

But what of his preparation for the job of newspaper writing? A news scoop, like knowing the right people, will get you a job; but unless you know your stuff, the lucky breaks won't hold that job for you.

Robert Joseph Brown, son of Harry and the late Mrs. Brown, of Rockwood, Tenn., learned his present profession by working at some of most everything there is in the world, or so it seems to me. At 38, he has had a wealth of experience in many lines: jobs he did well, too—though the breaks of the game got him fired or laid off, made him quit, and actually got him in jail (which, as he wrote about it later, was a surprisingly nice jail; of which Chattanooga should be proud. But that is another story.)

Young Bob Brown, whose Dad owns a dry cleaning plant and laundry in Rockwood and also serves as city commissioner, appears to have an unquenchable thirst to know more about most things than any man I ever met. It doesn't matter much what it is, so long as he is learning. Which makes a highly elastic, versatile mind. Couple that with a persistence wholly ignorant of the word "quit," and you have an unbeatable combination. The lad went through public school in Tennessee, then for two years at the U. of Cincinnati. Later he and his wife had further study at Lincoln Memorial U.

Mechanics and electricity fascinate him. When Bob was a little boy his father had charge of coal mine machinery in Kentucky and Bob learned all there was to know about it. Though his education was along classical lines, he "buddied" with science teachers, learned 'on the side' all they could teach him. Till, at 13, he built the first radio receiving set in his entire community. People came from miles around to see and hear this mysterious new thing.

You may have seen Bob Brown in some of his lectures and demonstrations in science. He is booked regularly by a Lyceum bureau for three or four lectures in schools throughout the country - during his vacation. As a part of his astounding demonstrations this prominent West Asheville resident plays with high frequency electricity as a kitten plays with a ball of twine. Using a home-made Tesla coil like he first saw when he was six and which he and the boys in his practical science course at Oakley school built, Bob Brown amazes his audiences by passing electricity through a little girl and lighting enough lamps to illuminate a night baseball game. For a long time Miss Jean Bruce, a Unadilla Avenue lass now working for Buncombe County, helped Brown with this demonstration. Recently his own little daughter, Betty, 9, is his fearless partner. The Bob Brown demonstration of how to play safely with certain death was first made at an Asheville Junior League circus. This amateur scientist is now very much in demand all over the southeast.

No man ever plans to enter the newspaper or publishing field. He is usually bitten by some unseen bug. But once the Printus Inkus virus enters the blood stream, it is there for life. Bob Brown was so bitten during the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial" down in Tenn-O-see near Brown's home. The lad was in high school and visited Dayton with a preacher friend. To pass the time, he crashed the trial room, innocently took a seat in the section reserved for some of the world's greatest reporters. Young Brown came out of that room a newspaper man—for life.

Between the time he first knew what his profession would be and the first reportorial job he had, Bob Brown tried most everything in the way of honest work (and he IS a most honest, most ethical man). During summer vacations he worked on a railway section gang, in a chemical laboratory, in coal mines; he ran a gasoline station, tried his hand in a butcher shop, helped a Chattanooga reporter on a mine explosion story which killed 38 people. Good stories always seemed to "break" for Bob, but he had little luck in getting a regular job.

In 1927 this lad, whose mother had died when he was [illegible] to make his way away from home to make his way in the world. That way proved rough for him. In Cincinnati he got locked out of his hotel room because he couldn't pay his rent; he went plenty hungry till he got a short-term job in a cafeteria. A man on the Cincinnati Enquirer got him a job as glorified office boy and apprentice with an advertising agency. Then to the Kroger grocery chain; and to another Cincy paper as reporter, which place he quit when a story was published NOT as he wrote it. Which brings us to the time of his getting that story of the Tennessee tragedy reported from Harrimon.

It was soon after that Bob Brown landed in jail—for refusing to divulge the source of information and pictures of a cock-fighting story Bob did for a Chattanooga paper. Life magazine featured this incident in the career of a true, ethical, fearless newsman. "And," Bob told me, "my little boy Bobby was the only one who failed to see a lot of fun is my being in the hoosegow for four days."

In 1933 Robert Joseph Brown married Mary Tallent of Rhea Springs, Tenn. This wedding followed a courtship of one week. It is most gratifying to see this lovely family of four, started by a natural infatuation which was known no doubt from the first moment Bob Brown and Mary Tallent met. Their children, Bobby and Betty, are being reared most intelligently as individuals entirely capable of thinking for themselves.

Though they had been most everywhere, the Browns had never seen the ocean up to 1940. So they loaded up their trailer and left Tennessee with nothing else in mind. Their route led through Asheville. They stopped here for two weeks, during which Bob worked for a local paper. They liked it so well they stayed. And I don't believe they saw the sea until Mr. Brown went to Charleston on one of his Lyceum lecture tours this Spring!

Robert J. Brown had not been in Asheville long before a vacancy in the editorship of the Farmers Federation News occurred. Because of his all-round ability as newsman and photographer, Brown was a "natural" for the job, as James G. K. McClure, head of the Federation soon found out. Once when young Brown went to ask his Chief about a cover picture for the News, Mr. McClure said, "Now, Bob, the Farmers Federation News is YOUR job. This office is mine." And so it is that Robert J. Brown, affectionately known as "Bob", works as his own boss—some 16 to 18 hours a day. He photographs matters of agricultural and stock-raising interest throughout this section, and runs pictures and stories in one of the best laid-out monthly magazines of its kind. He travels here and there, and knows the people. "It isn't work, Tom. For me, it's nothing but fun."

More than two years ago Bob Brown, who studied the violin when he was a boy, but, frankly, can't play it at all, had an idea which will bring to this section a wealth of the finest publicity. A sincere lover of music, in co-operation with radio station WISE Bob Brown originated a "musical appreciation" course in the city and county schools. Superintendents Roberson and Latham joined enthusiastically in this cultural effort.

"My son Bobby really started the thing," Bob says, "when, after hearing his school teacher read for the class the story of Hansel and Gretel, the boy asked her if the students wouldn't like to hear the music of that charming opera. They did, after Bobby had me take the records to the school and play them. I figured other students in the other schools would like the same thing."

Last week I attended a meeting of the Lions club, where this unique course among the schools of the nation was given the honors. This child of Bob Brown's splendid brain is much too big to be limited by the space of this sketch. I shall quite definitely tell you about it in detail at an early date. With credit where credit is due: to Bob and Bobby Brown, originators; to the heads of our schools who so quickly recognized the worth of the course; and to Station WISE, who so generously contributed the necessary equipment and time on the air if our children were to receive the benefit of so fine a thing.

And now we come to end of this poor sketch about Bob Brown. My notes are only half exhausted. But Bob Brown wears well, and he will still be here, doing fine things for western North Carolina, when the time comes to write another, more worthy story about him.

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Here Comes The New Editor—Bob Brown

RECENTLY he has been editor of the *Asheville Advertiser*. Before that for 18 months he was with the *Asheville Citizen-Times;* before that with the *Louisville Courier - Journal,* and 5 years with the *Chattanooga News.*

He has had 8 years of newspaper experience. He is also an experienced photographer. We are counting on Bob Brown to keep up the high standards and the Big Value of the FARMERS FEDERATION NEWS.

Farmers' Federation News February, 1942

Science Show Is Fun For Brown, Audience

When a newspaper man goes into the show business it is news.

That is just what Robert J. Brown, former Citizen reporter and photographer has done with his "Bob Brown and His Science Circus" show. Started as a hobby because of a natural interest in things scientific, the show was given first for friends and then for small groups.

Someone with an eye for good showmanship saw it and encouraged Brown to take it on the road. That is just what he did and in a matter of months he has played in 20 states and Canada with his "Science Circus."

This tour was climaxed in 1949 with a 13-week engagement on American Broadcasting Company's Television network from Chicago.

In this television series Brown gave a show every week and what's more each show was entirely different. Just imagine having a nice routine set up for a show lasting an hour or an hour and a half and then being suddenly called upon to expand the show not into quintuplets but "thirteen-tuplets." But Brown did it and successfully, too.

One reason was that he had fine cooperation from various college proffessors assorted commercial scientific firms and manufacturers, the American Medical Association and the atomic energy boys. It looked like everybody was trying to get into the act and practically did.

It was a lot of fun, Brown admits, and he is toying with the idea of taking another crack at TV this year. Just now he is home with his family at 20 Vandalia Avenue, but never get the idea that he is just resting. He has been bouncing around to various parts of Western North Carolina, playing before various schools and groups and having a wonderful time with it. The strange part of it all is that he has no difficulty in going back to the same school for a repeat performance. The interest factor in his show is quite high and so is the comedy, and that seems to be a combination that is hard to beat.

For those who have not seen the show, a little information on how it operates may be of interest. Brown uses no theatrical tricks or stage dressing to get his effects. When the audience files in the stage is covered with a strange collection of black and white cabinets filled with miscellaneous materials.

Conspicuous at first glance is a arge cylinder wound with fine insulated wire, topped by a bright metal ball. Around the base of this cylinder is a helical coil of copper wire about the size of a lead pencil. This gadget is what Brown uses for the climax of his show. It is capable, with the aid of a clutter of transformers, of producing something like 400,000 volts.

As every high school physics student knows a voltage like that is capable of producing all sorts of queer phenomena and this coil and its associated apparatus does just that. Brown usually introduces it by having the room darkened and turning on the electricity with a foot switch. A spectacular lavender spider-web of sparks sizzles from the metal ball atop the coil. It crackles and hisses and fills the air with the sharp smell of ozone.

When the lights are turned back on the coil is still there, as drab and harmless looking as it was before the display. The only thing that is really changed is the audience. Keyed to a high pitch of excitement by the miniature bolts of man-made lightning, the audience is filled with a feeling of suspense as Brown goes through a series of demonstrations of the various kinds of vibrations and how they work, because the audience knows that sooner or later he will come back to that terrible gadget that shoots lightning bolts.

He does this in the climax scene, of course, using a girl or boy from the audience to demonstrate how it is capable of lighting electric light bulbs without wire connection, of making even burnt-out fluorescent tubes blaze into life.

Imagine what happens to the audience when he clamps a broad band of copper about the arm of his volunteer assistant and then hooks it to the metal ball on the big coil with a heavy copper wire.

Will the girl who has volunteered to help him be burned to a crisp? That is what the audience is thinking and this reporter has a sneaking notion that sometimes the girl is thinking the same thing.

Of course there are a lot of other gadgets in the show, including a Geiger counter which detects radioactive substances, and a lot of tricky materials like bouncing putty, which bounces like a rubber ball, stretches like molasses candy and breaks like a piece of glass. Another is a rod of lucite twisted in a knot that conducts light as if through a hose.

LAVENDER FIRE BLAZES from the metal ball atop the huge coil and the two burned out fluorescent tubes glow brightly in the hands of Miss Betty Wilson, Biltmore High School senior, as Robert J. Brown presses his foot on the floor switch. Miss Wilson is connected by wire with the coil with a large copper band about her left arm, but feels no sensation from the potential of more than 400,000 volts put out by the transformer and coil. One purpose of "Bob Brown's Science Circus" is to stimulate interest among elementary and high school students in science and the possibilities it offers for new explorations.

Brown has a gift for wrapping his whole show in comedy. He plays the role of an absent-minded professor who is a little on the dumb side but as the show clicks along the audience begins to wonder who is really dumb. To step up the entertainment quality he has a series of magic tricks that he slips in so the audience gets in something of a fog trying to figure which is a trick and which is a demonstration of science.

Brown explains this after he has mystified his audience with the electric light bulb that floats in the air, a fan changes itself from a silken masterpiece to a tattered relic and back again in an instant, and a piece of rope that insists on joining itself back together no matter how many times it is cut apart.

The peak of the comedy comes when he gives a volunteer assistant from the audience a big breath of helium gas from a cylinder. The gas has the property of affecting the vocal cords in such a way that the most resonant voice is changed in a flash to something that would make Donald Duck blush with shame. But the audience screams with laughter and that in showmanship is always the right answer.

The News and Observer, Sunday, November 1, 1964

Science Fun

SCIENCE CIRCUS (Two Volumes) by Bob Brown. Fleet Publishing Co., New York, N. Y., Volume 1, 253 pages, $4.50; Volume 2, 286 pages, $5.95.

Bob Brown of Asheville, author of the nationally syndicated column Science for You, has written two volumes in sequence that provide ideal experiments for the science classroom or home.

Brown, a student and teacher of science who has lectured in nearly every state, provides his narrative in a clear manner through earlier discipline as a newspaper man and his scientific mind.

Demonstrations in both novels are based on scientific laws without the cumbersome equations found in technical books and journals.

Brown is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has spent 15 years writing for such newspapers as the Louisville Courier - Journal, Denver Post and Knoxville News-Sentinel. His column appears in The Raleigh Times.

The whole family can enjoy the experiments which utilize light bulbs, playing cards, pots and pans, baking soda, ping pong balls, needles and dry ice and other such items.

JIM WHITFIELD

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Bob Brown, Miss Black To Perform Before President

Asheville science writer and lecture - demonstrator Bob Brown, and his assistant, Miss Barbara Black, have been invited to perform before President Lyndon B. Johnson and other persons in Washington Saturday, Aug. 7.

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Miss Black and Brown have been asked specifically to demonstrate an unusual effect in which Miss Black stands on a million-volt coil and electricity surging up her body sets fire to a wooden paddle in her hand.

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Brown believes that no other woman in the world has ever performed the trick.

The coil was invented by Nikola Tesla, an electrical engineer and inventor who was born in Austria but later came to the United States. It was Tesla's polyphase alternating current system that made long distance transmission of electricity possible.

The coil kicks up regular household current voltage to a range of 800,000 to 1.2 million volts, with an 800,000 cycles per second spark emanating from aluminum foil wrapped around the handle of the paddle.

Miss Black stands on an aluminum plate. Brown explained that the current, being of such high frequency, does not course through her surface, thus presenting no danger to her, but making a spectacular stunt.

Brown said the stunt had, until last year, been exclusive with Dr. Erwin Moon of the Moody Institute of Science in California.

The occasion for the demonstration will be a party at the Drew Pearson farm, 15 miles from Washington. The President will be the guest of honor.

Two other acts will work with Brown and Miss Black to round out the program, Brown said.

The program is sponsored by the International Platform Association, which will be in convention in Washington that week. Drew Pearson, a syndicated newspaper columnist (his column appears in The Times), is a member and former president of the organization.

Miss Black and Brown will also appear on the Saturday afternoon program of the IPA in Sheraton Park Hotel.

Brown is a member of the board of directors of IPA.

He has written two books, Science Circus and Science Circus 2, and his column, "Science for You," is published in more than 100 newspapers in the United States, Canada, Switzerland and Italy.

THE ASHEVILLE (N. C.) NEWS, Friday, January 6, 1967

He Failed As A Hillbilly, Took Up Science Now Famous The World Over For Shows

Asheville Man Began Career In Childhood

By JIM AB HURLEY

From toying with a set of dry cell batteries when he was five years old, Bob Brown has built a science exhibition billed as the leading assembly show in the world.

Brown, who lives at 20 Vandalia St., Asheville, now performs five different shows in all Southeastern states, has written two books, which are used as supplementary science texts and has won the recommendation of two thirds of the state departments of education.

A native of Rockwood, Tenn., he professes to be a Tennessee hillbilly who "is a failure as a hillbilly because I can't play the guitar."

When he was five years old, his father brought home a telegraph instrument. Young Bob extracted two dry cell batteries from the home telephone and began his interest in science and electricity.

He majored in physics at the University of Cincinnati and after graduation worked at the unlikely job of newspaper reporter and photographer for 15 years in Knoxville, Louisville, Chattanooga, Denver and Asheville. He has never worked as a physicist.

In 1945 he began his first assembly program which has now grown into five complete programs involving electricity, laser beams and general science and physics demonstrations.

His electrical show, probably his most popular, has delighted thousands of grammar and high school students throughout the South. It includes standing girls' hair on end by means of static electricity and producing fire sparks from outstretched fingertips with high frequency voltage.

Recently Brown syndicated a column, which will be carried in The Asheville News. Called "Science For You," the column has received endorsements from educators and is growing in circulation.

His two books, "Science Circus" volumns 1 and 2, have received recommendations from two thirds of the state departments of education and are employed as supplementary science texts in many schools.

The ABC Television Network hired Brown and his family to produce a 13-week program called "Science Circus" which originated from Chicago in 1950. This was in the early days of television when the network had only 13 affiliated stations.

Brown employs magic in some of his demonstrations. A member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Brown says the tricks can be ethically exposed if they embody one or more principles of science.

He belongs to an impressive number of science and educational associations including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Science Teachers Association, the North Carolina Academy of Science, the National Education Association and the International Platform Association.

Several organizations and individuals have written endorsements of his work, including David Dietz, science editor of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain and Thomas J. Pike, schools representatives of the Copley chain.

Brown's wife, Mary, is employed at WLOS-TV. The couple has two children, Bob, Jr. who is a research scientist with Boeing Aircraft in Seattle and a daughter, Mrs. Walter Yow of Meridian, Miss.

Presently, Brown is on a tour of neighboring states with one of his programs.

WEARING THIMBLES TO AVOID BURNS, BETTY BROWN SMILES AS A MILLION VOLTS OF ELECTRICITY SPRAY FROM HER UPRAISED FINGERS

A YOUNG LADY IMPERSONATES AN ELECTRODE

In North Carolina 15-year-old Betty Brown gets a real charge out of helping her showman father

The crackling personality exhibited by Betty Brown (*above*) is the result of electricity—four or five hundred times as much as the 2,000 volts used to operate Sing Sing's electric chair. Betty's father, Bob Brown, makes his living by entertaining schoolchildren with demonstrations of high voltage electricity, and when Betty is not in school herself she helps him out.

The high point of the act comes when Brown stands obedient Betty on a metal plate, wets her bare feet and turns on the juice. With a frightening roar a million volts climb through her body and stream out of her upraised finger tips. The secret of survival: very high frequency electricity which, when used correctly, is not only harmless but, as Betty says, "feels fine."

Bob Brown

Many cities have banned paid assembly programs but make exceptions for Brown because his programs augment the students' education. The exception to cities making this allowance is Asheville, his place of residence.

A Shocking Demonstration

CHILDREN, now grown up may remember this exhibition in Bob Brown's electrical show. His daughter, now grown up, too, demonstrated the human body as a transformer. She is shown standing atop a million-volt Tesla transformer, allowing the electricity to flow up her body and stream in purple sparks from her fingertips. The former Miss Betty Brown, she is Mrs. Walter Yow of Meridian, Miss.

Human Firebrand

First published details on construction of a Tesla coil used by Bob Brown in his "Science Circus" are contained in his new book, "Science Treasurers." It is very powerful, yet tame enough to allow a girl to stand on it for the current to flow through her body and set fire to a board on her hand. Barbara Black, Brown's assistant, demonstrates the experiment. She also helps Brown in his writing and stage demonstrations. The book also contains many of the "great simple experiments' that Brown says can be repeated with common objects found around the house such as string and glass jars.

Brown Has Four Books Now Being Published

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Aspiring young writers still hoping to find publishers who will plunk down advance royalties on their aging manuscripts would probably say that Bob Brown of Asheville has hit the jackpot.

Although a long way down the road as a successful author, Brown has just totaled up recent accomplishments in the junior science field and found that four books under his by-line are being simultaneously.

Even for the wizard of "Science Circus," this is somewhat extraordinary, and will require some explaining.

Fleet Publishing Corporation of New York published in November his book "Science Treasurers — Let's Repeat the Great Experiments," and it is now on sale at book stores.

Two editions of the same book, both to be called "Science and You," are also being published by Hobbs, Dorman & Co. — one as a hard cover and the other as a paperback.

And now Cornerstone Library, a division of Simon & Schuster, has just signed a contract to publish a paperback version of "Science Treasures." Norman Monath, president of that company, said the paperback should be available at newsstands sometime in late 1969, according to Brown.

Brown, who presents his "Science Circus" on school assembly programs throughout the country and has won the praise of educators as well as the children, had three books to his credit before the current outbreak of publication.

His earlier books, "Science Circus" and "Science Circus No. 2," and one already out called "Science and You," are books of experiments used in his show which can be performed at home.

"Science Treasures" is Brown's first book containing biographical sketches. It outlines the lives of 19 great scientists, and presents experiments they performed and which Brown says can be repeated by students in the upper and junior high school grades.

One scientist, a Transylvania County research chemist, called the latest book a work of interest to adults as well as children.

Brown is well-known for his stage demonstrations in science, and one program includes spectacular stunts in high voltage electricity. He uses a Tesla coil in which a student stands, allowing the current to flow through the body and crackle in purple fire from the fingertips.

Until "Science Treasures" was written, there was no book to tell budding scientists how this particular Tesla coil is made. It contains a description and schematic diagram along with directions for making a simpler model of the coil.

Brown, who lives at 20 Vandalia Ave., is also the author of a syndicated column, "Science For You," which appears in 86 newspapers.

BOB TERRELL

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The Magic Man

In his home on Vandalia Avenue in West Asheville, Bob Brown, for the 24th time, is preparing a show of science that borders on magic for school children everywhere.

Brown is a wizard who turns simple things like wine and water and toothpicks and rubber bands into scientific things and experiments.

BOB TERRELL

He can totally charm a class of school kids and does so all over the country—except in his own home town. The Asheville City Schools do not permit Brown to conduct his show in their classrooms.

Brown and his assistant for 14 years, Barbara Black, are readying a show on electricity and magnetism which they will begin presenting in schools as soon as the school year begins.

Before school is out next spring, Brown will have played more than 350 schools.

"We do a completely different show each year," Brown said. "Next year's show is already in the planning stage. It will be on vibrations, mostly sound and light. We have another show built around the laser beam, another featuring a sight switch."

New Book Is Out

Brown's home is literally covered with scientific experiments. In a special room upstairs are several experiments and tricks in the making. Downstairs in the basement are stored those magical things that Brown has already perfected.

Even the kitchen of the Browns home is not safe from science. There are times that Mrs. Brown has to move experiments aside in order to get eggs in the pan.

It takes about a month and a half for Brown and Mrs. Black to get a show ready for the road. In each of their new shows they incorporate some of the new things science has developed.

The sight switch, for example, was a Brown exclusive for awhile. Presented one by its developers, Brown used the sight switch several months before anyone else in his field. It is a machine designed for space travel in which various things can be turned on and off simply by looking at their switches.

Last week, Brown's fourth book on simple scientific experiments and tricks was published by Fleet Press Corporation of New York. It is entitled "Science Circus No. 3" and contains more than 150 different tricks.

In the book, available now in local bookstores, Brown tells how to make a ghost whistle, a smoke ring cannon, an air car and a wave machine. He tells how to make a cloud in a jug, how to drive a soda straw through a potato, and how to make your teeth light up in a dark room.

Simple Experiments

Most of his experiments are simple and are designed to use ordinary materials that may be found around any house: things like matches or water glasses, soda straws, rubber bands, old phonograph records.

You'd be amazed at the interesting things one can do with such things.

School children aren't alone in enjoying Brown's scientific tricks. Some of them make terrific party stunts and grown-ups get as much kick out of them as kids.

Brown works a lot with electricity. He can make a flourescent bulb light up in your hands, or he can make your hair stand on end.

Packing a show into boxes that will fit in the trunk and rear seat of Brown's automobile is one of his better tricks.

"We drive up to a school," said Barbara Black, "and the kids who know us are always glad to see us. They enjoy the show so much. But the thing that amazes them most of all is how much stuff we get in the car. We pull up to a school and unpack the entire show from the back of the car and when the kids come into the auditorium, the whole stage is full. They can't understand it."

After 24 years in the business, Brown has learned about all the tricks—and they are numberless.

"There is no end to them," he said. "There are more simple scientific things that you can do with ordinary materials than you can shake a stick at.

"For example, I've been doing a daily newspaper column for 14 years, syndicated in about 100 newspapers, and each column is one experiment or trick. In the 14 years I have never had to repeat a column, and there is no end of them in sight. I think I could go on indefinitely without running out of material."

Science 'Wizard' Hunting For Apprentice Sorcerers

By TOM OLIVER
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

In the 28 years since Bob Brown began his "Science Circus" some of the children thrilled by his shows have became scientists and science teachers.

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The same 28 years have aged the traveling electrical magician. He says he is getting too old for his work and that he plans to retire.

"I'm 68 years old and for two days not too long ago I was almost dead. My health still isn't the best and I'm not as steady as I use to be," Brown said, extending an arm to display an almost imperceptible quiver in his hand.

Robert J. "Bob" Brown of 20 Vandalia Ave. in West Asheville is a scientist. He writes a syndicated science column for newspapers and has several science textbooks in use in elementary schools.

He says he plans to continue writing and experimenting, but he wants to quit traveling with his "Science Circus."

He performs in more than 300 schools a year, sometimes putting on two or three shows at different schools in a day, Brown said.

"This is my last year. I am booked solid, two or three schools a day, from mid-August through May, five days a week. If I can't find the right people, I'll continue for a couple more years, and then I don't know what," Brown said.

"The right people" is two people to take over most of his traveling circuit and some new territory, Brown explained.

The job requirements are a knowledge of science, some performing ability, a love of children and a willingness to travel, Brown said.

But the rewards of the work are not just financial, Brown said.

"A man who saw my show as a boy became interested in science and eventually became a scientist himself. He wrote to me and told me he had named his son after me. That kind of honor makes you feel good," Brown said.

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In 1947, before Brown began his "Science Circus" career, he taught a little girl who lived in his neighborhood how to hypnotize her friends. The youngsters taught each other hypnotism and began a flurry of interest.

Brown also counts his early demonstrations of Silly Putty—a clay-like putty that bounces, stretches and breaks—and his demonstrations of one of the first lasers among his favorite memories.

But his pride is a million-volt Tesla coil, a transformer that bounces crackling, blue bolts of electricity through the air.

"I believe I am the only person who is using one of these in public. I plan to keep it, but I have another one I would sell to someone interested in carrying the show on after I quit," Brown said.

Standing a young girl on a platform over his Frankenstein-type gadget, Brown ran a million volts through her, igniting a piece of wood she was holding.

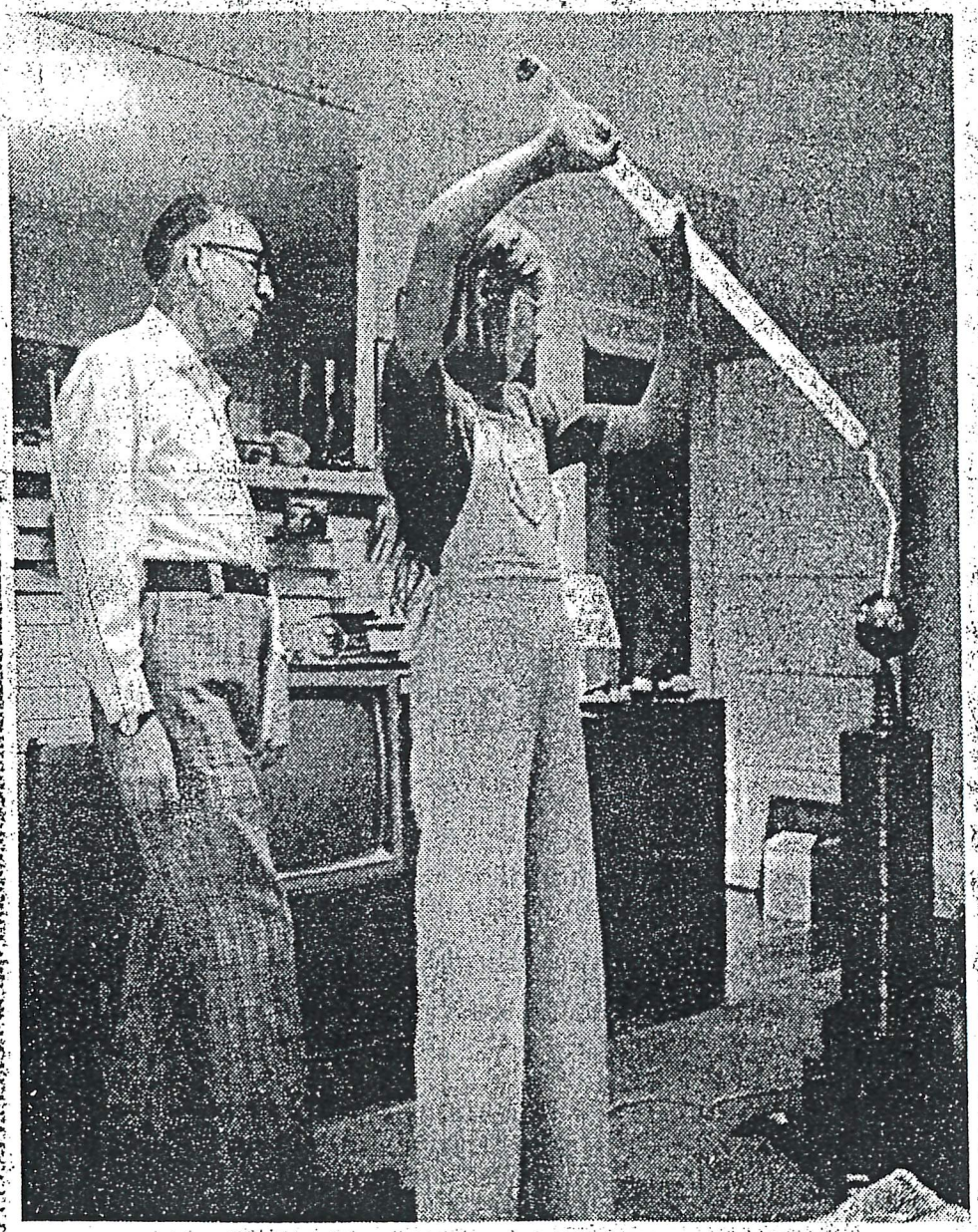
The girl smiled, said it didn't hurt and noted that she plans to be a magician and is learning from Brown.

"There's nothing to worry about," Brown said. And then he added, his showmanship sparkling, "if everything works right."

That showmanship got Brown his own show on television in 1949, when there were only 13 television stations in the United States and few television sets.

The show, however, was not properly produced, Brown said. An elaborate set was used in front of a live audience. The show was too expensive, and was soon halted.

But some people who saw the show took the idea, used a small, inexpensive studio to film it and launched the "Mr. Wizard" program that remained on television for several years in the 1950's, Brown said.



Million Volts, No Jolts

A million-volt spark from a Tesla coil lights a fluorescent tube held by Crystal Fore, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fore of Cedar Hill Road, while Science Circus wizard Bob Brown looks on. (Staff Photo by Bill Sanders)

A Farewell For Milo Hopper

1979

By BILL MOORE
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

The Wizard came into the office the other day.

His eyes kept filling with tears and his voice broke as he talked.

"I've never had any trouble writing coherently before," he said, "But I just can't seem to get this to come out right. Will you help me?"

BILL MOORE

The Wizard is Bob Brown, the originator of the daily Science For You feature that runs in a number of newspapers across the country.

For years he has been educating people while he entertained them. For years he has been amazing and delighting youngsters with his lectures and demonstrations in schools all over the Southeast.

In the five years that I've worked here in Asheville, I've came to know Bob pretty well.

He is a kindly, soft-spoken, man who is always pleasant, always considerate of other people.

We share an interest in opera and have gone on a couple of jaunts to the Brevard Music Center together.

I never before have seen him as emotionally moved as he was the other day, though.

"My best friend just died," he said.

"He had been helping me with a chore at my house when he fell and injured his shoulder. I was driving him to the hospital for an X-ray. He died two blocks from the hospital.

Bob choked, his face a mask of grief and frustration.

"I've been trying to write something about — it, but it won't work. Here, see what you can do with it for me."

This is what Bob had written:

"Milo Hopper, a very special neighbor, is dead.

"He and his wife, Norma, and my wife, Mary, and I have lived as neighbors and almost as one family for many years.

"A narrow band of grass separated our homes, but like other things, only brought us closer. It gave us something in common; a cool place to sit and talk.

"He and Norma shared with Mary a garden plot behind our homes. Milo always prepared the the flower beds where Norma and Mary, most working on their knees, have grown exceptional flowers.

Conan Doyle, in one of the Sherlock Holmes stories, said that dogs reflect the personalities of their owners.

The Hopper's little white dog, Pogo, is a wonderful neighbor; gentlemanly, harmless, intelligent — just like his owners.

"And the Hoppers have loved our cat, Yellow Bell.

"Whenever one family went away on vacation, the feeding of their pets always fell to the other family.

And whenever the Hoppers great-grandchildren came to visit the Hopper house, they always ran across the grass to exchange hugs and greeting with the Browns.

"Just a few hours before his death, Milo came over to help me move a heavy box.

"He was always looking for things to do to help other people. I tried, but I couldn't find enough things to do help him to stay even at all.

And now Milo Hopper, a very special neighbor, is dead.

What Bob Brown wrote didn't need any help from me.

I wish I had known Milo Hopper.

And I'm very glad I know Bob Brown.

N.C. - Authors

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Science Wizardry A C-T 2-17-85

Asheville's resident science wizard Robert J. Brown is the author of "333 Science Tricks and Experiments" and "333 More Science Tricks and Experiments," recently published by Tab Books, Inc., of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. "333 Science Tricks" sells for $9.95; "333 More Science Tricks" sells for $10.95. The books are written for school-age readers. Brown is a well-known science writer and lecturer.

Original pamphlets by Bob Brown

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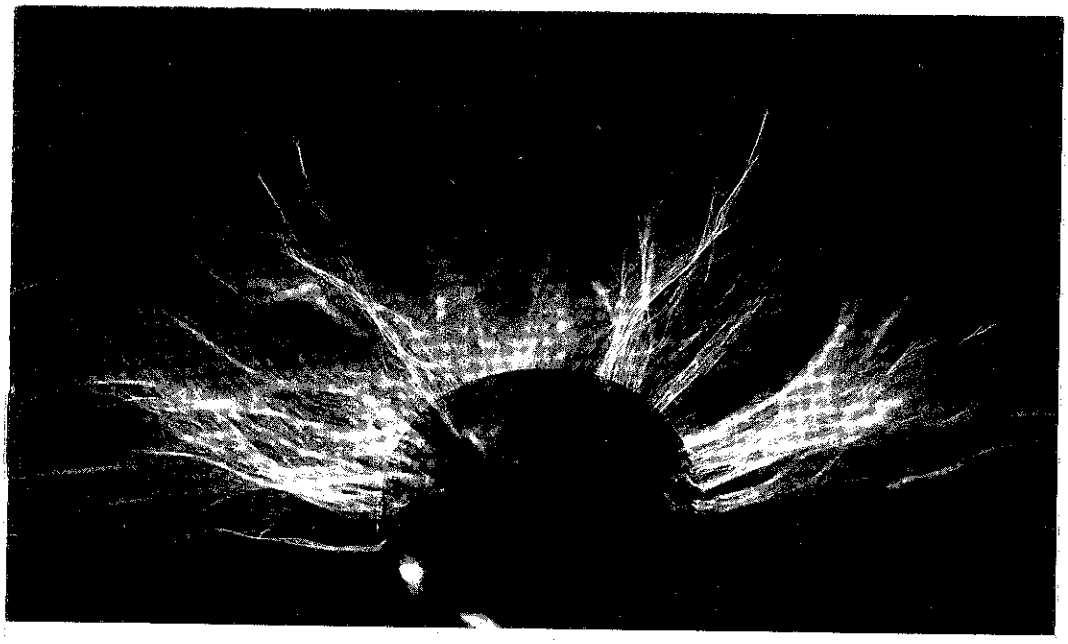

Take 100,000 Volts

How To Build Small Inexpensive Tesla Equipment Of The Spark Oscillator Type

Also

By
BOB BROWN

Photo shows the actual corona or spark discharge into the air from the inverted flower bowl atop the Tesla secondary coil described in this book and shown on back cover.

Original pamphlets by Bob Brown

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This is a photo of the new book *200 Illustrated Science Experiments for Boys and Girls.* Book stores should have it, or it may be ordered from the author.

FUN WITH SCIENCE

Some experiments and tricks used in the Science Circus stage production in 1974-1975

Taken from the book
200 Science Experiments for Boys and Girls

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PROJECTS
to
BUILD

As used in the

BOB BROWN

Stage Production

SCIENCE CIRCUS NO. 2

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PROJECTS to BUILD

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BOB BROWN

Stage Production

SCIENCE CIRCUS NO. 3

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BOB BROWN and BARBARA BLACK
with their large transistor motor or
"servomechanism".

See pages 8, 9, and 10 for description.

Projects to Build

As demonstrated in the Science Circus stage production No. 5

Original pamphlets by Bob Brown

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THE LIGHT ENGINE

Eleven Science Projects

FEATURED IN THE

BOB BROWN

STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS

SCIENCE CIRCUS

No. 6

Taken from

The Bob Brown Books and

His Syndicated Newspaper Column

"SCIENCE FOR YOU"

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PROJECTS
to
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As used in the

BOB BROWN

Stage Production

SCIENCE CIRCUS 1977-78

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Bob Brown and Barbara Black
with
The Kelvin Machine
(see page 2)

Projects to Build

As featured in the Bob Brown stage production
Science Circus, 1979-80

Taken from his books and his
Syndicated newspaper column
"Science for You"

Original pamphlets by Bob Brown

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PROJECTS to BUILD

As used in the

BOB BROWN

Stage Production

SCIENCE CIRCUS

1980 - 1981

The

NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY

Presents a

Program For Children

April 24, at 1 P. M.

AT ASHEVILLE CITY AUDITORIUM

(Program will be over about 2:15 P. M.)

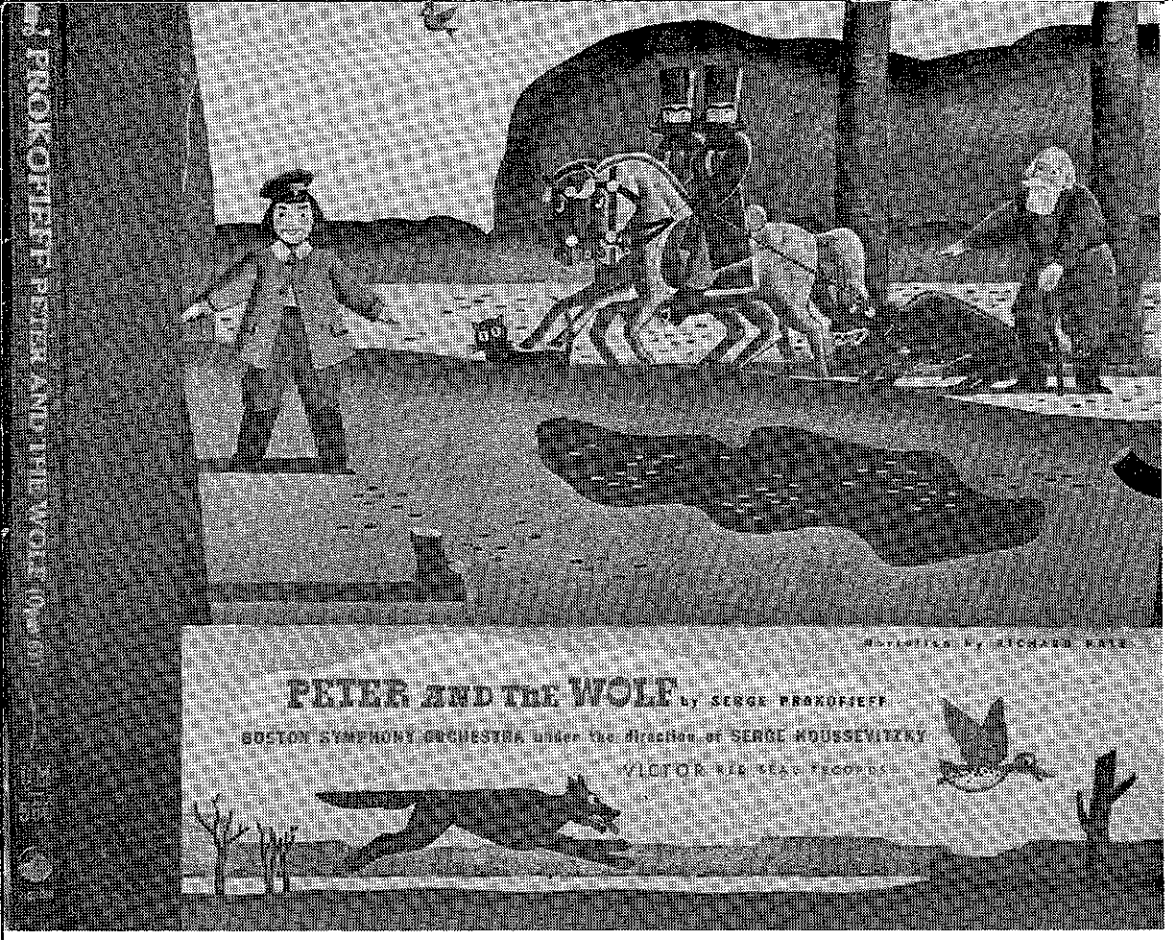
This booklet prepared for study by 7,000 children who will listen to the music in advance in their classrooms.

Programs and booklet are prepared by The Farmers Federation.
Programs broadcast over W I S E.

Booklets furnished by Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Asheville.

Programs for live and radio broadcast musical performances for a Music Appreciation Hour that ran on WISE on Wednesday during the 1940s.

Programs were prepared by Bob Brown.



PETER AND THE WOLF

An Orchestral Fairy Tale by Serge Prokofieff

and

HANSEL AND GRETEL

Opera by Engelbert Humperdinck (Children's Version)

To be used by Pupils of Western North Carolina Schools who listen at 11:30 A. M. Wednesdays and Fridays to

Music Appreciation

as presented by The Farmers Federation Cooperative and Radio Station W I S E

Programs for live and radio broadcast musical performances for a Music Appreciation Hour that ran on WISE on Wednesday during the 1940s.

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The Pirates of Penzance

Comic Opera in Two Acts, by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

and

Hansel and Gretel

A Child's Version of the Opera by Engelbert Humperdinck

For Music Appreciation

as presented by The Farmers Federation Cooperative
and Asheville Radio Stations

The Victor recording of Pirates of Penzance is by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, and the Victor recording of Hansel and Gretel used is by the Junior Programs Opera Company.

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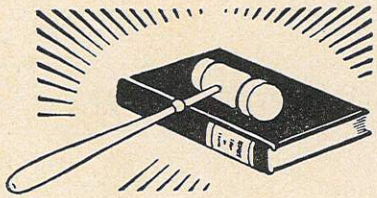
Biography of

VICTOR HERBERT

By

Mrs. John Carow



Libretto of

TRIAL BY JURY

Operetta by

Gilbert and Sullivan

To be used by Pupils of Western North Carolina Schools who listen at 11:30 A. M. Wednesdays to

Music Appreciation

as presented by The Farmers Federation Cooperative and Radio Station W I S E

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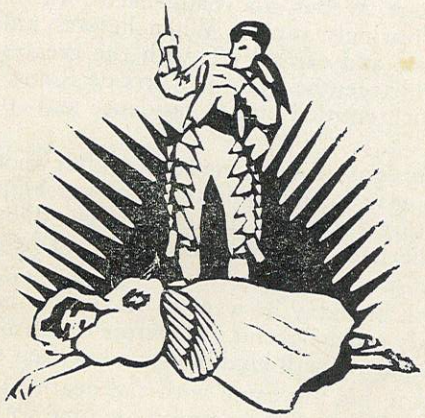
Carmen

Opera in four acts, composed by Georges Bizet, to be played on

Western North Carolina's Own Music Appreciation Hour

Beginning Wednesday, March 1, 1 P. M.



Victor Records Used Are From Musical Masterpiece Set AM-128

Performers are

Soloists, Chorus, and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, Conducted by Carlo Sabajno

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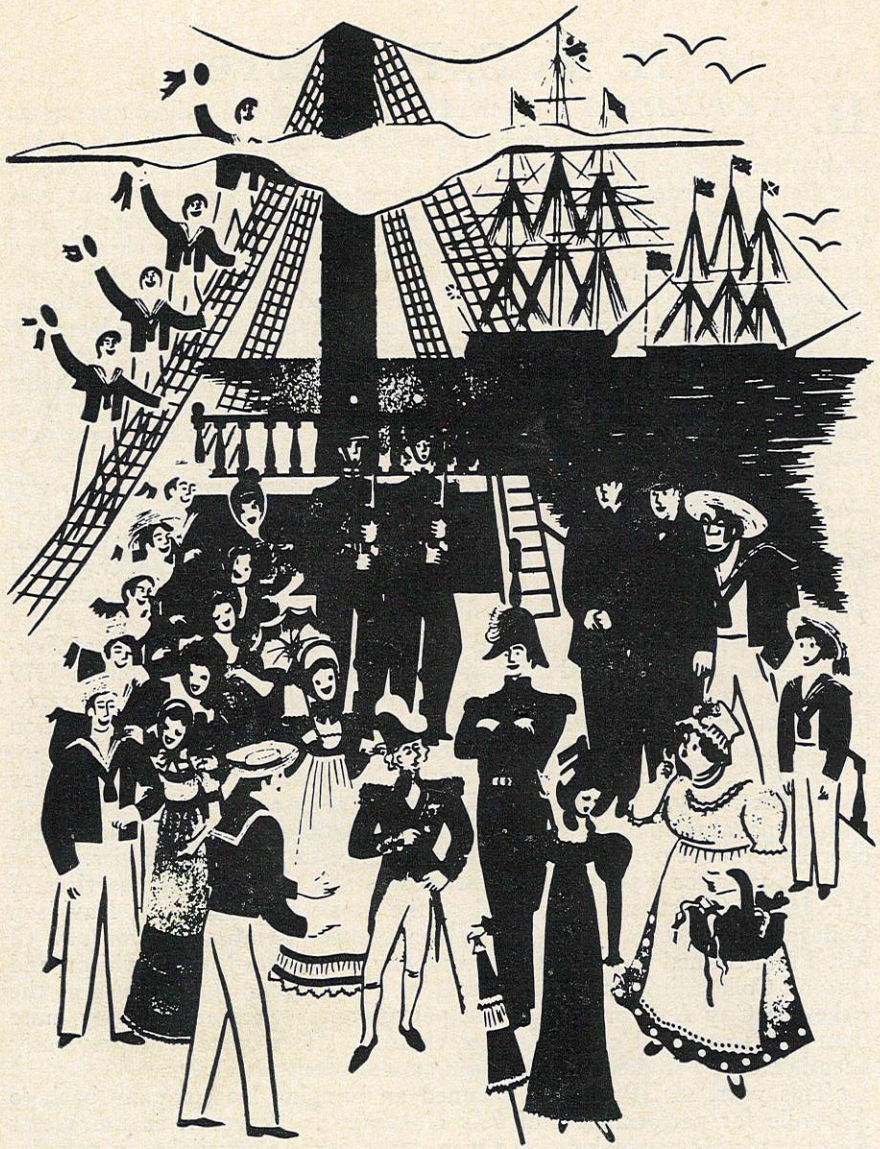

H. M. S. Pinafore

Comic Opera in Two Acts

For Music Appreciation

as presented by The Farmers Federation Cooperative
and Radio Stations WWNC, WLOS, WNCA
Asheville, N. C.

Programs for live and radio broadcast musical performances for a Music Appreciation Hour that ran on WISE on Wednesday during the 1940s.

Programs were prepared by Bob Brown.

THE MIKADO

Comic Opera in Two Acts

For Music Appreciation

as presented by The Farmers Federation Cooperative
and Radio Station W I S E

Programs for live and radio broadcast musical performances for a Music Appreciation Hour that ran on WISE on Wednesday during the 1940s.

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in this issue:
WHAT TO DO ABOUT TOO MUCH DRINKING

These three outstanding students, Alfred Hughes, Rose Marie Brown, and Glenn Norvell, held Enka scholarships to Asheville-Biltmore College during the 1950-51 school year.

ENKA voice

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1950 with only eight disabling injuries, for a frequency rating of 1.1. Fourteen North Carolina plants were in the same group with Enka.

Deadline for Scholarship Applications Is July 15

July 15 is the deadline for applications for the American Enka freshman scholarships to Asheville-Biltmore College, according to Dr. Glenn L. Bushey, president of the college.

Each year the Company awards two new scholarships, amounting to $200 apiece, to children of Enka employees who have been selected on the basis of scholarship, need, character, citizenship, and leadership. The selections are made by a committee appointed by the college president. Holders of freshman scholarships may continue them during their sophomore year provided they maintain the proper quality of work.

Dr. Bushey also has announced that Glenn Norvell, winner of one of the 1950-51 freshman scholarships, will keep his scholarship as a sophomore next year. The other 1950-51 winner, James Connor, has left to go into the Armed Services. Glenn is the son of Roger Norvell of Spool Spinning; James is the son of Fairlee S. Connor, Coning.

Alfred Hughes, son of Cliff Hughes of the Machine Shop, and Rose Marie Brown, daughter of Joe H. Brown of the Financial Accounting Section, are graduating this month on scholarships which they kept both years at Asheville-Biltmore.

Applications, together with transcripts of high school credits and three letters of recommendation, should be mailed or delivered before July 15 to Dr. Bushey at the college.

Asheville Winter, 1973-74

If that's japonica blooming, then it must be April. But it isn't—April, that is. Tammie Brown, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Brown Jr. of 155 Westwood Place, was playing among the blooms Thursday, the last day of January—supposedly the coldest month of the year. Oh well, February may "warm" to its winter task, the National Weather Service says. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

Bruce Emory
Research

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1930

VIRGIL F. BROWN TAKEN BY DEATH

West Asheville Loses Valuable Citizen After Illness

Virgil F. Brown, 66, of 100 Brevard road, secretary of the West Asheville Merchants Association for the past five years and widely known resident of this section, died last night at 9:30 o'clock at an Asheville hospital after an illness of two weeks.

He is survived by his widow; six daughters, Mrs. Hugh Sowers, Mrs. A. C. Myers, Mrs. H. L. Penland, Mrs. Ray Steelman, Mrs. Ralph James, and Miss Ida Brown, and one son Fred Brown, a student at the University of Tennessee.

Funeral services will be held at the Calvary Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery.

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APRIL 19, 1930

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR V.F. BROWN

West Asheville Man Was Leader In Business, Church Movements

Funeral rites for Virgil F. Brown, 66, well known business man, church worker and civic leader of West Asheville, who died at a local hospital Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock, were conducted at Calvary Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor, officiated, with the Rev. L. W. Colson, Oteen post chaplain, assisting. Interment was in Green Hill cemetery where a brief service was conducted by members of West Asheville Lodge No. 665, A. F., and A. M., of which Mr. Brown was a member.

Active pallbearers were Mayor Gallatin Roberts, R. M. Wells, Frank Bishop, M. W. Hamrick, H. B. Posey and G. D. Morgan. Honorary pallbearers were directors of the West Asheville Merchants association. All member concerns of the association closed from 2 until 3 o'clock.

Mr. Brown, who was formerly clerk of the Jackson county superior court, later a Southern railway employee and Asheville grocery store operator, was one of the chief organizers and promoters of the West Asheville Merchants association. He was secretary of the organization for four years, having been reelected several months ago. An active church and Sunday school worker, he was rarely absent from Calvary Baptist church where he had an attendance record of only about five Sundays absent from Sunday school during the past 15 years. For about twelve years he had been secretary of the Men's Bible Class at the church. He had been a member of West Asheville Lodge, 665, A. F. and A. M., for several years.

Mr. Brown is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dora Brown, of 100 Brevard road; six daughters, Mrs. Hugh Bowers, Mrs. C. C. Myers, Mrs. H. L. Penland, Mrs. Ray Steelman, and Miss Ida Brown, all of Asheville, and Mrs. Ralph James, of Hendersonville; one son, Fred Brown, a student at the University of Tenn.; five sisters, including Miss Sara Brown, Miss Lily Brown and Mrs. L. J. Moses, of Asheville. He was an uncle of Dr. Fred Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Knoxville, Tenn.

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All West Asheville

A&P

STORES

Will Close Friday

Between 2 and 3 O'Clock

During the Funeral of

Mr. V. F. Brown

Secretary of the
West Asheville Merchants
Association

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO.

Asheville Citizen April 18, 1930

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Lanning Harris Browning
—Citizen Photo

A WOMANLESS WEDDING will be a feature of the annual Harvest Festival today and tonight at Vance School. The wedding will be given at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The festival is sponsored by the Vance PTA. Taking part are Jack Harris, Jim Lanning, L. D. Cahoon and Charles Browning.

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Mrs. Bessie Bruton
W. H. Rudisill

HENDERSONVILLE — Joint services for Mrs. Bessie Alston Bruton, 82, of 615 Ash St., and her son, William Henry Rudisill, 61, of 2401 North Cherry St., Winston-Salem, who died Wednesday, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Union Grove Baptist Church.

The Revs. Q. E. Owens, Roy J. Young and J. C. Reid will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Dale Cemetery. Members of VFW will conduct graveside rites for William Rudisill. Pallbearers for Mr. Rudisill will be Eddie and Benjamin Hallback, Albert Creasman, George Gash, Walter and Garland Smith, Eugene Waters and Joseph Means. Pallbearers for Mrs. Bruton will be Henry Johnson, Willie Clay, W. H. King, Arthur Martin, Claude Coleman, Efford Sutton, C. T. Cooley and Jesse Ferguson.

A native of Greer, S. C., Mrs. Bruton had lived most of her life in Hendersonville and Asheville and was the oldest member of Union Grove Baptist Church.

A native of Hendersonville, Mr. Rudisill had lived in Winston-Salem for more than 20 years, was an employe of McLean Trucking Co. and an Army veteran of World War II. Mrs. Bruton is survived by a son, Nathaniel Bruton of the home, three granddaughters, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Rudisill is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Ellis and Miss Gloria Rudisill of Hendersonville; the brother, Nathaniel Bruton, nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. today at Pilgrim's Funeral Home, where the bodies will remain until placed in the church one hour before the services.

Sister of Ida Cannon, "Aunt Ida"

Asheville Citizen 2/20/74

Southern Bell Installs 25,000th Phone Here

Asheville Citizen 10-25-50

Asheville's 25,000th telephone was installed yesterday by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bryan, 43 Morris Avenue, West Asheville.

The installation marked a gain of nearly 5,000 telephones in the past three years, J. Lovell Smith, Southern Bell district manager, said.

Smith said there were 20,331 telephones in Asheville in September of 1947. He pointed out that Asheville had 110 telephones in 1900 and had jumped to 10,029 telephones in 1917. At the start of World War II the Asheville exchange listed 12,676 telephones and 14,988 at the close of the war.

Asheville has had a telephone exchange since 1898 at which time the Proctor Telephone Company was incorporated under the ownership of O. G. Munson, Mrs. Charity Rust Craig, H. P. Proctor and Mrs. W. S. Proctor

Southern Bell established an exchange about 1899 under the name of Asheville Telephone Company It was located on West Pack Square over Law's China Store. John Weaver was manager.

In 1903, Southern Bell purchased the Proctor firm and changed the name of the merged units to the Asheville Telephone and Telegraph Company. The exchange was located at 11 Patton Avenue on the third floor over Redwood's general merchandise store and Noland's undertaking establishment. The exchange had approximately 117 working stations.

The exchange building at Walnut Street and Lexington Avenue was completed November 11, 1906, and the system was changed from crank type telephones to common battery.

At that time there were six long distance circuits coming into Asheville. Today there are more than 300 long distance circuits terminating in Asheville and more than 5,500 long distances call originating here each day.

Early in 1948, the telephone company moved into its present building at 24 O. Henry Avenue and changed from manual operators to the dial system. At that time there were 21,403 telephones in Asheville.

ASHEVILLE'S 25,000TH TELEPHONE installed yesterday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bryan, 43 Morris Avenue, is the center of attention for Southern Bell officials and the Bryans. At left, L to R, are J. Lovell Smith, district manager, Bryan, little Eric Lynn Bryan, and J. Harry Mann, local manager, standing with Mrs. Bryan. C. W. Arthur, installer-repairman, kneels to make last-minute installation touches as, L to R, J. W. Holloway, installation foreman, and H. H. Mears, plant manager, look on. (Citizen Photo)

William Bryan Dies At 91 Retired Educator

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WED AUG 1 2 1970

William F. Bryan, 91, of Asheville, died at the Deerfield Episcopal Home this morning after a brief illness.

He was a native of Goldsboro and former teacher at Bingham Military Academy in Asheville. He was graduated summa cum laude from the University of North Carolina in 1900 and magna cum laude in 1915 from the University of Chicago, where he earned his Ph. D. From 1926 to 1944 he was chairman of the department of English at Northwestern University. He retired to Tryon in 1948.

He is survived by his widow, Julia Adas Bryan; a son, William A. of Northfield, Vt.; and a brother, C. J. of Chapel Hill.

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ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, MONDAY, MAY 25, 1936

Chosen As 'Miss Asheville'

—Photo by Culberson.

MISS ELVIRA BRYSON

Miss Bryson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Bryson, of 15 School road, Malvern Hills, today was chosen as "Miss Asheville" for the 1936 Rhododendron Festival. "Miss Asheville" acts as the city's official representative in the fete. Miss Bryson, a member of the Junior League, is a former member of the Rhododendron court.

Bruce Emory Research

Named Rulers Of Rhododendron Kingdom

FRANK M. PARKER

MISS ELVIRA BRYSON

—Photo by Culberson.

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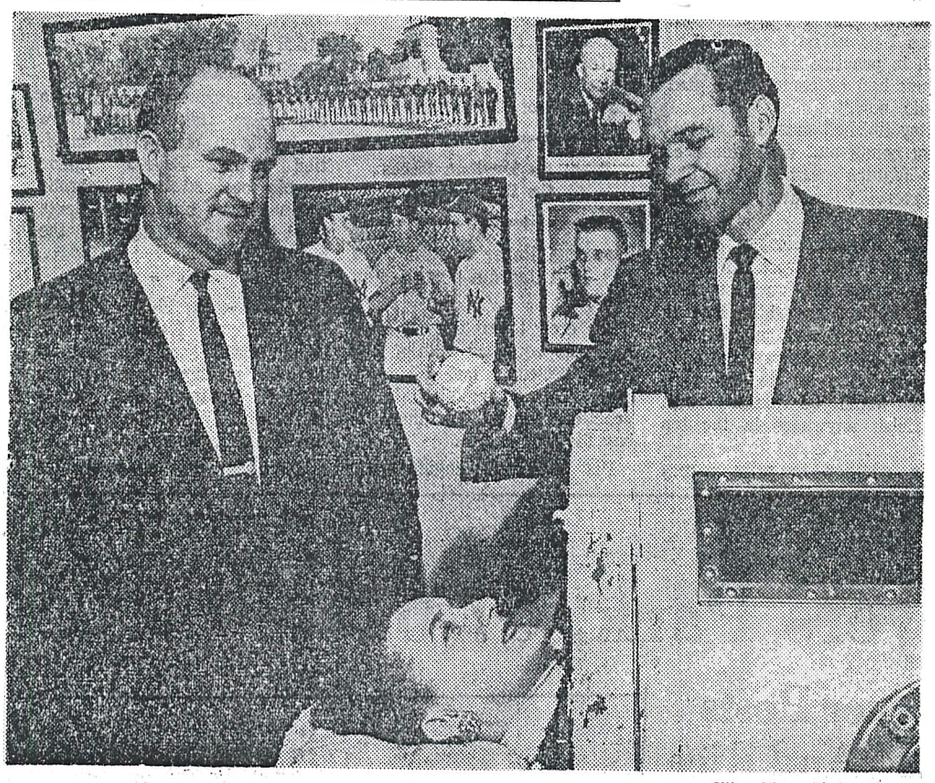

—Citizen-Times Photo—Glenn

THRILL OF A LIFETIME — Jim Mills, left, general manager of the Asheville Tourists, looks on as Bob Terrell, sports editor of the Citizen-Times, presents a New York Yankee - autographed baseball to Mrs. Katherine Phillips Bryson of West Asheville. The ball, a gift from Johnny Sain, pitching coach of the Yankees, traveled a round-about route to reach Mrs. Bryson, a polio victim who lives in an iron lung. (See story below).

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Through Johnny Sain's Generosity

Autographed Ball (By Yankees) Cherished Item Of Local Fan

Baseballs autographed by the New York Yankees of 1961—not the commercial balls that names are stamped on, but the real McCoys, signed individually by each member of the team—are rare items.

They are so rare, in fact, that one would command a high price on an open market among fans. Yet an Asheville woman has one in her possession today, compliments of several people in various walks of life who combined their efforts to provide this woman with an hour of happiness.

She is Mrs. Katherine Phillips Bryson of West Asheville, a rabid fan of the Yankees even though she has never seen them play except on TV. Not only that, but Mrs. Bryson probably never will see the Yankees in person for she lives in an iron lung, a victim of polio that struck her almost 12 years ago and has been with her ever since.

She lives at 78 Fairfax St. with her mother, Mrs. Edna Phillips, and two of her four children, daughter Langdon and son David.

A wall in Mrs. Bryson's room is decorated with various pictures —one of Charlie Justice, Asheville's Hall of Fame football player, another of Miss America, Maria Beale Fletcher of Asheville, a big picture of the Washington Redskins, several of the Yankees, Mantle, Berra, Maris, Bauer, and a giant team picture of the Bombers.

Now, occupying a place of prominence in the bright little room, is the baseball autographed by the Yankees.

How it got there makes a good story, a story of combined effort of the sprawling world of Baseball and the Baptist Church, and a story of generosity on the part of a Yankee pitching coach.

Two summers ago, Dr. Morris Ashcraft, a professor of Theology at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Kansas City, met Mrs. Bryson when he served as interim pastor at Grace Baptist Church in West Asheville.

Dr. Ashcraft visited Mrs. Bryson frequently and as they talked of baseball he learned of her love for the Yankees.

Recently, Dr. Ashcraft, a native of Malvern, Arkansas, paid a visit to his native state. He bumped into an old friend, J. P. Friend, a baseball statistician of Blytheville, Arkansas.

Telling J. P. of Mrs. Bryson, Dr. Ashcraft wondered if the statistician had any contacts in the baseball world through which he could obtain a baseball for Mrs. Bryson autographed by the Yankees.

The scene then switched to Walnut Ridge, Ark., a week later and Friend, there on business, looked up his old friend Johnny Sain, a Yankee pitching coach.

He related the story of Mrs. Bryson to Sain and asked the coach if he knew where he could get an autographed ball. "Sure," said Johnny, opening a cupboard, "I have two left. Help yourself.'"

"I know it was a treasured item," Friend said later, "but it was typical of John."

"Golly," said the courageous woman, "hold it close and let me read the names."

They were all there—all her favorites.

And now the baseball the Yankees signed is the most cherished item in Mrs. Bryson's room.

The Punch Line

Katherine Bryson laughed and looked at him in the mirror over her iron lung as Bobby Richardson, center, finished a funny story about a sports car he swapped for a jeep. Also enjoying the laugh were (L-R): Albert Long, Raymond Berry and Dr. Calvin Thielman. (Staff Photo)

April Not A Cruel Month While Kindness Still Lives

By JAY HENSLEY
Citizen Staff Writer

A famous poet called it the "cruelest month," and a Montreat minister started looking for something to give April a new look.

He found Katherine Bryson, about the brightest ray of sunshine that ever graced an iron lung, and mixed her happiness with the robust laughter of a roomful of famous athletes.

Actually it all came about quite accidentally, but the heroes of the sports world had wanted to meet Mrs. Bryson from the moment they heard about her.

Bobby Richardson, Raymond Berry and Albert Long crowded into her home at 78 Fairfax Ave. in West Asheville Sunday afternoon.

Bill Wade had stopped off Saturday to meet the woman who is quite famous herself as a sports fan.

They had heard about her when Calvin Thielman, Presbyterian minister at Montreat, mentioned Mrs. Bryson in a sermon.

Dr. Thielman brought Richardson, former second baseman of the New York Yankees; Berry, "the man of a million moves;" and Long, who lettered at the University of North Carolina in four sports, to see Mrs. Bryson Sunday.

The impression they left was that Mrs. Bryson was doing them a favor by permitting the visit.

" 'April is the cruelest month,' says T. S. Eliot — and who in America today would deny it," Dr. Thielman noted.

"But in the midst of the national bedlam, there are always signs of hope — and one of them was witnessed here today," he said.

Dr. Thielman, chaplain at Montreat - Anderson College where a sports rally sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes was held this past weekend, had preached a ser-

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mon in which he told of Mrs. Bryson's faith and life.

A member of the FCA heard the sermon and passed the story on to Richardson, former star of the New York Yankees.

The story also mentioned Mrs. Bryson's ardent love of the Yankees. She was stricken with paralytic poliomyelitis Aug. 26, 1950, and has spent her life since that time in an iron lung.

In 1962, through the efforts of many persons from various walks in life, Mrs. Bryson was presented a baseball autographed by the Yankees.

Sunday she had in her room—where the walls are decorated with pictures of baseball greats and other men of fame — Dr. Thielman and his team of celebrities.

The talk was of sports, with Mrs. Bryson asking questions or making comments. "When the Yankees don't make it I don't watch — I'm a sore loser," Mrs. Bryson said.

"Say, listen — I brought you a baseball," Richardson said. He autographed the ball and gave her a copy of the book he has just published.

Berry, former offensive end for the Baltimore Colts and now assistant coach of the Dallas Cowboys, had his arm in a sling and took some kidding about the fall during a basketball game in which he dislocated his shoulder.

"I want a picture of you," Mrs. Bryson told him. "You broke my heart many times — I mean when the Redskins were playing."

Each of the men took turns sitting in the chair behind Mrs. Bryson so she could look at them in the mirror and them at her when they talked.

Long, now regional representative of FCA from Raleigh, lettered in football, baseball, basketball and track at UNC — the first three in one year.

They were on their way back to their homes and had stopped for the visit en route to the airport. They seemed reluctant to leave.

Katherine Bryson and the four men laughed and talked and the poem by T. S. Eliot didn't seem to fit.

Not, at least, on Sunday afternoon, April 7, in the house at 78 Fairfax Ave.

Mother's Day Has Special Meaning

By JAY HENSLEY
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

The pretty brunette smiled into the mirror and everybody in the room brightened a little bit. The conversation was of Mother's Day.

The brunette is a mother. She smiled into the mirror again.

"Four," she said. "Two sons and two daughters."

She wore her lipstick just right, and when she smiled her eyes sparkled. A bright ornament held her hair, in an upsweep arrangement, at the top of her head.

The interview was pointless as far as the story was concerned. It was all in the poem.

"Tears," she said, "are for happiness." She said that only in the poem, though.

In the interview she talked of

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Ready For Big Day

For a Mother's Day photograph, the mirror was removed from Mrs. Katherine Bryson's iron lung in which she has lived for the past 15 years. The mirror, normally attached to the machine over her head, brings the activity in her room to her view.

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folk songs, baseball and a visitor from South Africa.

Mrs. Katherine P. Bryson spoke also of the thing that happened to her almost 15 years ago which narrowed her existence to the confines of an iron cylinder.

And of the world that she watches—reflected in the mirror mounted above her head on the iron lung in which she lives.

The thing that happened to Mrs. Bryson was paralytic poliomyelitis. She was stricken on Aug. 26, 1950, and before another day was more than a few hours old she became a mother for the fourth time.

"I was sick for three days before I knew it was polio," Mrs. Bryson said. "I was pregnant and about ready for delivery."

But when a physician was consulted he immediately recognized symptoms of something more than the ordeal of impending childbirth. Mrs. Bryson was taken to Asheville Orthopedic Hospital about 6 p. m. and her youngest daughter was born there about 2 a. m. the next day.

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Miss Karen Louise Bryson has the distinction of being the only child ever delivered in that hospital.

Immediately after the birth the mother was placed in an iron lung. And until this day she remains in the machine—a giant "lung" which encases her body up to her neck and does her breathing for her.

When the children were young the family made the room in which the iron lung is located at 78 Fairfax Ave. its gathering place.

"For meals, for devotionals and prayers," Mrs. Bryson said. "My oldest daughter is married now, and my oldest son is in college."

But when company comes, the living room is bypassed. Everybody goes to the room with the pretty brunette and the grotesque iron lung.

"I have a great deal of company," Mrs. Bryson said. She doesn't know how the word gets around, but people she has never heard of come to the house to see how she is getting along.

"At least 2,000 persons come each year. They come from as far away as Japan, Germany, Sweden, England and South Africa," she said.

Mrs. Bryson said the average life of an iron lung patient is two years, which would make her of considerable interest to medical people. But most of her visitors are just "people."

The man from South Africa, a representative of the Gideons, left her a handful of carved figures of animals of his native land. And a deer skin—or the skin of a South African relative of that animal.

Paralyzed from the neck down, Mrs. Bryson would be little less immobilized even if she didn't have to depend on the lung for breathing.

Her mother, Mrs. Edna Phillips, is with her always—which is still another story that would be fitting for this occasion. She cares for Mrs. Bryson day and night.

And poetry is not Mrs. Bryson's only interest, although she composes many poems, dictating the lines for the typewriter operated by Mrs. Phillips.

She has written folk songs, and at least one highly entertaining monologue. But her interests range all the way from sports to politics to religion.

One wall of her room is decorated with photographs of baseball teams and other greats of the sports world. The Washington Redskins, the Bombers, Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice, Asheville's Hall of Fame football player, and several members of the New York Yankees.

There are also pictures of national leaders, in politics and military affairs.

The pretty brunette looks at the world in a mirror and puts the reflection in a poem.

But if the world's all wrong there's nothing to gain by crying.

"Tears," she said, "are for happiness."

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Citizen-Times has a rule against use of verse. However, today is Mother's Day, and . . . well, we're breaking it, just this once, for Katherine Bryson's poem, below.)

Tears Are For Happiness

When the sunset of life is near and the sky is red
I turn back the pages of time and count each golden hour
As I recall the faded past, old memories seem so real
Time cannot erase those happy days so long ago
And then I remember tears are for happiness.

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When the springtime of life was here and the sky was blue
Each golden minute seemed an eternity, as the pages from the book of life turned so slowly by.
I'll never forget how I loved to live, have pretty clothes, go to parties, and date the boy next door
And then I remember tears are for happiness.

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When the summertime of life was here and the sky was sometimes gray,
God gave me a heavy cross that I might serve Him best,
To me He gave a loving Mother to help me bear the pain
To me He gave a toiling Father to help me bear the burden
To me He gave two handsome Sons to help me see the way
To me He gave two beautiful Daughters to help me through each day.
O Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for being so richly blessed
And then I remember tears are for happiness.

Mrs. Katherine Bryson Dies After 20 Years In Iron Lung

Mrs. Katherine Phillips Bryson, 44, of 78 Fairfax Ave. died Sunday morning in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

A native of Henderson County, she had lived in an iron lung since she was stricken with polio Aug. 26, 1950, only a few hours before the birth of her fourth child.

Shortly afterwards, she was paralyzed from the neck down. Since then, unable to live outside her respirator, she has been under the constant care of her mother, Mrs. Edna W. Phillips of the home.

An avid sports fan, many sports figures had come to visit her. Her walls at home were covered with pictures of baseball and football stars. Among her prized possessions was a hand-signed New York Yankee baseball.

Mrs. Bryson had said she averaged at least 2,000 visitors a year from as far away as Japan, Germany, Sweden, England and South Africa. She had said the average life of an iron lung patient is two years, which would make her of considerable interest to medical people. Most of her visitors, though, were just "people," she had said.

Surviving in addition to the mother are the father, H. E. Phillips of Asheville; two daughters, Mrs. A. J. McClure of Asheville and Mrs. James R. Cole Jr. of Weaverville; two sons, Phillip of Shelby and David Bryson of Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. Charles M. Starnes of Lincolnton; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Grace Baptist Church.

The Revs. C. R. Pierce Jr. and Calvin Thielman will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ralph Bull, Allan Demaree, W. E. Helms, W. G. Hutchinson, W. E. King, Ross May, H. D. Murphy, C. C. McCurry, Riley Smith and Bert Starnes.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the West Asheville Lions Club, Johnson School District Lions Club and Buncombe County Rescue Squad; also Dr. O. D. MacAlpine, Dr. H. E. Hinman, Dr. Richard Nailling, Dr. Curtis Crump, Dr. A. M. Moser and Harry Stover.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p. m. Monday at Groce Funeral Home where the body will remain until placed in the church 30 minutes prior to the services.

MRS. KATHERINE BRYSON

Mrs. Katherine Bryson Dies; Services Tuesday

Services for Mrs. Katherine Philips Bryson, 44, of 78 Fairfax Ave., who died yesterday in a local hospital after an illness of 20 years, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Grace Baptist Church.

The Revs. C. R. Pierce Jr. and Calvin Thielman will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Ralph Bull, Allan Demaree, W. E. Helms, W. G. Hutchinson, W. E. King, Ross May, H. D. Murphy, C. C. McCurry, Riley Smith and Bert Starnes.

A native of Henderson County, Mrs. Bryson had lived in an iron lung since being stricken with polio on Aug. 26, 1950, a few hours before the birth of her fourth child.

Paralyzed from the neck down and unable to live outside the respirator, she has been under the constant care of her mother, Mrs. Edna W. Phillips of the home. Cheerful throughout her ordeal, Mrs. Bryson was an avid sports fan and counted many national sports figures among her visitors which averaged some 2,000 per year, some from as far away as Germany, Japan, Sweden, England and South Africa.

Along with pictures of baseball and football stars which covered the walls of her home, one of her most prized possessions was an autographed baseball from the New York Yankees.

Surviving in addition to the mother are her father, H. E. Phillips of Asheville; two daughters, Mrs. A. J. McClure of Asheville and Mrs. James R. Cole Jr. of Weaverville; two sons, Phillip of Shelby and David Bryson of Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. Charles M. Starnes of Lincolnton; and four grandchildren.

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Polio Victim Was An Example To All

By JAY HENSLEY
Citizen Staff Writer

There is a lesson for the entire nation in the life of a West Asheville woman who lived 20 years in an iron lung, a young Presbyterian preacher who once served as envoy for a President, said here Tuesday.

The Rev. Calvin Thielman of Montreat spoke at a memorial service for Mrs. Kathrine Phillips Bryson, who was buried Tuesday in Green Hills Cemetery.

Thielman, like missionaries from as far away as Japan and South Africa, came to know Mrs. Bryson after she was stricken with polio in the late summer of 1950.

"She had a motive for living that could help those who glue their days together with dope and booze," Thielman told a gathering in the house at 78 Fairfax Ave., where Mrs. Bryson had lived with her mother and children throughout the years of her ordeal with paralysis.

Her faith in God, her mother, her children and the people from all over the world who sought the source of her courage made up her motive for living, Thielman said.

A close friend of former President Johnson and a native of Texas himself, Thielman is pastor of Montreat Presbyterian Church and chaplain at Montreat-Anderson College.

Among his most vivid memories are the reactions of people he has known who went to see Kathrine Bryson with the resolve to help her if they could and came away feeling that she had helped them instead.

Thielman was in Biloxi, Miss., preaching at a statewide Presbyterian youth convention and cut his visit short when Mrs. Bryson died Sunday morning in an Asheville hospital.

Thielman managed to get here in time to hold the service at the West Asheville home of Mrs. Bryson's mother, Mrs. W. Phillips, who had taken care of the invalid daughter for 20 years.

"Katherine Bryson's story has a lesson for our nation, in this day and time, and for our young people," he said.

He recalled one day in April of 1968 when ex-New York Yankee Bobby Richardson, Raymond Berry and former UNC star Albert Long went with him to visit Mrs. Bryson at 78 Fairfax Ave.

"You broke my heart many times — I mean when the Redskins were playing," Mrs. Bryson told Berry, a former offensive end for the Baltimore Colts.

An avid sports fan, it was because he was playing for the Colts and she was rooting for the Redskins.

Berry, his eyes moist, had told Mrs. Bryson, "...I know this is hard for you . . . But one day God is going to give you a brand new body."

Her mother and her four children, all married now, listened as Thielman talked Tuesday in the crowded living room at the Bryson home.

"Katherine Bryson was a remarkable woman. For 20 years, one of the longest periods on record, she lived in an iron lung, yet she radiated joy and courage and hope . . . every breath was a struggle. All she would have had to do to die at any time was simply to quit trying to live. Yet she battled away for life until her tired, strained heart failed her."

Thielman talked also of the doctors and nurses and others who stood by Mrs. Bryson and assisted her where they could in her struggle to live.

"She never yielded to the sour, ill temper of fear and hate," he said, and those are words that the nurses who knew her over the years have also used.

"What kept her going all of these years?" Thielman put into words the motive for living of Katherine Bryson:

"Well, first of all, there was her faith in God, the giver of life. The incredible love of a mother who cared for her every need. Four children she loved and delighted to see grow and kept her spirit happy," he said, and spoke too, of her church and her pastor and other friends.

"Then, too," he said, "Katherine was a sort of evangelist. She was convinced that she could show the love of Christ to others by the way she bore up under her trouble," Thielman said.

Her message to the nation, he said, was that life is a gift from God, and it is worth living.

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EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

This is Mrs. Louisa J. Buckner, mother of Mrs. C. J. Ebbs, pictures as she sat by her birthday cake on the occasion of the celebration of her eightieth birthday on April 11. Mrs. Ebbs had assembled the members of Mrs. Buckner's Sunday School class of Calvary Baptist Church for the birthday event and all the "fixtures" for a genuinely planned birthday party were attendant.

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W. S. Burleson, Former State Official, Dies

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William S. Burleson, 80, of 145 Westwood Pl. former assistant director of the State Probation Commission in Raleigh, died at 2 a. m. Monday in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

A native of Asheville, Mr. Burleson was the first principal

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at Valley Springs School. A teacher for 23 years, he served as principal at other Western North Carolina schools for more than 20 years.

Joining the State Probation Department in 1937, he worked in the Asheville division until 1955 when he was named State Probation Supervisor with offices in Raleigh. He was appointed assistant director of the Commission in July, 1958.

Mr. Burleson was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, a veteran of World War I and a graduate of Wake Forest College, where he held a law degree. He was a member of the School Masters Club, the American Legion, the National Juvenile Delinquent Board and taught the "Ladies over 50" Sunday School class at his church. He was active in Democratic political affairs.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sue Blackstock Burleson; two daughters, Mrs. Pansy Rolston of Newark, Ohio, and Mrs. Billy Sue Melcher of Libby, Mont.; four sisters, Mrs. Louisa Haynes of Asheville, Mrs. Ozetta Padgett of Oteen, Mrs Ollie McKinney of Swannanoa and Miss Ethel Burleson of Fairview; two brothers, Gay of Weaverville and Phonsie Burleson of Barnardsville; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. Wednesday in the chapel of West Funeral Home, Weaverville.

The Revs. John Knight and John G. Hicks will officiate. Burial will be in West Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be James Maney, Bertis Sellers, Carter Parham, Welch Burleson, Wilkerson Haynes, John Brown, Carl Conley and Charles McKinney. Honorary pallbearers will members of the State Supreme Court, co-workers in the N. C. Probation Commission, members of Kiffin Rockwell Post, American Legion and former public school students and friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be sent to the Buncombe County chapter of American Cancer Society.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Why And How A Settlement Was Made Where Asheville Now Stands

By COL. PAUL A. ROCKWELL

A query was made in the column of the Asheville Citizen-Times several weeks ago as to why a settlement was first made where Asheville now stands, and how the settlement, which started without the initial advantage of waterways, trading paths, or roads, ever progressed to its present importance.

Some answer to the question may be found in the History of Buncombe County, by the late Dr. Forster A. Sondley, and in a few other publications, such as the Asheville Directory and Buncombe County Business Gazeteer for 1883-1884, which gives in the back of the volume a brief history of Asheville. However, very little has been published so far concerning the origin of the present city of Asheville and its earliest days.

Perhaps the best authority alive today on the subject is Albert S. McLean of Asheville, secretary of the Western North Carolina Historical Association, a lineal descendant of several of the pioneer settlers in what is now Buncombe County. McLean has from early childhood studied avidly the history of all this Western North Carolina mountain region, listened to the traditions and stories handed down by older generations, and is a veritable treasure-house of information about the swaddling cloth days of Buncombe and surrounding counties. Unfortunately, he has not as yet written down what he knows.

Until a few years after the War of the Revolution, the present Buncombe County belonged without dispute to the Cherokee Indians, part of whose home lands it had been for centuries. The rights of the Cherokees had been acknowledged more than once by sacred treaties, but they made the error of siding with the English during the War, and therefore were ill considered by the Americans. And all the more so, because the Americans were ceaselessly and insatiably greedy for more and more lands, and pushed relentlessly towards the West. To the mind of the immigrants, the Cherokee had no rights, and the only good Indian was a dead Indian.

The first settlers who came into our Buncombe County of today settled in the wide and fertile Swannanoa Valley, about where Bee Tree Creek empties into the Swannanoa River. They came across the mountains from the east, via Morganton, already a thriving frontier outpost. Some of these first families were the Davidsons, Alexanders and Pattons. The Indians did not like the intruders, who disturbed their ancient hunting grounds. Samuel Davidson and others were killed, but the tide of white immigration continued, more and more cabins were built, more and more land was cleared and cultivated.

It was early realized that the Swannanoa Valley could not be a suitable site for an important community, as the only possible route into and out of the valley ran east and west, and communication with the outside country was slow and difficult. John Burton, farmer, miller, hardy frontiersman —and now called the Father of Asheville—perhaps was one of the first to survey the near-by territory and to decide that the most feasible location for a promising settlement and courthouse town was on the plateau north of the confluence of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers. This plateau was the logical crossing for future roads, coming from all directions, north, south, east, and west. Another sound reason for planning a town on the right side of the French Broad rather than the left, was the fact that the river offered good protection against Cherokee forayers. The Indians usually came up the Pigeon River from their villages in East Tennessee, and slipping through Hominy Gap raided the new Buncombe settlers.

Buncombe County was created January 14, 1792, the act stating among other things that "the western part of Burke and Rutherford Counties are very inconvenient to court-houses in the said counties, which renders the attendance of jurors and witnesses very bothersome and expensive, and almost impossible in winter season."

The first County Court met on April 16, 1792, at the residence of Colonel William Davidson near the old "Gum Spring" on the south bank of the Swannanoa River, on what is now the Vanderbilt Estate and across the river from the Southern Railway freight station. One of the chief concerns of the court was the laying off and building of roads.

There was much discussion as to where the courthouse should be located. Some settlers wanted it on the south side of the Swannanoa River. An equally vociferous group insisted it be north of the river. Finally, William Morrison, a disinterested outsider, was asked to decide the argument and he opted for the north side. It is said that an early site considered was on an elevation near the present intersection of Vanderbilt Road and Busbee Road in Biltmore Forest, about where the residence of Dr. W. P. Herbert stands.

Meanwhile, John Burton was busy planning to get into the real estate business. He marked out in 1793 forty-two lots, lying on both sides of the future Biltmore Avenue and Broadway, and on July 7, 1794, obtained from the State of North Carolina a grant of land which included the lots. According to McLean, Burton was an energetic and enterprising man, a natural Chamber of Commerce booster, and he pushed the sale of his lots and development of his "town" vigorously. Soon almost all the lots were sold.

Many stories have been handed down about John Burton, says McLean. It is related of him that he was very fond of the rough and potent whisky distilled in abundance throughout the mountain country, and sometimes he drank to excess. He formed the habit of at times going home drunk, and of picking up the garments of his wife piece by piece and throwing them in the fire. Mrs. Burton finally rebelled, and one day, when her husband started pitching her clothing into the flames, she gathered up his coats, shirts, trousers, etc., and added them to the blaze. Thenceforth, tradition says, Burton burned no more of his wife's clothes. Whether or not he stopped drinking is not known. Probably not.

John Burton's wife was Jane (or Jean) Forster, sister of his neighbor William Forster. She was born in Ireland April 13, 1746, a daughter of William Forrester (as the name was spelled in the "Old Country"), who brought her to America at an early age. Th family lived for a time in Virginia, before moving on to North Carolina, where Jane married. She is said to have borne several children to John Burton, and lived to a ripe old age, dying January 28, 1824. This mountain climate made for longevity, even among the hard-working pioneers. Several families in Western North Carolina claim to descend from John and Jane Burton. A street in Asheville bears Burton's name today, the only honor or recognition ever given the city founder to date.

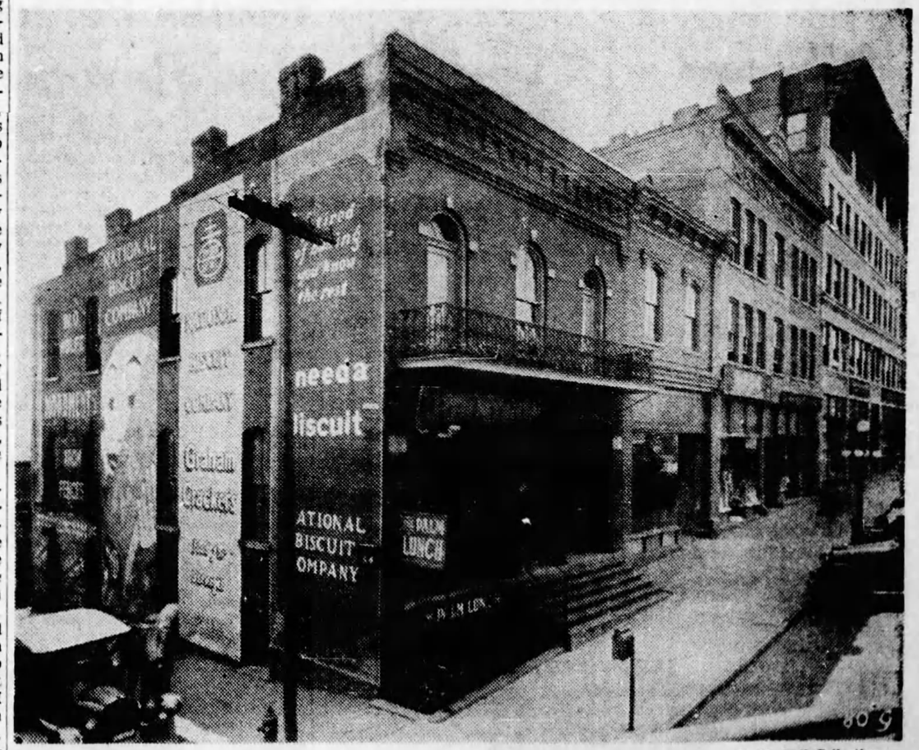
Burton's new settlement was first called Morris or Morristown, one tradition says in honor of William Morrison and out of gratitude for his decision to put the Buncombe County courthouse on the north side of the Swannanoa River. I have a copy of the Lucas map of North Carolina, published in Baltimore, 1812, which shows "Morris," the only place in the State west of "Rutherford" and Morganton. I have located no earlier map of North Carolina which indicates any English-speaking community in all the vast territory between Morganton and Knoxville, Tenn.

The name of Morristown turned out to be unpopular from the start, and within a very few years records called the village Asheville or Asheville, in honor of Samual Ashe, then governor of North Carolina. Ashe was a distinguished Revolutionary War hero, greatly liked and admired throughout the state and a member of a prominent Eastern North Carolina family. On Jan. 27, 1798, Burton's village was incorporated as Asheville, and there never has been question of another name since.

Probably the first buildings erected in Morris-Morristown-Asheville other than the crude log cabins — usually single room affairs with a stone and mud chimney at one end, packed earth for a floor, no windows and a sole door—hastily and painfully constructed by the early pioneers, were taverns. These establishments catered chiefly to the drovers who almost immediately began to arrive in steadily increasing numbers driving horses, cattle, hogs turkeys, sometimes even ducks, by hundreds and thousands from the farms of Tennessee and Kentucky to the eager markets in Columbia, Augusta, Charleston and elsewhere in South Carolina and Georgia. The taverns were the centers of news and excitement. They accommodated travelers over-night frequently in bare rooms with only the earthern floor for a bed, served coarse but bountiful food for the drovers and others, provided pens and feed for livestock and poultry, dispensed spirituous drinks to the thirsty and the weary.

During the first years of Morris-Morristown-Asheville, constant patrols (on horseback?) were maintained some six miles beyond the settlement, along the edge of the mountains south and east of the French Broad River, to guard against surprise Indian attacks. Sometimes Cherokees slipped through, and massacred people on isolated farms, but there is no relation of a determined onslaught against the courthouse village. I knew an old man years ago on the North Fork of the Swannanoa, who well remembered his grandmother, who at the age of 16 had been tomahawked by an Indian, scalped, and left for dead. The loss of her hair had not prevented her from finding a husband and having many children.

The orders of the first Buncombe County court for laying off and building roads were carried out steadily and efficiently, and the more the means of transportation and travel were improved, the more traffic came into Asheville. Some travelers remained, others remembered the place, told about it, or returned to settle. Stage coach lines connecting with Salisbury, Greenville, S. C., Greeneville, Tenn., and points beyond were inaugurated, improved, increased in number. The fame of Asheville's scenery and health-giving climate spread far and wide. The Confederate War of the 1860s halted for some years the slow but constant growth of the town, but the coming of the railroads from east, west, and south in the 1880s was all that was necessary for the steady development of Asheville into the modern and busy city it is today.



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PRIOR TO THE ERECTION of the Jackson Building on southeast Pack Square in 1924, the site of Asheville's first skyscraper looked like this. It was also at one time the home of W. O. Wolfe's monument and stone-cutting shop which was described so vividly in Tom Wolfe's "Look Homeward, Angel." Note the W. O. Wolfe sign on the building at the extreme left of the picture. The Jackson Building was erected by L. B. Jackson, Asheville real estate dealer.

John Burton: Pioneer Town Planner, Real Estate Agent, Grain Producer

If any man can be called the "Father of Asheville," it is John Burton, who laid out the town and sold lots to Buncombe County's early citizens.

In general, the veil of the passing years has been pulled over John Burton's life in this community. But enough is known of him to class him as a pioneer town planner, real estate agent, and grain producer.

Four years before the town of Asheville was incorporated by the Legislature, Burton obtained from the state a grant for 200 acres of land in Buncombe County.

It was July 7, 1794, when the grant was issued. The boundaries of the "Town Tract," as it was then called, were roughly these: Orange and Clayton Streets on the north, Charlotte and Valley Streets through the David Millard Junior High School property on the east, Carroll Avenue to the intersection of Coxe and Banks Avenues on the south, and Coxe Avenue through Pritchard Park to the intersection of Orange Street and Merrimon Avenue on the west.

At about the same time Burton also obtained a State Grant for another tract of land of the same size as the "Town Tract" and lying immediately north of that tract. This was known as the "Gillihan Tract."

Even before the grants were issued, John Burton was at work. He laid out a portion of the "Town Tract" in 42 lots, each containing one-half of an acre, except two at the souther end. The tracts were laid out for the town of Morristown, as Asheville was known for a number of years before its incorporation under the present name on January 27, 1798.

The distinction of buying the first lot in Asheville belongs to Thomas Burton, who bought lot No. 4 for "twenty shillings" on July 28, 1794. (The value of a shilling at that time is not known, since it varied from one section of the country to another. The English shilling today is worth about 20 cents.) This lot is occupied by the Earle Hotel on Biltmore Avenue.

A list of John Burton's real estate customers reads like a roll call of pioneer families in Buncombe County. The lots were bought by individuals like Thomas Foster, Zebulon and Bedent Baird, Samuel Luck, Colonel William Davidson, Patton & Erwin, to mention only a few.

But John Burton was more than a real estate agent. He engaged in one of the most needed occupations of his day—operating a grist mill for grain production. In January, 1793, the governing body of Buncombe County ordered "that John Burton have liberty to build a grist mill on his own land, on a branch of the French Broad River, near Nathan Smith's below the mouth of the Swannanoa." This mill was built on Glenn's Creek a short distance above its mouth.

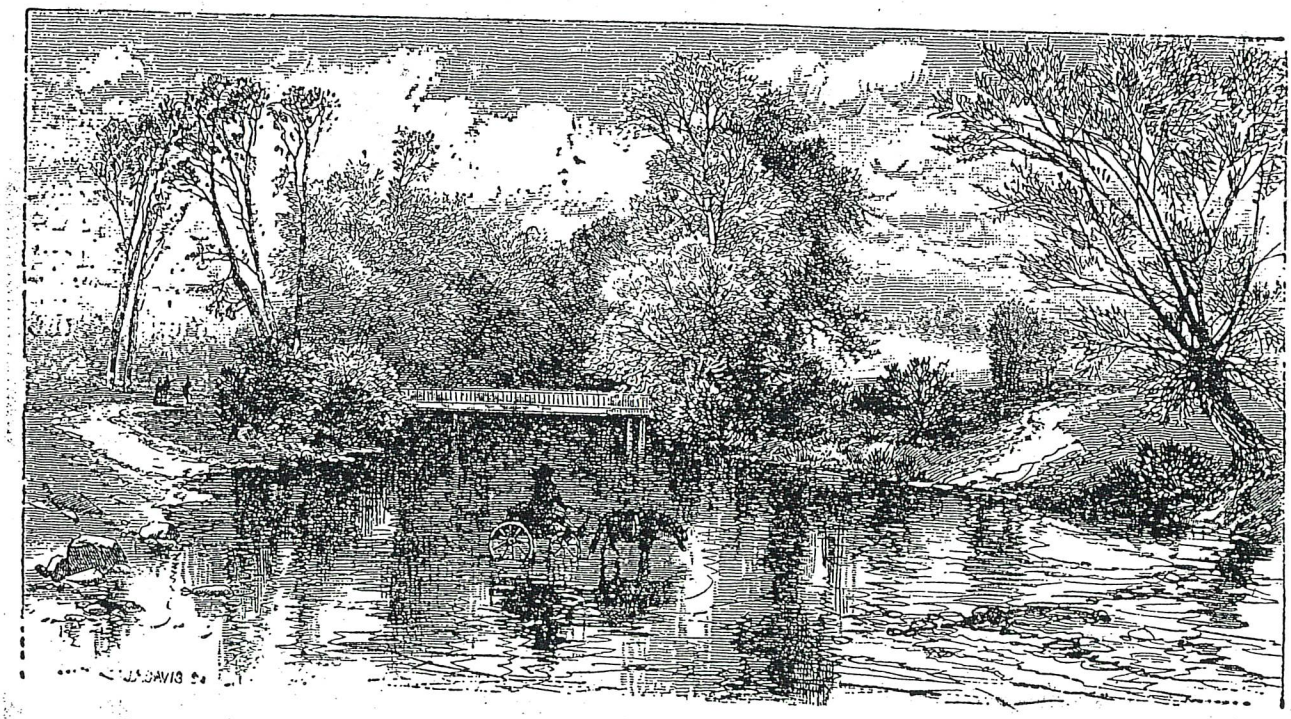
In his book, "Asheville and Buncombe County," published in 1922, Dr. F. A. Sondley says that it was "undoubtedly the first grist mill in Buncombe County, all the grinding of the settlers having been done previous to its erection at the Old Fort."

Burton later sold the mill to Zebulon and Bedent Baird, brothers who came to North Carolina from New Jersey in the latter part of the 18th century. Scotsmen by birth, these two men were the first merchants in Buncombe County.. Zebulon Baird was the grandfather of Zebulon Baird Vance, Civil War Governor of North Carolina.

After the sale of the mill Burton moved to Gap Creek on the road from Asheville to Fairview where, according to Sondley, he met with business misfortune and lost all his property.

There the story of Burton's life must end. The date of his death, like the date of his birth, are unknown. By a strange historical quirk, the life span of his wife, Jean Forster Burton, was recorded. She was born April 13, 1746, and died January 28, 1824.

Thus John Burton lived his allotted time and left as his legacy a little mountain community that has developed through the years into North Carolina's seventh largest city. He was truly the first builder of Asheville.



VIEW OF THE SWANNANOA RIVER, near Asheville, sketched by an artist in 1875.

Otto Buseck/Max Crohn/MiddlemountGardens

December 21, 1868:	Otto Buseck born in Frankfort on the Main, Germany. Completed public school, then served 3 years as an apprentice to a florist. Attended Geisenheim Horticultural College in Geisenheim, Germany, for 2 years.
1893	O.B. comes to the US.
1893-95?	O.B. supervises public gardens in Omaha, Nebraska.
1895 – 97	O.B. lays out gardens at Raleigh Springs, a Memphis , Tennessee, resort.
1897 – 98	O.B. lays out gardens for Jacob Schiff (a Kuhn, Loeb partner) and H. Kemp (the "Sugar King") in New York.
1898 – 99	O.B. becomes Superintendent of Public Parks in Paterson, New Jersey
1899 – 1909	O.B. in business as a florist in Memphis, Tennessee. Jan. 2, 1909, O.B. marries Miss Emily Nathan of Memphis
1909 – ?	O.B. operates a wholesale florists business in Hawthorne, New York.
? -1917	O.B. in floral business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1918	O.B. employed by Dr. Karl von Ruck (at Winyah Sanitarium?).
1919 - 20	O.B. becomes private gardener for Mrs. Charles A. Webb, laying out and landscaping the grounds of her West Asheville estate, "Middlemount".
Dec. 1, 1920	Middlemount Gardens floral business is established; Mrs. Charles A. Webb is president of the business. Max Crohn. Sr., arrives from Memphis at age 18 to live with Mr. & Mrs. Buseck and work in the business. One of his first assignments is to handle the Vanderbilt-Cecil wedding at the Biltmore House.
September 1923	Work begins on new greenhouses which will total 50,000 sq. ft. Facility to be completed in approximately one year.

March 22, 1934	Otto Buseck dies at his home on Sulphur Springs Road. Burial was in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 23, 1934
March 23, 1934	Max Crohn takes over management of Middlemount Gardens.
Date?	Max Crohn serves a term as President of the North Carolina Florists Association
Date?	Max Crohn serves two terms as President of the Western North Carolina Florists Association
Date?	Max Crohn serves a term as president of the Southeastern Florists Association
Exact date?	Serves as Acting President of the Southeastern Florists Association for the duration of WW II.
1938	Mrs. Otto Buseck and Max Crohn purchase Mrs. Webb's interest in Middlemount Gardens.
August 1949	West Asheville greenhouses of Middlemount Gardens (50,000 sq. ft.) and nine acres of land sold to Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Jarrett, owners of Jarrett's Greenhouses on Monte Vista Rd. in West Asheville. Middlemount Gardens, Inc., retains the Middlemount Flower Shop on Patton Avenue.
March 1977	Max Crohn retires; Middlemount Flower Shop sold to Sam & Judith Morris.

Max Crohn
517 Redbud Dr
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Mr. Max Crohn 919-933-3530
517 Redbud Rd.
Chapel Hill, NC
27514 - 1710

PLAN FLOWER SHOP AT NO. 35 HAYWOOD

Otto Buseck, well known nurseryman of Asheville, has obtained option on the first floor of the building located at No. 33 Haywood Street, known as the Haywood Grill, with the view of purchasing the lease and fixtures and converting the place into a flower shop.

Under the terms of transfer Mr. Buseck is empowered to sublet a part of the store, for a novelty and art shop.

Asheville Citizen September 15, 1922

THIS MORNING
At 10 o'Clock

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Asheville Citizen July 22, 1926

WHO'S WHO AND WHY IN ASHEVILLE

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After completing his public school education, Mr. Buseck served three years as an apprentice to a florist and then spent two years at a horticultural college in Germany—at Geisenheim, on the Rhine, where famous wines are made.

Following completion of his college course he traveled over Europe seeking further knowledge of his chosen profession. On March 1 of nevt year he will have been following it 50 years.

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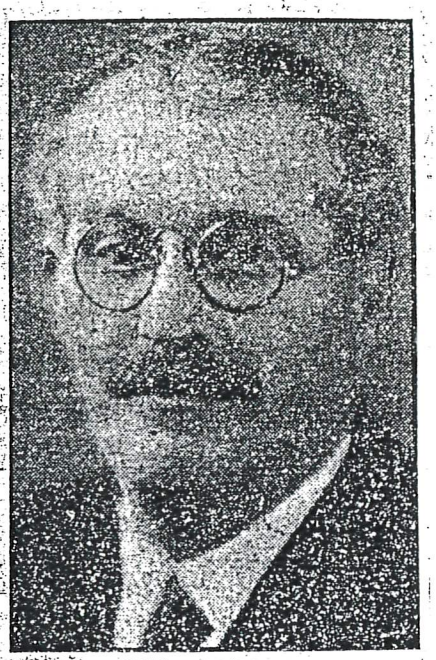
Middlemount Gardens ships flowers over most of the South—as far away as Jacksonville, Memphis and Birmingham. At present it is specializing in carnations.



OTTO BUSECK

On January 2, 1909, Mr. Buseck married Miss Emily Nathan, at Memphis.

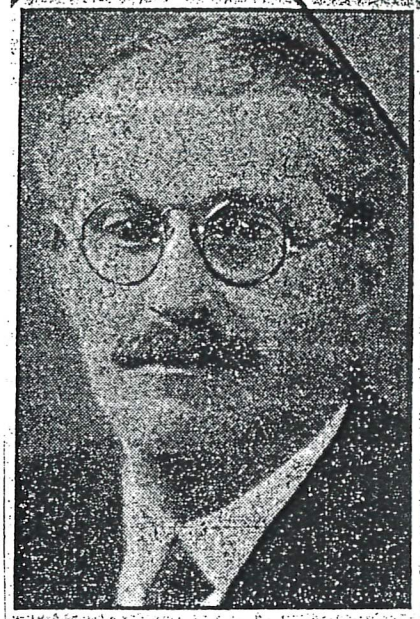
He is a member of the B. P. O. E., is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, member of the Southeastern Florists association, the National Florists association and the Florists Telegraph Delivery association. He was one of the recipients of the German Red Cross, given to a few Asheville persons who participated in raising a monument in Riverside cemetery to German sailors who died here while interned during the World war.

Mr. and Mrs. Buseck live on Sulphur Springs road.

Nothing pleases him better than to have visitors at the gardens located on Sulphur Springs road about six miles west of Asheville. He especially likes to have the school teachers bring their pupils for a tour of the greenhouses. It is part of the children's education that should not be neglected, he believes.

Asheville Citizen December 10, 1933

VICTIM OF STROKE



OTTO BUSECK

BUSECK SUFFERS STROKE AT HOME, DIES SUDDENLY

Manager Of Middlemount Gardens Was Well Known In His Profession.

Ash. Times 3/22/34

Otto Buseck, one of the outstanding florists of the south and a prominent resident of this section, died about 10 o'clock this morning at his home on the Sulphur Springs road. Death was sudden and followed an illness of a half hour.

Mr. Buseck, who was general manager of Middlemount Gardens, visited the garden's greenhouse about 8 o'clock this morning. At this time, employes there said he was apparently in good health.

He returned to his home, located nearby, for a late breakfast. Mr. Buseck ate breakfast about 9:15 and about 15 minutes later complained of feeling ill. He died about 10 o'clock.

Cerebral Hemorrhage

Dr. G. D. Gardner, who was summoned, said death was the result of a stroke of paralysis caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Workers associated with Mr. Buseck at the greenhouse said he had been in apparently good health recently and was very active in the direction of the concern.

Mr. Buseck is survived by his widow.

Funeral services will not be conducted in Asheville. The body will be taken to Cincinnati, Ohio, leaving on the 6:40 train tonight, where services will be held tomorrow, it was announced.

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Asheville Times March 22, 1934

200 FLORISTS OF 8 STATES COMING HERE

Southeastern Association to Open Annual Session On Monday.

Two hundred florists from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana will meet in Asheville Monday morning at Kenilworth Inn when a two-day convention of the Southeastern Florist's association opens.

Numbers of the delegates had begun to arrive at the inn Saturday night while still more were expected during the day Sunday. The initial session of the meeting will start Monday at 9 o'clock and will be opened by a call to order by John Wolf, Savannah, president of the association.

This will be followed by invocation and addresses of welcome will be made by F. Roger Miller, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and by Mayor John H. Cathey. The response will be made by C. Lesley Whipp, Jacksonville, vice-president of the association.

Among the most important business expected to be brought before the florists at their convention will be the inclusion of the state of Virginia in the association. Following the business session Monday a short trip over the city will be staged for the visitors and a banquet will be held at Kenilworth Inn Monday night.

The president's reception and grand ball will follow the banquet, it is announced.

Tuesday morning will be occupied by business sessions again and in the afternoon a tea and organ recital will be held at Grove Park Inn by Fred L. Seely to honor the convention members. Otto Buseck, together with H. E. Eates, field secretary of the association, and numbers of Asheville florists were at work Saturday night decoration Kenilworth Inn for the convention.

Asheville Citizen June 13, 1926

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1934

Taken By Death

OTTO BUSECK

OTTO BUSECK'S BODY IS TAKEN TO CINCINNATI

Prominent Florist Dies Suddenly At His Home Here

Otto Buseck, 65, a leading florist of the south and a prominent resident of this section, died suddenly yesterday morning about 10 o'clock at his home on the Sulphur Springs road. Death resulted from a stroke of paralysis caused by a cerebral hemorrhage, Dr. G. D. Gardner, physician, said.

Mr. Buseck, general manager of Middlemount Gardens, visited the garden's greenhouse, adjacent to his home, about 8 o'clock and returned home about 9 o'clock, apparently in good health, employes said.

About 15 minutes after eating breakfast he complained of feeling ill, dying about 10 o'clock.

Taken To Ohio

The body of the noted florist was taken by train to Cincinnati, Ohio, at 6:40 o'clock last night, accompanied by his widow, his only immediate survivor, and by his nephew, Hans Nussbaum.

Simple rites will be performed when the body is cremated in the Ohio city today. Relatives there are in charge of arrangements.

The sudden death of Mr. Buseck was a great shock to his friends and business associates, for he apparently had been in good health recently and was active in the management of the florist firm, employes said.

Mr. Buseck came to Asheville in 1918 to work for Dr. Karl Von Ruck for a year. He then became private gardener for Mrs. Charles A. Webb, laying out and landscaping the grounds of her home.

Middlemount Gardens were started in 1921 under Mr. Buseck's direction. It now has the largest greenhouses in North Carolina. Wholesale business is handled at the greenhouses on Sulphur Springs road, while a retail shop is operated on Haywood street in the city.

Professionally Mr. Buseck was a member of the Southeastern Florists association, the National Florists association, and the Florists Telegraphic Delivery association. He was also a member of the B. P. O. Elks lodge, and a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He was one of the recipients of the German Red Cross, given to a few Asheville persons who participated in raising a monument in Riverside cemetery to German sailors who died while interned near here during the World war.

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Returned To New York

In 1897, he returned to New York to lay out the gardens of Jacob H. Schiff, one of the partners of Kuhn, Loeb and Company. Then he planned the gardens of B. Kemp, sugar "king."

A year later, Mr. Buseck became superintendent of public parks at Patterson, N. J., serving in this position for 18 months. He then returned to Memphis to become a commercial florist.

Leaving Memphis in 1909, Mr. Buseck went to Hawthorne, N. Y.,

Asheville Citizen March 23, 1934

Buncombe Veterans Fought In Famous Civil War Battles

One man who charged up Cemetery Ridge with the Stars and Bars in Pickett's immortal and fatal rush at Gettysburg and half a dozen who took part in Bragg's "barren victory" at Chickamauga, are among the 37 living Confederate veterans in Buncombe county. Another was present when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and still another remembers clearly the fall of Fort Sumter, the opening gun of the war, although he did not enter the service until several weeks later.

The veterans living today are a modest lot for the most part. Those who were old enough to get into the grey ranks in '61 are extremely few and a majority of the men who attend the meetings of Zeb Vance camp at the courthouse nowadays say quite frankly: "We were just boys in the regiments recruited toward the end; we guarded prisoners and watched mountain passes, some of us were not even armed. But we had to sleep in the snow sometimes, and live in the mud, go hungry and ragged, so we feel that we did our part."

Average Age Is 98

Consider for a moment the troops recruited in '61 were from 21 to 35 years old. Possibly the average was 25. That would make the average age of the survivors today 98 and the youngest, recruited at 20, would be 93. The young men who went into the late regiments in '63 and '64 were often as young as sixteen—from eight to 15 years younger than the troops of the first great Confederate victories, so by far the greater number of veterans living today are of these late regiments.

But even among the living veterans who were but lads in their teens when Sumter fell, are men who fought with musket and bayonet, dashed on horseback with naked sabre, or swabbed and pointed cannon, in the really great battles of the war.

Gettysburg, the real death knell of the grey hopes and Murfreesboro or Stone's River, one of the bloodiest battles of the war, the hundred bloody skirmishes in Sherman's path of devastation; the victory of Bragg at Chickamauga and the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, are memories that stir the blood in the now feeble limbs of about a dozen of the veterans in the county today.

Among them are:

W. W. Pace, now 93 years old, had not yet enlisted when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter, but he was enrolled in Company B, First South Carolina artillery a few weeks thereafter and spent the next two years as a member of the fort's "rebel" garrison. He was there when the Union fleet finally battered them into submission in April '63, and from Charleston, his outfit set out across the Carolinas and Georgia. He was in front of Sherman when that Yankee general swept through Georgia and he was captured finally at the big battle of Averysboro, S. C. He was wounded during the seige of Sumter by the Yankees. He now lives with his son J. B. Pace near Arden.

Was At Chickamauga

J. M. Case, who lives at Emma, and his brother, W. H. Case, now dead, went out with Company D, 60th North Carolina and were transferred to the famous sixtieth regiment. They saw service in Virginia and fought at both Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain and were in the thick of 38 days of service fighting around Atlanta.

John M. Houck of Marion, a member of Zeb Vance camp, was captured at Gettysburg after being wounded. He was also in the fighting around Richmond and faced Grant's troops in the wilderness around Spottsylvania.

Spencer Freeman, who served in the 25th North Carolina, is another veteran of the battles of Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain.

Captain W. Elbert Weaver of Weaverville and his negro body servant, Gilbert Baird, went out with the 29th North Carolina and campaigned over six states, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and both the Carolinas. Captain Weaver still carries a bullet from Chickamauga. He saw Sherman burn Atlanta and took part in the last battle of the war, an engagement at Mansfield, La., some days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Colonel R. L. Fitzpatrick, present commander of Zeb Vance camp, was for awhile a member of Morgan's famous raiders, but didn't cross the Ohio on the brilliant raid into Kentucky and Indiana. He enlisted with 31st Tennessee, but for most of the war was in Captain Owen's detachment of scouts, doing reconnoitering for Vaughn's brigade.

F. B. Bishop, 89, of Avery's creek, was present at Lee's surrender to Grant and was wounded "at the big battle of Bull Gap." His father and older brother also wore the grey.

S. Pettigrew, of Mountain street, says he was in "plenty of battles" in the Carolinas, and was wounded seven times. He is now 97 years old.

Wounded In Pickett's Charge

Levi J. Walker, 93 years old now, was the fifth color bearer shot down in the Confederate charge up Cemetery Ridge. He lost his left leg and spent the remainder of the war a prisoner at David's Island, N. Y. He has lived in Asheville since 1920, and his home is at 260 Forest Hill drive. He was in Company B of the 13th North Carolina.

The Rev. T. F. Glenn, who has been in the ministry 75 years, was chaplain of a regiment of General Joe Wheeler's command called the Third Confederate. It was made up of companies from Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. He was at the battle of Murfreesboro in Tennessee and was in front of Sherman at Atlanta.

Lee Williams of Old Fort was in Company B of the 9th North Carolina artillery battalion. He took part in the battle of Forth Fisher and saw service in Virginia.

Ephraim Byerley, who lives in West Asheville, had two fingers shot off at the battle of Hatcher's Gap. He served in Company A, 31st North Carolina.

J. J. Stephenson, who was in Company C, 69th North Carolina, was in the battle of Bull's Gap and saw service in Tennessee.

R. T. Underwood, Chestnut street, now 87 years old, served Capt M H. Love's company of Col. W. H. Thomas' Legion, which included 400 Cherokee Indians. The unit was made up largely of young boys and Underwood's job was to guard Yankee prisoners and the passes in the Great Smoky mountains. He and his comrades saw no fighting but endured great hardships in the last winter of the war. He brought many prisoners back to Asheville.

P. B. Brown, living on the Brevard road, was in Company C, 16th South Carolina regiment.

Several Served In Cavalry

A number of the local veterans belonged to the 14th North Carolina cavalry battalion, a unit recruited of young soldiers. Among them are J. J. Stephens, R. B. Bitch of Horseshoe, J. A. Hughey and H. S. Walton.

John Paxton of Canton, who belongs to Zeb Vance camp, saw service in the western army with Company I, 62nd North Carolina.

J. W. Dickerson, who was in Col. Walter Bryson's command was quite young, and served at the saltpetre works near Hendersonville.

There are a number of names on the Confederate pension role at the courthouse, whose regimental affiliations and records are not known to the camp, nor does the pension clerk have their addresses. They are known to be living, however, as they called for their checks in June. They include D. V. Cole, T. M. Cole, E. Guthry, Thomas Hudgens, Henry B. Edmonds, O. W. Reynolds, Clingman Sawyer, O. W. Surratt, David B. Watts, Charles W. White and Richard Gowan. The names of J. A. Ballard and H. E. Parham are on

West Asheville People

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JULY 1958

November 23, 1966

Mrs. Ida Cannon

Mrs. Ida Cannon, of 114 Mill Brook Rd., died Tuesday in her home after a period of declining health.

Mrs. Cannon was a native of Greer, S. C., and had resided in Hendersonville before moving to Asheville in 1945. She was a daughter of the late Abe Austin and Emma Glimes.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Brooks and Mrs. Addie P. Smith of the home; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in Union Grove Baptist Church, Hendersonville.

The Rev. Q. E. Owens, the Rev. Roy Young and the Rev. James Sullivan will officiate and burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery, Hendersonville.

The body will remain in Pilgrim Funeral Home, Hendersonville, until placed in the church one hour prior to the services.

See also sister Bessie Bruton and father Abraham Austin

Joyce, I found those two pictures. It shows the old Maney store that first started out and my Mother had a Dress Shop she rented and I had forgotten on the new side Mr and Mrs Hart (Pat's) Mother and Father rented out for a store but they didn't stay their long.

I.m sending these so you can get a copy (but these are very special memories fo me so please don't loose them as I have no Neg's)

Where the store is, that my oldest Son's head at the bottom he was only 3yrs old. The one with Aunt Ida has Steve in it. This was made on our front porch at 104 Millbrook Road. The cutist thing about Aunt Ida she said Mrs Carolyn you know I'm not that Black when she seen this picture, it seems only yesteday that I showed her this picture and she was talking to me. She never knew her legacy would live on.

She told me that one day the colored would be mixed with the whites and she said remember it's not us old ones it's gonna be these younger ones coming up that is gonna create all of that. Her Dad was a slave and he was 105 when he died. Bessie and her Son got killed in a head on crash, they died instanly.

Carolyn Silver

Dr. Carrell Dies At 74 At His Home

Dr. George H. Carrell, 74, of 11 Emory Road, died unexpectedly Tuesday at his home.

He was a native of Louisville, Ky. and a resident of Asheville for 36 years. He was a son of Cora Glass Carrell and the late Mathew C. Carrell.

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky State University and the University of Louisville School

DR. CARRELL

of Dentistry, he began his practice in Asheville in 1940. Dr. Carrell was a member of Seniard Creek Rod and Gun Club, Black Mountain Rod and Gun Club, Buncombe County Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Louisville.

Surviving in addition to the mother are the widow Mrs. Augusta Jayne Carrell; a daughter Miss Ruth Anne Carrell of the home; a son, George Thomas Carrell of Canton; and a sister, Mrs. Katherine Knoer of Louisville.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home. The Rev. Jim R. Wesson will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

George H. Carrell D.M.D.

b. in Louisville, KY .....in 1902
d. in Asheville, NC.....in 1976

graduated from Eastern Ky. State Teachers College
(now Eastern University) in Richmond KY
with a B.S. in Biology.....also earned a Masters Degree there.....

Graduated from The University of Louisville with a D.M.D. in Dentistry

Came to Asheville in the early twenties with his Uncle who owned a Carpet Company in Louisville.....layed the carpets in The George Vanderbuilt Hotel and in The Skyland Hotel in Hendersonville, NC. He fell in love with the mountains and after he got his education (a little late in his life) he decided to practise in Asheville and ended up in West Asheville. When World War II broke out the Federal Gov't. drafted several dentists from Asheville and as it turned out it was a great time to be starting a practise. He worked six days a week and Sunday Mornings for several years.

He started his Practise in August, 1940.

Miss Nell Turbyfill.....Miss Ruth Hodges.....Mrs. Evelyn Pounders Steelman (m. Frank Steelman).....Miss Augusta M. Jayne.....Miss Mary Beth Starnes (m. Luke Atkinson later) and Mrs. Mattie G. Morgan were some of the young women who were employed by Dr. Carrell.

Dr. Carrell and Augusta Jayne were married in April 28, 1945 .....31 years until Dr. Carrell's death in April 13, 1976.

Dr. Carrell practised 35 years.

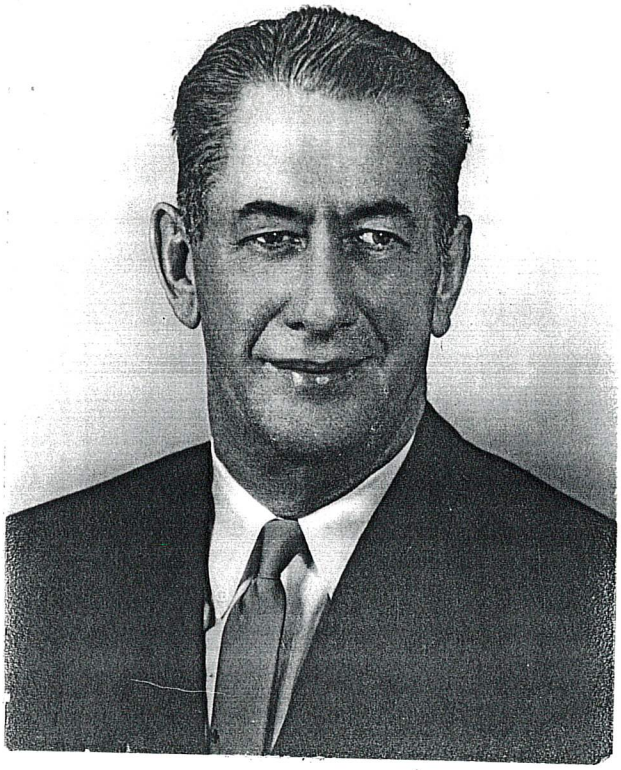
Mrs. Mattie G. Morgan worked for Dr. Carrell 23 years.

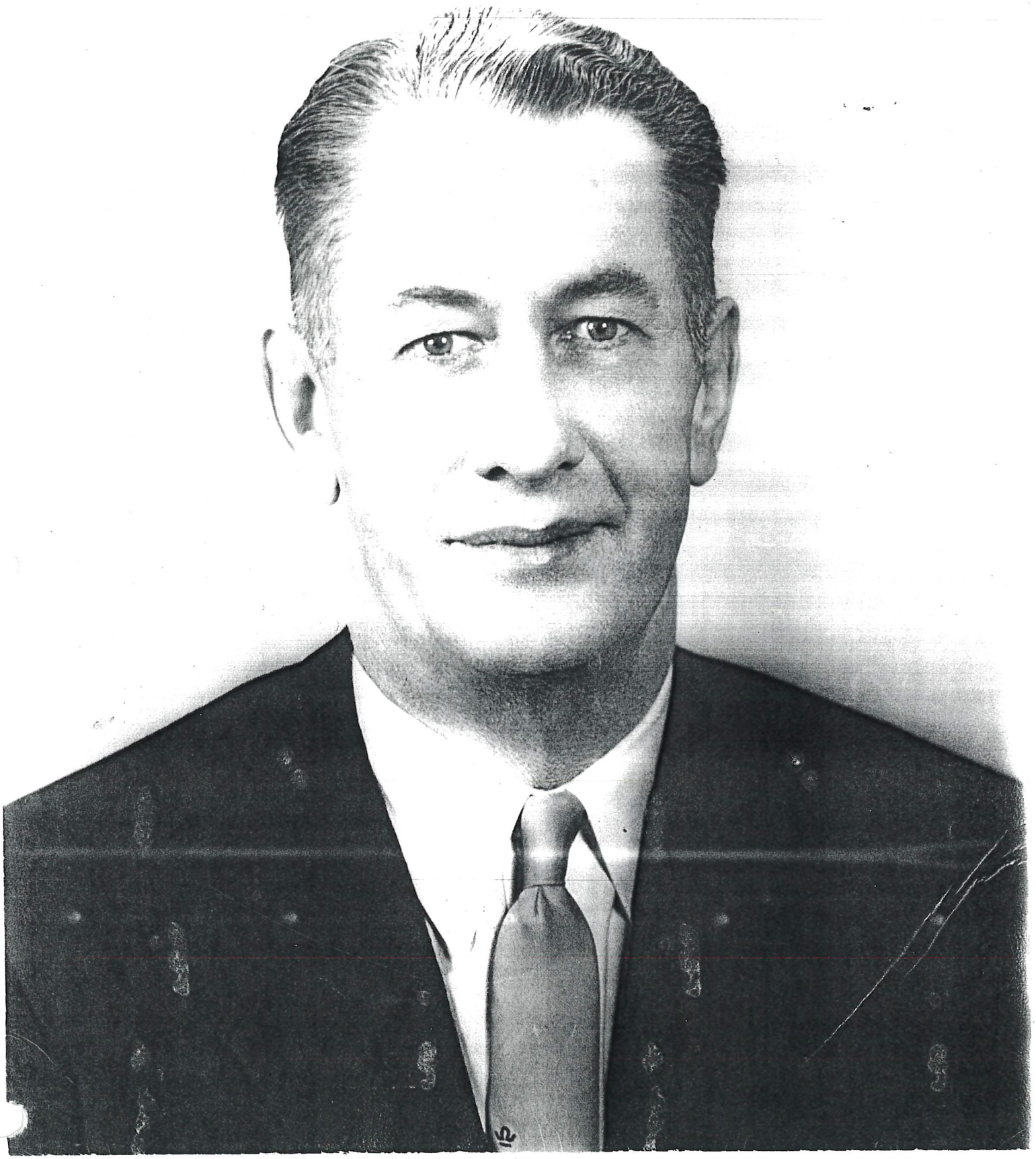
The Carrell's had two children.....George Thomas Carrell b. August 28, 1947 and Ruth Anne Carrell (Mrs. Edward Louis Bowen) b. May 26, 1958.

There are two grandsons.....Matthew Thomas Carrell and George Edward Bowen.

Some time in the mid-fifties Dr. Carrell moved his office to The E. B. Roberts Building on Vermont Avenue.

In mentioning that they drafted some dentists from Asheville reminds me of quite a few of our patients went to work at Oak Ridge, TN at the Plant that was built over there early int the war, or before, and we had appointments with lots of them on Saturday Nights. I think they got off early on Saturdays but it was quite a drive to Ashevile from there (in those days) and it was nothing for us to work until 9 or 10 o'clock on Saturday Nights to accomodate them. George was a "Work-aholic" and enjoyed every minute of it. I never saw anything like him. He never sent out statements unless someone es-plicitly ask for one and MOST people paid him. When I first knew him he was such a believer in people getting an education that he would lend money to a young person who just didn't have any other way to go to college. I know of at least eight people that he lent money to. Yes, they all paid him back! I don't expect you to use this but am just telling you what kind of person he was. He provided LOTS of free dentistry too. He never charged parents when he did work for a handicapped child. Some of them were so difficult to work on I was amazed that he could do it!





G. O. CARTER ENTERS THE RACE FOR MAYOR

IS THIRD WEST ASHEVILLE MAYORALTY CANDIDATE.

An Even Dozen Citizens Are Now Seeking Positions On the Board of Aldermen.

The entrance of G. D. Carter to the mayor's race added considerable interest to the West Asheville political situation yesterday, Mr. Carter's formal entry being made with Clerk J. N. Jarrett, of the West Asheville aldermanic board, by the candidate. With his entrance it was announced that a vigorous campaign will be waged in his behalf. He is the third candidate to ask that his name be placed on the ticket for mayor, Mayor A. L. Bright and J. L. Crook entering the race several days ago.

Mr. Carter has been mentioned as a probable candidate for some time past, and his entry was not altogether unexpected. Like Mr. Bright and Mr. Crook, he has been a resident of the town for the past several years, and the three men who are in the race for chief executive now are popular. Regardless of whether any other resident of the town asks for the position of mayor, it is regarded as a certainty that the fight for this position will be a hard one.

Mr. Carter's formal entry brings the number of candidates now in the race for municipal positions in West Asheville up to fifteen. Three of them are seeking the place of mayor, while an even dozen citizens of the community are asking for election to membership on the aldermanic board, which is made up of a resident of each of the four wards of the town and an alderman-at-large.

That each of the fifteen men in the race at the present time is determined to make a fight for the position which he seeks is indicated by the methods of campaigning, which are in vogue at the youthful town. Voters are being besieged to give their support to various candidates and many arguments are being put forth with a view to winning support for the men who have entered the race. The campaign, however, is free from personalities and the friends of the candidates are proceeding on the basis that every man who wants to run for office is entitled to enter and to ask for support. Every campaign along such lines as will leave no bitterness when the race is settled and the successful candidates are announced.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1926

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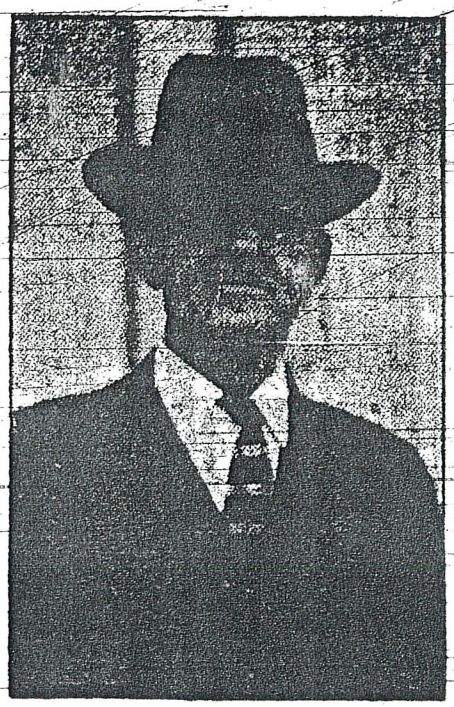

G. D. Carter, president of the West Asheville bank, and former member of the county school board has given much time to civic and county questions.

FEBRUARY 21, 1911.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH AT CROSSING

MRS. G. B. CARTER BADLY INJURED YESTERDAY MORNING

Struck by Passenger Train at Dangerous Crossing Near the Smith Bridge

Mrs. Garrett D. Carter, of West Asheville, had a narrow escape from death yesterday when struck by passenger train No. 101 at the crossing near Smith's bridge. Mrs. Carter was immediately taken to the Mission hospital, where her wounds were dressed by Dr. Hilliard. Examination showed that two ribs were broken, and that her head bore a cut about three inches long, while she was bruised painfully in various places. The injuries are not considered serious.

In walking towards town yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Carter attempted to cross the tracks of the Southern railway just after a freight had passed. It is alleged that the gates were not closed. On starting across the track, they saw that a passenger train was coming in an opposite direction. Mr. Carter jumped backwards, while Mrs. Carter, who was somewhat ahead of him, made a dash for safety to the other side. There are conflicting reports as to what part of the engine struck her, but she was knocked to the ground, but in falling was thrown to beyond the track and so escaped instant death. Mr. Carter did not see the accident as the train was between him and his wife.

Asheville Citizen February 21, 1911

Comfort For The Ill

"IN QUIET HOURS," Banner Press, Birmingham, $2.50.

Not far short of a hundred years ago, a new speck was added to the whirling myriad of specks that populate the earth. The new one was one number higher for the feminine side of the ledger in the 1874 census of Augusta, Ga., and its name was Frances Laurie Anderson. 9-23-62

Just one month more than 87 years later, Laurie joined the untold millions in whatever lies just past this life. But she left behind evidence of her passing journey. Asheville Citizen

How long the visible remnant of her life will be in touch with the remaining specks of life will be up to the whimsy of public fancy, and to the lasting worth of her efforts—whether that be much or little. But her little book of poems, "In Quiet Hours," is about to be released to public judgment.

At the time of her death, few called her "Miss Laurie" any more, but "Mrs. Carter," or just plain "Granny." And in spite of the slowing down of the brain's functions, she still was able to pen a few more poems to add to her life-long collection—and the publisher's editorial board judged them good enough to go in her book.

"Her book"—how that would have thrilled Granny! For she never knew that her poems were to be accepted for publication—only that a kind publisher made a bright day for her by writing to her that they were, in his opinion, "well worthy of preservation in book form," but that the publishing schedule was already full for that year.

Granny's life was full of many things besides poetry—reading, sewing, her children down to great-grandchildren, church work in more able-bodied days, an abiding love for the mountains—a love that was a magnet drawing her back again and again, from the girlhood vacations in Brevard to old-age retirement in Asheville, to rest in Green Hills Cemetery in West Asheville.

Several of the poems speak of her love for the hills of Western North Carolina, and though there is no date to it, one written years ago, entitled "Land o' My Heart," winds up calling this the "land of the sky," one of our trade-marks nowadays!

Her poems are—you might say—old-fashioned, not modern verse at all—and no wonder! Some were written as long ago as 1891, when she was just 17. But the style and metre are the same as when she was in her 80s; the same soul peeks through.

As her publisher, F. W. Helmbold of the Banner Press in Birmingham says, "After you've read her poems, you feel as though you've known Granny all her life!"

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There is comfort there in the lines for the ill, the odd, the worried, the lonely. As a sweet little old lady, same vintage as Granny, said, "When I'm feeling sort of blue, I get out that little book to read, and it just sort of cheers me up." And Granny's old doctor in Winston-Salem wrote that he had had much comment from his patients who had read it in his waiting room where he had placed it.

The book they refer to is a little blue paperback booklet that Granny's family had printed in West Asheville for her birthday several years ago, and they provided her with a generous amount to give her family and friends. It is the genesis of the published book that is now coming out. "In Quiet Hours," will be available in several of the local book-stores. It is printed with a special type that the publisher had imported from Germany because he thought it suited Granny's book so well, and is on fine paper, with linen cover.

Granny was a poet, with the poet's desire to share that which came to her with the world. Perhaps she may.—**GERRY KOONTZ.**

N.C. - Authors - Carter, Mrs. Laurie A.

"Granny" Carter was born in 1874, just a hop away from the Civil War. Back then a library card was a cherished possession. One of her aunts would let Laurie have her card when she went away in the summer. That was pure heaven! In Augusta, Georgia! In summer!

Later when she married Mr. Carter, they spent many of their summers in Brevard, North Carolina. The Carters had the first car in Brevard, also the first phonograph and possibly the first radio. But gadgets and machines were not to Granny's liking.

Granny always wished for time to read and write poetry. In her later years, reading, a little hand sewing, and a little poetry writing were her life. She found rich meaning in every-day things, and her firm Presbyterian faith shines forth richly in the pages of her book.

Those who have read some of her poems find fresh hope and vision for their own lives. Granny's words carry the message of goodness and faith to those who will listen.

A BANNER BOOK $2.50

N.C. - Authors - Carter, Mrs. Laura A.

English Magazine To Publish Poem

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Word has been received here of the sale of British serial rights allowing publication of a poem by the late Mrs. Laurie A. Carter of Asheville in a prominent woman's magazine published in England.

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F. W. Helmbold, publisher and general editor of the Banner Press of Birmingham, indicated that the verses to be so honored are titled "My Little Girl's Birthday," from Mrs. Carter's book, "In Quiet Hours," released last year.

Mrs. Carter was the mother of E. W. Carter Jr. and Mrs. Anita Redding of Asheville.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1945

8 SERVICEMEN FROM THIS AREA REPORTED DEAD

Two Listed As Missing; Two Others Wounded In Action

Twelve names were added to Western North Carolina's casualty list yesterday as eight servicemen were reported dead, two missing, and two wounded.

In addition, three men, previously listed as missing, were reported to be prisoners of war.

List Of Dead

The dead:

S. Sgt. Robert Bach, husband of Mrs Elizabeth Lawing Bach of Forest City; in Germany, February 25.

Lt. Boyce Bridges, husband of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Carpenter Bridges of Avondale, Rutherford county; in Germany, March 23.

Pfc. John William Guffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Guffey of the Oakland section of Rutherford county; in Germany, March 28.

Lt. Edwin Newman, of Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman of Winston-Salem, formerly of Franklin; in Holland, February 28.

Pfc. Herbert D. Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Houston of the Highlands section of Macon county; in France, March 15.

Pvt. Richard C. Carter, husband of Mrs. Marjorie P. Carter of 32 Tremont street, West Asheville; died in Germany on March 18 of wounds received March 16 while serving in the infantry.

Floyd T. Grasty, aviation machinist's mate third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grasty of Hazelwood, Haywood county; killed in airplane crash at Oxnard, Calif., yesterday morning.

Glenn R. Pyatt, carpenter's mate second class, son of Mrs. Exie Pyatt

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PVT. RICHARD C. CARTER
Killed

of Three Mile, Avery county, in the Pacific area, February 21.

Pvt. Carter entered service in April, 1944. Born in Buncombe county April 8, 1812, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Carter, now of 32 Tremont street. He finished high school at Nebo and studied for two years at Wake Forest college. Prior to entering service, he was engaged in the lumber business with his father.

Surviving are the widow; two children, Edward, 5, and Joanne, 16 months, and the parents.

Funeral plans for AMM Grasty were incomplete last night. Crawford funeral home, Waynesville, is in charge of arrangements.

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CARTER WINS FORD AT AUCTION SALE

HORNEY BROTHERS SELL REMAINING LOTS

Initial Concert at Horney Heights by Municipal Band on Thursday Evening.

At least 1,500 attended the final sale of lots at Horney Heights yesterday and 40 lots were sold at an aggregate price of $10,455, it was stated last night by J. T. Horney. Horney brothers handled the sales, which required about two and one-half hours. A free dinner was provided for the visitors.

S. J. Carter, of west Asheville won the Ford touring car in the contest and considerable interest developed in the drawing for the free automobile.

It was stated last night that the first concert by the municipal band will be given at Horney Heights on Thursday evening, in the new band stand and is expected to draw a large gathering. The concert will start at 8 o'clock and will be the first of a series.

Asheville Citizen June 21, 1920

Buncombe Veterans Fought In Famous Civil War Battles

One man who charged up Cemetery Ridge with the Stars and Bars in Pickett's immortal and fatal rush at Gettysburg and half a dozen who took part in Bragg's "barren victory" at Chickamauga, are among the 37 living Confederate veterans in Buncombe county. Another was present when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and still another remembers clearly the fall of Fort Sumter, the opening gun of the war, although he did not enter the service until several weeks later.

The veterans living today are a modest lot for the most part. Those who were old enough to get into the grey ranks in '61 are extremely few and a majority of the men who attend the meetings of Zeb Vance camp at the courthouse nowadays say quite frankly: "We were just boys in the regiments recruited toward the end; we guarded prisoners and watched mountain passes; some of us were not even armed. But we had to sleep in the snow sometimes, and live in the mud, go hungry and ragged, so we feel that we did our part."

Average Age Is 98

Consider for a moment the troops recruited in '61 were from 21 to 35 years old. Possibly the average was 25. That would make the average age of the survivors today 98—and the youngest, recruited at 20, would be 93. The young men who went into the late regiments in '63 and '64 were often as young as sixteen—from eight to 15 years younger than the troops of the first great Confederate victories, so by far the greater number of veterans living today are of these late regiments.

But even among the living veterans who were but lads in their teens when Sumter fell, are men who fought with musket and bayonet, dashed on horseback with naked sabre, or swabbed and pointed cannon, in the really great battles of the war.

Gettysburg, the real death knell of the grey hopes and Murfreesboro or Stone's River, one of the bloodiest battles of the war; the hundred bloody skirmishes in Sherman's path of devastation; the victory of Bragg at Chickamauga and the battle of Kennesaw Mountain are memories that stir the blood in the now feeble limbs of about a dozen of the veterans in the county today.

Among them are:

W. W. Pace, now 93 years old, had not yet enlisted when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter, but he was enrolled in Company B, First South Carolina artillery a few weeks thereafter and spent the next two years as a member of the fort's "rebel" garrison. He was there when the Union fleet finally battered them into submission in April '63, and from Charleston, his outfit set out across the Carolinas and Georgia. He was in front of Sherman when that Yankee general swept through Georgia and he was captured finally at the big battle of Averysboro, S. C. He was wounded during the seige of Sumter by the Yankees. He now lives with his son J. B. Pace near Arden.

Was At Chickamauga

J. M. Case, who lives at Emma, and his brother, W. H. Case, now dead, went out with Company D, 60th North Carolina and were transferred to the famous sixtieth regiment. They saw service in Virginia and fought at both Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain and were in the thick of 38 days of service fighting around Atlanta.

John M. Houck of Marion, a member of Zeb Vance camp, was captured at Gettysburg after being wounded. He was also in the fighting around Richmond and faced Grant's troops in the wilderness around Spottsylvania.

Spencer Freeman, who served in the 25th North Carolina, is another veteran of the battles of Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain.

Captain W. Elbert Weaver of Weaverville and his negro body servant, Gilbert Baird, went out with the 29th North Carolina and campaigned over six states, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and both the Carolinas. Captain Weaver still carries a bullet from Chickamauga. He saw Sherman burn Atlanta and took part in the last battle of the war, an engagement at Mansfield, La., some days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Colonel R. L. Fitzpatrick, present commander of Zeb Vance camp, was for awhile a member of Morgan's famous raiders, but didn't cross the Ohio on the brilliant raid into Kentucky and Indiana. He enlisted with 31st Tennessee, but for most of the war was in Captain Owen's detachment of scouts, doing reconnoitering for Vaughn's brigade.

F. B. Bishop, 89, of Avery's creek, was present at Lee's surrender to Grant and was wounded "at the big battle of Bull Gap." His father and older brother also wore the grey.

S. Patterson, 87, Montford street, says he was in "plenty of battles" in the Carolinas, and was wounded seven times. He is now 97 years old.

Wounded In Pickett's Charge

Levi J. Walker, 93 years old now, was the fifth color bearer shot down in the Confederate charge up Cemetery Ridge. He lost his left leg and spent the remainder of the war a prisoner at David's Island, N. Y. He has lived in Asheville since 1920 and his home is at 260 Forest Hill drive. He was in Company B of the 13th North Carolina.

The Rev. T. F. Glenn, who has been in the ministry 75 years, was chaplain of a regiment of General Joe Wheeler's command called the Third Confederate. It was made up of companies from Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. He was at the battle of Murfreesboro in Tennessee and was in front of Sherman at Atlanta.

Lee Williams of Old Fort was in Company B of the 4th North Carolina artillery battalion. He took part in the battle of Forth Fisher and saw service in Virginia.

Ephraim Byerley, who lives in West Asheville, had two fingers shot off at the battle of Hatcher's Gap. He served in Company A, 21st North Carolina.

J. J. Stephenson, who was in Company C, 69th North Carolina, was in the battle of Bull's Gap and saw service in Tennessee.

R. T. Underwood, Chestnut street, now 87 years old, served Capt M H. Love's company of Col. W. H. Thomas' Legion, which included 400 Cherokee Indians. The unit was made up largely of young boys and Underwood's job was to guard Yankee prisoners and the passes in the Great Smoky mountains. He and his comrades saw no fighting but endured great hardships in the last winter of the war. He brought many prisoners back to Asheville.

P. B. Brown, living on the Brevard road, was in Company C, 16th South Carolina regiment.

Several Served In Cavalry

A number of the local veterans belonged to the 14th North Carolina cavalry battalion, a unit recruited of young soldiers. Among [illegible] Fitzpatrick, R. B. Bryan of Horseshoe, J. A. Hughey and H. S. Walton.

John Paxton of Canton, who belongs to Zeb Vance camp, saw service in the western army with Company I, 62nd North Carolina.

J. W. Dickerson, who was in Col. Walter Bryson's command was quite young, and served at the saltpetre works near Hendersonville.

There are a number of names on the Confederate pension role at the courthouse, whose regimental affiliations and records are not known to the camp, nor does the pension clerk have their addresses. They are known to be living, however, as they called for their checks in June. They include D. V. Cole, T. M. Cole, F. Guthry, Thomas Hudgens, Henry E. Killough, C. W. Reynolds, Clingman Sawyer, O. W. Surratt, David B. Watts, Charles W. White and Richard Gowan. The names of J. A. Ballard and H. E. Perham are on

TUESDAY MAY 28 1929

WEST ASHEVILLE VETERAN IS DEAD

J. F. Cashatt Fought In Major Civil War Engagements

J F Cashatt, 86, Confederate veteran, and one of the few representatives of the rapidly dwindling survivors of the battle of Gettysburg, died at the home of his son, William H Cashatt, 60 Cresmont avenue, West Asheville, yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock Mr Cashatt had been ill for several weeks.

The aged veteran was well known and participated in several major engagements of the Civil War. During the battle of Gettysburg, or soon afterwards he was captured by Federal soldiers and held a prisoner for a long time Later he was exchanged.

He was a members of the Asheville Pisgah lodge, Knights of Pythias, the Zeb Vance Camp of Confederate Veterans, and one of the oldest members of the First M. E. church, of Asheville

Surviving are one son, William H Cashatt, and a grandson, William H Cashatt, Jr., of West Asheville.

Funeral will be held at the First M. E. church, Asheville, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with the Rev B. A. Culp officiating. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be members of the Asheville Pisgah K. P. lodge, and honorary pallbearers will be members of the Zeb Vance camp, Confederate Veterans.

The body is at the West Asheville funeral home of Brownell-Dunn, 753 Haywood road, and all active pallbearers have been requested to meet there at 2:30 o'clock.

Asheville Citizen May 28, 1929

RITES FOR AGED CITIZEN TODAY

Confederate Veteran Died Monday After Serious Illness

Funeral service for J. F. Cashatt, 86, who died at the home of his son, William H. Cashatt, 60 Cresmont avenue, West Asheville, at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning, following a serious illness of several days, will be conducted from the First M. E. church, Asheville, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. B. A. Culp officiating.

Interment will be in Riverside cemetery, and active pallbearers will be members of the Asheville Pisgah Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was one of the oldest members. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Zeb Vance Camp of Confederate Veterans, and the active pallbearers have been requested to meet at the West Asheville funeral home of Brownell-Dunn, 756 Haywood Road, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Cashatt was a Confederate veteran, and one of the few remaining survivors of the battle of Gettysburg. He participated in several major engagements during the Civil War, and was captured and held in a prison and hospital for some time by the Federal forces. He was an active member of the First M. E. church.

Surviving are one son, William H Cashatt, and one grandson, William H. Cashatt, Jr., of West Asheville.

Asheville Citizen May 29, 1929

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR WAR VETERAN

Well Known Citizen Of West Asheville Is Taken By Death

Funeral for J. F. Cashatt, 86, who died at the home of his son, William H. Cashatt, 60 Cresmont avenue, West Asheville, Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock, was conducted from the First M. E. Church, French Broad avenue, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. B. A. Culp officiating. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.

Active pallbearers were members of the Asheville Pisgah lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was a member. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Zeb Vance Camp of Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Cashatt was one of the oldest members of the First M. E. Church, the K. P. lodge, and the Confederate camp. He was also one of Asheville's oldest citizens, and participated in several major engagements during the Civil War. During the battle of Gettysburg he was captured and held in prison for a long time. He was one of the few living survivors of this great Civil War battle at the time of his death.

Surviving are one son, William H. Cashatt, and a grandson, William H. Cashatt, Jr., both of West Asheville.

Asheville Citizen May 30, 1929

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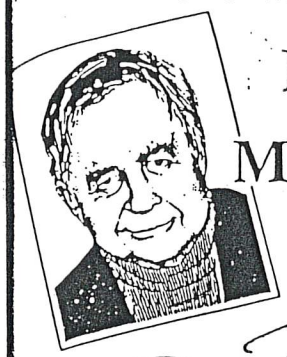

MOORE ABOUT THE MOUNTAINS

Bill Moore

Bookmobile Driver - " I love books, I like people and I like to drive, so the job was tailor-made for me.

That's the way Miss Katherine Case, just rounding out 50 years of employment for the Asheville-Buncombe Library System, described the way she picked a career.

Miss Case went to work for the library system on July 1, 1939, as a Bookmobile driver. She retired from that job in July of 1977, but the retirement didn't exactly "take."

"I retired on a Friday and went back to work on a Tuesday," she said. "The only reason I retired was I got to be 65 years old.

She went back to the library as a part-time employee in the library's technical services branch, getting newly-acquired books ready to put on library shelves.

But she soon found herself back at the wheel of the Bookmobile, substituting whenever the regular driver was absent. She's still technically a part-time employee but she works long hours.

A native of Asheville, Katherine Case was graduated from Asheville High School and went to work for a local business. But it wasn't what she wanted to do.

"Then I heard that there was a job opening at the library and that the job was made for me. So I called Mr. Weir (then Asheville City Manager Weldon Weir) and he said I should go see Miss Frances at the library.

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Moore About the Mountains - continued from page 4.

"Well, I got the job as the library's first Bookmobile manager. In those days the city contributed most of the local money that ran the library. That's how Mr. Weir figured into it.

The first Bookmobie was made from the chassis of an ordinary 3/4-ton truck with a custon-made body bolted to it. The truck body contained bookshelves facing outwards. Children selected a book, took it from the shelf and took it to the back of the truck so it could be charged out to them.

"There was no heater in the truck and winter days out in the county could be bitterly cold. Many's the time I started a fire in the road so that I and the librarian with me could ward off freezing. Even in those days we traveled on the Bookmobile in pairs.

"If we got a flat tire on that first Bookmobile, we could change it ourselves. The wheels were pretty much like an automobile wheel," Miss Case said.

But on subsequent vehicles, a flat tire meant a call to the nearest garage and wait until someone from the garage could get there and change the wheel.

Bookmobiles frequently had trouble on the dirt roads prevalent in the county in the early days. "The school buses would create deep ruts in those roads. "Miss Case said. "If the Bookmobile driver wasn't careful, the Bookmobile wheels could fall into those ruts.

"When that happened the Bookmobile transmission and differential were down on the ground, the Bookmobile wheels couldn't reach the bottom of the ruts and the Bookmobile was no longer mobile. On more than one occasion we had to persuade a nearby farmer to pull us out with his mule team."

The most recent Bookmobile owned by the library expired almost a year ago while Miss Case was at the wheel. "It happened on Patton Avenue, just opposite the Lincoln-Mercury dealer. It just plain blew up " she said.

The arrival of a new Bookmobile is expected soon and it won't get here any too soon for Katherine Case.

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Moore About the Mountains - continued from page 13.

In a resolution honoring her for her dedicated service recently adopted by Buncombe County Commission members, it was estimated that Miss Case has traveled approximately 500,000 miles across Buncombe County at the helm of Bookmobiles. That is nearly the equivalent of a round-trip to the moon.

It also pointed out that she has made tens of thousands of service stops to distribute books to both children and adults.

"I'm always running into people who take a second look at me and say, "I know you. You ran the Bookmobile that came around when I was a kid," Miss Case said.

At a recent party at the library honoring Miss Case for 50 years service, three of the county commissioners present had been "customers" of Miss Case when they were children.

Katherine Case

Miss Case lives in West Asheville in a house that has been her home for all her adult life. She shares the place with a chihuahua.

That commissioners' resolution about Miss Case stated "Katherine Case is extremely well known and will be remembered by many people of all ages in Asheville and Buncombe County not only because of her 50 years of loyal and capable service, but because of her warm hearted nature, manner and genuine interest in the people that she served during her truly remarkable and outstanding career."

Amen!

ENIS LYDIA BUCKNER
"Friendly to all the world."
Girls' Athletic Association; Gym Exhibit; May Day Festival; Sewing Exhibit; Time Keeper Basket Ball Games; Bon Marche High School ANNUAL Day.
Born: Asheville, N. C.

RUTH ELIZABETH BUCKNER
"A jolly and lovable way she had."
May Day Festival; Orchestra; Class Basket Ball; Girls' Athletic Association; Student Club, '31.
Born: Biltmore, N. C.

JOSEPH G. CAMPBELL
"The better part of valor is discretion."
Band.
Born: Asheville, N. C.

KATHERINE ELIZABETH CASE
"A noble type of good heroic womanhood."
House of Representatives; Girls' Athletic Association; Girls' Baseball Team.
Born: Asheville, N. C.

WILLIAM H. CASHATT, JR.
"Oh, why should life all labor be?"
Gym Exhibit; Manual Training Exhibit; Cake Race; Glee Club; "Carmen"; Science Club; Peanut Race; Cheer Leader.
Born: Asheville, N. C.

EDWIN MARIE CATHEY
What's the use of worrying?
It never was worth while."
Born: Candler, N. C.

VERDA FLORENCE CAVANAUGH
"The best kind of pal."
Torchlight; Girls' Athletic Association; Student Club; May Day Festival; "Pied Piper of Hamelin"; Basket Ball; Typing Certificate; Gym Exhibit.
Born: St. Joseph, Mo.

A MORE RECENT FEATURE of library growth was the addition in 1939 of a bookmobile which tours the county on a regular schedule. Shown above is the library's first bookmobile. Miss Catherine Case, still a member of the bookmobile staff, is the librarian circulating books in the photo.

BIOGRAPHY : Case, Katherine

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
KATHERINE CASE FOR FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE LIBRARY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Katherine Case became the bookmobile driver for the Asheville-Buncombe Library System on October 1, 1939 and continued in that capacity as a full time employee until July 29, 1977 when she "retired" after 37 years and ten months of service; and

WHEREAS, since July of 1977, Katherine Case has continued to work with the Library System as a part time Clerk and substitute driver and has averaged working 20 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Case has driven the Library bookmobile more than 500,000 miles and has made tens of thousands of service stops to distribute books and other reading materials to children and adults in Asheville and Buncombe county; and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that Miss Katherine Case has contributed to the welfare of thousands of children and adults in a manner unique in the history of the Library and the County; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Case is extremely well known and will be remembered by many people of all ages in Asheville and Buncombe County not only because of her fifty years of loyal and capable service, but because of her warm hearted nature, manner, and genuine interest in the people that she has served during her truly remarkable and outstanding career as an employee of the Asheville-Buncombe Library System; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That Monday, October 2, 1989 be proclaimed as Katherine Case Day in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board hereby expresses its sincere thanks and gratitude to Katherine Case for her truly remarkable fifty years of loyal and valuable service to the citizens and residents of Asheville and Buncombe County.

3. That this resolution shall be effective this the 2nd day of October, 1989

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West Asheville Woman Will Be Missed

COURTESY OF PACK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Katherine Case helps distribute books to anxious children in this 1951 photograph.

Library, public suffering loss of beloved volunteer

Woman drove bookmobile 500,000 miles

By Clarke Morrison
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE – In the 1940s and '50s, when most of Buncombe County was truly remote and its roads unpaved, Katherine Case provided nourishment to countless minds with her movable feast.

Katherine Case

People yearning for reading materials gathered monthly at spots across the county – from Bee Tree to Candler, from Arden to Barnardsville - for the arrival of the bookmobile she piloted.

It was in the fall of 1939 when Case became the driver of Buncombe's first bookmobile, which soon was a much-anticipated sight across the countryside. She is estimated to have driven these mobile libraries some 500,000 miles, nearly the equivalent of a trip to the moon and back, and logged tens of thousands of hours of service stops during her several decades behind the wheel.

Although she officially retired from the Asheville-Buncombe Library System in 1977, she returned within the week to work part-time, and continued there until the day she died.

That day was Wednesday. Case collapsed while working at Pack Library downtown, fell into unconsciousness and passed away that afternoon at Mission St. Joseph's. She was 89.

Case touched the lives of generations of residents who depended on her to deliver the books they craved, said Deborah Compton, a friend and colleague at the library.

"She was a real icon in the community," she said. "She knows so many people and watched so many children in Buncombe County grow up. She was such an inspiration to us. She was always at work on time and always willing to do whatever was needed to be done for anybody else."

The county had but one, centrally located library until 1959, so the bookmobile was particularly valued in its early days, Compton said.

"People often couldn't get to the library," she said. "They didn't have a car, or it was such a trip into town. So (Case) took books to people all over Buncombe County."

In a 1987 interview, Case recalled pulling into a stop in a remote area where people were awaiting her arrival. Many had walked miles with heavy boxes to return books and check out new ones. Snow and ice never stopped her, she said.

"I'd just put chains on the truck and go on," Case said.

She remembered the fires that she and the librar-

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BELOVED: Woman brought books to rural areas of county

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ian would build on the roadside in an attempt to get warm in those early days when the truck wasn't heated. And people always enjoyed the visit.

"Back when folks didn't travel much, they were glad to have someone new to talk with and get news," Case said.

Lisa Stamey, a friend of Case who works at the Enka-Candler branch, took the news of her passing hard Thursday morning.

"Katherine knew just about everybody in the county, or at least it seemed that way," she said. "She made a tremendous impact on so many people. She was definitely what I could call an institution in this county.

"She thought (the bookmobile) was a very, very important service the library system provided, especially when it first started. The county was very rural."

Compton said Case would bake as many as 60 fruitcakes to give to friends during the holidays.

Case never married and lived by herself with her dog "Pee Wee."

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KATHERINE CASE

ASHEVILLE – Katherine Elizabeth Case, 89, of 54 Hanover St., died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, in an Asheville hospital.

Katherine Case

Miss Case was born in Buncombe County and was a daughter of the late J.L. and Ada Edwards Case. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Effie Carr.

She had worked for the Asheville-Buncombe Library System for more than 60 years, the majority of which were as the bookmobile driver. Although she officially retired in 1977, she returned to work at the library a week later and remained there until the day of her death.

She is survived by a niece, Frances Suddeth and her husband Harold of Greenville, S.C.

The funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace Ba Church, where she was a mem with the Rev. Dr. J. Derrill Smith ciating. Burial will be at Green Cemetery.

Her family will receive friend minutes prior to the services a church.

Miss Case will remain at G Funeral Home on Patton Ave until being placed in the churc minutes before the services.

Memorials may be made Grace Baptist Church, 718 Hayw Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

The memorial register is avail at "Funerals Scheduled" www.grocefuneralhome.com.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In Memory Of

KATHERINE ELIZABETH CASE
of
54 Hanover Street
Asheville
Born
September 24, 1911
Died
February 7, 2001
Daughter Of The Late
JAMES L. CASE
ADA EDWARDS CASE
Sister Of The Late
EFFIE CARR
Aunt Of
FRANCES (MRS. HAROLD) SUDDETH

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Grace Baptist Church and the Asheville-Buncombe Library System
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an afternoon

Remembering Katherine Case
1911—2001

Sunday,
April 1
- 4:00 -

Fellowship Hall
Grace Baptist Church
718 Haywood Road

Katherine's friends and colleagues at Grace Baptist Church and in the Asheville-Buncombe Library System are working together to preserve the wonderful stories of her unique life. Please join us to share your memories of Katherine.

For information call:

Grace Baptist Church at 251-0841

West Branch Library at 251-4990

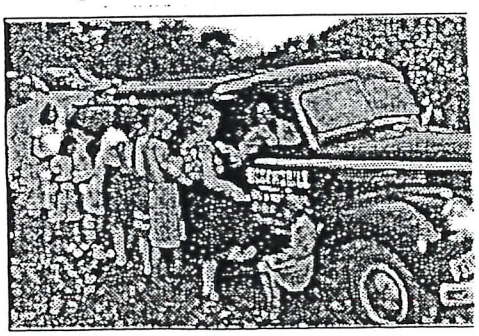
Pack Memorial Library at 255-5203

"There will never be another one like her"

On February 7, 2001, the library system lost our most faithful and longest-employed staff member. After 62 years of service, Katherine Case stopped working. She passed out temporarily at work and died in the hospital hours later.

Katherine is best remembered as the driver of the very first bookmobile to serve library patrons in the more remote areas of Buncombe County. She started her journey in 1939 on a truck donated by the Coca-Cola Company. She estimated that she drove 500,000 miles on the job. She officially retired in 1977, but came back to work part-time. Her last years were spent in the Technical Services Department where she processed audio cassettes and other materials. She was a productive and valued member of that staff.

There are so many stories to tell about her and so many stories that she shared with us that it is hard to know which to share. Today, very few librarians would agree to the working conditions that Katherine and other bookmobile employees endured. Like the trucks in its day, the first bookmobile had no heater. She often talked about building fires along the way to keep warm while waiting for patrons. Recently, she talked about the mayonnaise in her sandwich freezing before lunchtime.



She was a huge baseball fan, a good Baptist, and a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat. The photograph here shows Katherine at an early bookmobile stop somewhere in Buncombe County.

Her little dog "Pee Wee" was an important part of her life. He was in very poor health and the veterinarian tenderly ended his life shortly after the news about Katherine. Pee Wee's ashes were scattered over "Mama's" grave following her burial.

Katherine was loved and shown appreciation during her life. She could not go out to dinner without someone stopping her to reminisce. almost 20 employees attended her funeral. As the minister lovingly stated, "There will never be another one like her."

Can't make it? Pick up the "I Remember Katherine" form at any ABLS library, fill out, and return!

Sponsored by the Asheville-Buncombe Library System and Grace Baptist Church.

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The mural Jean Loewer created about the Asheville-Buncombe County Library System's bookmobile took her about four years to finish, working part time.

Immortalizing the 'bookmobile lady'

Local artist captures memory of librarian

By Jess Clarke
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ASHEVILLE — Katherine Case was as dogged with her bookmobile as the postal service. She drove the clunky truck, unheated in the early years, to Buncombe County's nooks along unpaved roads.

Starting in 1939 and for about 50 years, Case was known as the "bookmobile lady," a roving librarian in saddle shoes who dispensed everything from Mother Goose rhymes to books about baseball legend Jackie Robinson. Like an ice cream vendor, she opened up the side of the truck and dug on the shelves for literary treats for clamoring kids.

Case has died, and the bookmobile ended its tour about five years ago for the Asheville-Buncombe County Library System. But she and her steed are captured on canvas at Pack Memorial Library in downtown Asheville in a mural by Asheville artist Jean Loewer.

The colorful mural, 5 feet high and 15 feet long, hangs in the children's area on the lower floor. It depicts about 30 parents and children at the bookmobile with baskets, boxes, bags and a red wagon filled with their borrowed treasures. Case is shown in a pink dress and her trademark saddle shoes. The mural, acrylic paint on canvas, is set about 1950 and based on photographs from the library's collection.

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The late Katherine Case ran Buncombe County's library bookmobile for years.

"It's really about service and service to the community," says Loewer, a children's-book illustrator who is a library assistant part time.

Loewer worked on the mural off and on for about four years. She started by making sketches from photographs and then created an image, or cartoon, about half the size of the final piece. She redrew the image on the canvas.

She included in the piece North Carolina flowers and wildlife: rhododendron, wild clematis, Carolina wrens, a painted box turtle.

"To me, it was like an overgrown book illustration," Loewer says. "It was one of those projects that kind of had its own inner energy."

Case had her own inner energy, too.

"She was a beloved character, and she was a character," library director Edward Sheary says.

For people on her routes, Case was the library. And they helped her with her mission.

In the early years, people without telephones or electricity built fires along the road for Case to warm herself beside and pulled out her truck with mules when it became stuck in mud.

JEAN LOEWER'S FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOKS

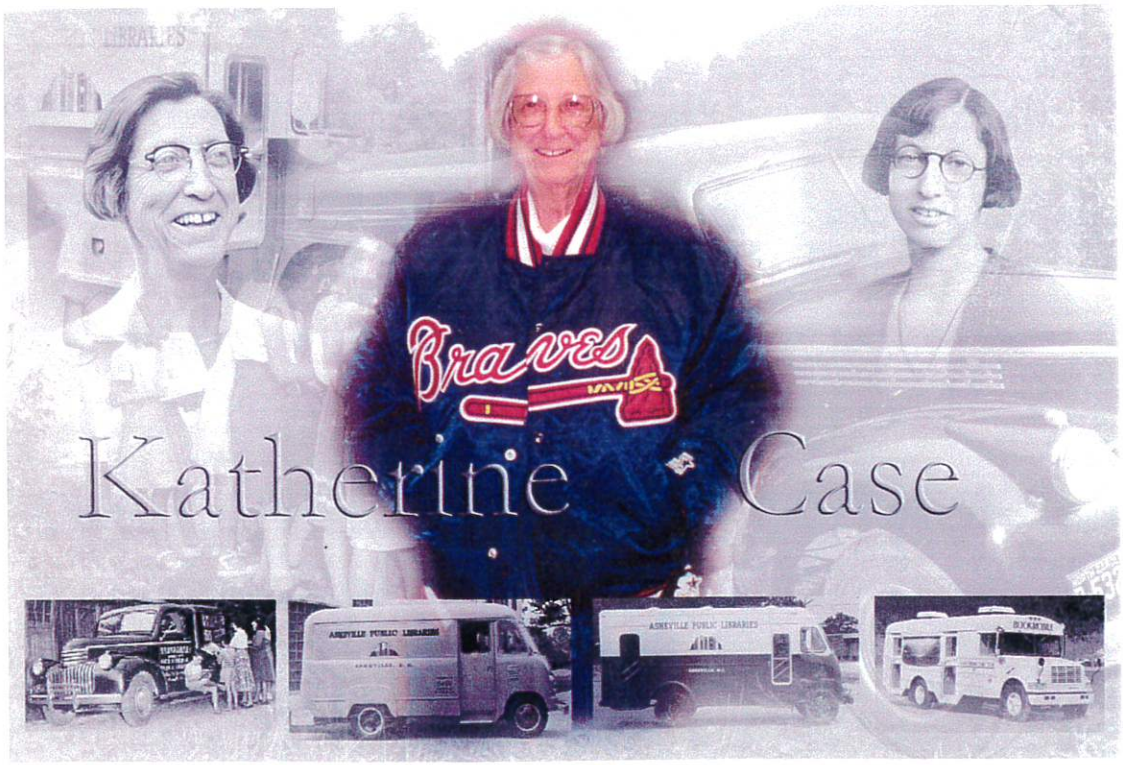
- "Blueberries for Sal" by Robert McCloskey
- "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl
- "Abraham Lincoln" by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- "The "Little House on the Prairie" series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

"To me, it was like an overgrown book illustration. It was one of those projects that kind of had its own inner energy."

JEAN LOEWER

Remembering Katherine Case:

"The Bookmobile Lady"



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The Board of Trustees
of the Asheville Buncombe Library System
cordially invite you to the

Katherine Case Mural Dedication

Thursday March 2, 2006
at 4 pm
Pack Memorial Library, Lower Level
67 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC

The mural depicts a well-remembered part of
library history and was created by Jean Loewer

Information on Haywood Road
By Bob Bryan Cathey

I was born here on March 9,1922 (80 years ago). My dad built this as our home. Later,we moved a couple blocks west to Covington street where I grew up. He built several homes on this street.

From the age of 15-17 years of age I worked at the Palace Pharmacy for Dr. Foster. The pharmacy was located on Haywood Road. So was the Isis theatre where I happened to be that dreadful Sunday Dec. 7th, 1941. That same week I joined the Marines. We were afraid the war would be over before we could get at those nasty Germans & Japs. I had already joined the West Asheville Baptist church on Haywood Road though I grew up in the Wesleyn Methodist Church. The Baptists had a better ball team and too, most of my buddies were Baptist.

I have mentioned where I was born (corner of Haywood Road & Ormand Avenue) because a boy was killed by sledding into a crank shaft on a car parked on the street. The city officials had the police rope off (no cars) Ormond, and we would sleigh down Ormand & turn left and go to Sand Hill Road. Quite an incline and you would gather great speed. Too, some of the parents would be waiting at the foot of the hill and with sleigh and all they would take us another route to the top of Ormand Avenue and down you would go again. Great fun for all.

Aston Park Hospital where Brother died had a Park and was located on top of hill, or Patton Avenue. In this park they had swimming pool where I learned how to swim.

Also, Hall Fletcher Junior High school was located at the top of River Bridge Road & Richmond Avenue. There I played ball & because I was so short, Coach Griffin would not let me play 1st base, but I played right field and the right field bank was terraced and I played on the middle terrace where I could go up or down and catch fly balls. By the way, the very top of Richmond Avenue is where Haywood Road began. Too, what we called the end of car line was in West Asheville on Haywood Road and Burton Street.

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Both Happy

This photo shows a pair of little ladies who from now on will be almost inseparable: Miss Mary Elizabeth Cathey on the left, and Miss Flossie Flirt on the right. Both are evidently happy, Mary Elizabeth because she has received such a wonderful doll free, and Flossie because she has found such a delightful home. Mary Elizabeth, who is the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cathey, 45 Trotter place, West Asheville, received her wonder doll by securing only four subscriptions to The Citizen.

—Staff Photo by Michael

Asheville Citizen Npvember 30, 1929

A Family Enterprise

Chakales Make Socks For Men

Four Plants Here Turn Out 36,000 Pairs Daily

By JAY HENSLEY

They knit, loop, pair and package — and turn out more than 100 socks a minute.

This business of making men's hose has grown around here like a "run" in milady's legwear. Asv. Times

Since 1949 Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., has increased its output by almost five times the production of 10 years ago and raised its employment figure from a modest 45 to 350 persons. 11-23-59

A jobber in handkerchiefs, hosiery and other textile products got interested in manufacturing in 1946. His brother-in-law also became interested and they went into business.

Soon the whole family joined the enterprise.

It seems disjointed. Buildings that house portions of the process are located on Brevard road, Brownwood avenue and Burton street in West Asheville.

Another section of the same firm is under the roof of a long brick structure on Sweeten Creek road south of Biltmore some 10 miles away from the West Asheville plants.

The Brevard road and Brownwood avenue plants are about a mile apart with the Burton street facility somewhere about the middle. Burton street is headquarters for the firm.

Originators of this sectionalized hosiery industry are Charlie Chakales and Tom Alexander. They took over the old Frazier Hosiery Mill on Burton street in 1946 and had pushed production to 175,000 dozen a year by 1949.

Meanwhile Charlie's brothers and another brother-in-law joined the firm. Tom Alexander is president of the corporation. Dan Psoinos, Charlie Chakales and Jimmy Chakales are vice presidents. L. S. (Soc) Chakales is secretary-treasurer.

Matriarch of the clan is Mrs. P. H. Chakales, mother of three of them and mother of the wives of the other two industrialists.

She is the widow of P. H. (Pete) Chakales who came to this country in 1887 as a child, went back to Greece in 1910 to get married, and returned here with her to make their home.

The family has lived in Asheville for the past 50 years where the elder Chakales operated dry goods stores, shoe shine parlors, bakeries and other businesses. He died in 1944.

As both their mother and father were enthusiastic football fans, the Chakales boys were sure to become interested in athletics.

Soc earned five letters at Asheville High School, and played football at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where he served one year as assistant coach.

Charlie was an All-State fullback at Asheville High and was a regular on the basketball and baseball teams. He was a freshman star at Wake Forest in 1924, and as a fullback in his sophomore year he scored the touchdown that beat Carolina. That was in the days when Duke was Trinity College, and Soc recalls that Trinity started a steady losing streak to Wake Forest during those years.

Jimmy Chakales, Psoinos and Alexander found themselves in military service soon after their high school days. Psoinos served at Guadalcanal and Alexander, taken prisoner by the Germans in Southern France, remained a captive in Germany for several months.

Soc, who worked as a correspondent for Asheville newspapers while he was still in college, became a staffer in the Times Sports Department when the newspaper was located in the Jackson Building. He also worked on the old Citizen when it was in the building that now houses the F. W. Woolworth Co. on Haywood street.

He later went to Orlando where he was sports editor on the morning paper, worked in New York briefly and went to the High Point Enterprise as sports editor. He became managing editor there and in 1944, joined the Associated Press. He served a year in the Charlotte Bureau, three months in New York, then went to the Middle East where he remained for 11 years. He was in charge of Associated Press news operations in Greece at one time.

The president of Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., whose wife is the former Virginia Chakales, came here from Lowell, Mass.

Forty-four Austin avenue, the home of Mrs. P. H. Chakales, is family headquarters of the clan. Each one is an equal partner in the sock-making firm, but "Mama" Chakales

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controls the voting in family affairs.

On a quiet day you wouldn't notice this business and at the peak of production it would make little impression on any except those who are a part of it.

Production figures and shop talk are dealt in dozens. Last year's business was in excess of 700,000 dozen pairs of socks. Top heavy bobby socks, snow-white and dyed socks. Plain socks from top to toe and socks with colorful woven designs.

Since June 1 the annual average has climbed to between 800,000 and 900,000 — dozen pairs, that is.

A new type sock, called the cushion-foot, is also in production here. Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., was one of the first to start making it.

From all outward appearances these sprawling buildings could be dormant warehouses instead of bee hives of bustling activity The only heavy traffic to and from them is at starting and shift change times.

Muffled echoes from a scrambled click-clack-click of more than 300 knitting machines are the inside sounds perceptible at the sidewalk near the Brevard road plant.

This building is located just half a block from West Asheville's main thoroughfare. Inside thin threads of cotton and a blend of nylon yarns are fed into the army of knitting machines.

Each machine is a separate unit. They stand like well oiled robot workmen in symmetrical rows across the length of the long room.

Fat spools of thread feed each knitting machine. In turn the intricate mechanism produces a toeless sock almost before you can say "knit one, purl two."

Seemingly unattended, the thread consuming machines click smoothly along as sleeve-like socks, twisting and turning and dancing up and down, are formed in their innards. One after another, connected only by a single thread, socks pile up at an opening below each machine.

Some of them are making one size and some another. But none of them are unattended. An operator, who watches over an average of 25 of these busy little contraptions, keeps coming around to empty the opening where the socks pile up.

In addition to the operator, there's a "fixer," a mechanic who understands the slightest whim of each machine, patrolling the aisles. Each row of machines has a separate fixer.

Every time the operator takes a sock from a slot, the product gets a critical inspection. Sometimes a flaw is found and the sock becomes a second. At other times more flaws are found—the machines are not infallible — and these socks are set aside as thirds.

A failing machine is a liability, though, and a fixer doesn't allow one to remain crippled very long. And at his disposal is a complete machine shop in a corner of the same building manned by Vance McKinney, shop foreman and maintenance engineer.

Among tools there for creation of all but the most specialized machine parts are two turning lathes, a milling machine and an assortment of acetylene cutting and welding torches.

Separate machines are required to make tops for the new cushion foot design, which is a sock with a terry cloth type knit on the inside of the foot. The demand at this time far exceeds the supply. Back orders are in the neighborhood of 32,000 dozen.

Two shifts of workers keep the Brevard road plant going 16 hours a day. It is the lifeline of the business. It is the starting point of a product that will provide work for other people.

From here some of the knitted goods are taken to the Brownwood avenue plant. It is in that building, as simple and unassuming as the first, that the ends of the socks are closed up, making them complete.

They are complete but not finished. The looping process, tedious and exacting work of weaving toe-ends of socks together, is carried out here on a portion of the output.

Of 111 looping machines required to keep up with the knitting department, only 10 are operated in the plant. The others are scattered about in private homes, many of them in McDowell County near Marion.

At least one year is required to train a looper — and then the candidate may not meet the test. It is one of the critical points in the manufacture of a sock.

The disc-shaped looping machine is flanged by countless tiny teeth that pierce the sock between threads of the weave. A fine line, invisible to the untrained eye, is the target, and it takes a steady hand to score.

Once in place on the disc, the product is secured and joins the merry-go-round that will swing it into a weaving apparatus and carry it on to a trimming device. The "loop" that is lopped off the end of the sock is a by-product used in the rug industry.

Material goes through periodic inspection processes. Some of the inspectors, whose eyes are trained to see nothing but flaws in the work, use simple inspection boards on which socks are stretched briefly then sorted into their respective categories.

Other workers use automatic devices that employ a powerful suction system to whisk away the flawless product and place it in a cloth container. Roy Price is foreman of looping and inspection.

All of the work eventually finds its way to the Burton street plant, location of the wash, bleach and dye vats, also part of the equipment at the Sweeten Creek plant. This plant, which finishes all but the top quality merchandise, also contains a packaging machine and conveyors.

James Wood is foreman of the bleach and dye division of Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., at 53 Burton St. A whirling moisture extractors and many of the forming boards. At this plant, the first of the string of mills, socks are also paired and packaged.

Forming boards, aluminum legs that size and shape the socks with sizzling steam, are moisture extractor there can handle 100 pounds of goods at a time.

The washed and whirl-dried goods are wheeled to the adjoining boarding section in tub-like buggies where they are fitted over the aluminum boards.

From there they are distributed to the many pairing tables, the last step before the socks arrive in the packaging department. An assortment of brands are stamped on the merchandise depending upon which distributor it was manufactured for. Some of the brands are for export.

When the orders are completed and each pair of socks packaged or folded into a retail box, they are placed into cardboard cartons and shuttled to the shipping department.

It is one of the largest hosiery mills in the country devoted almost entirely to manufacture of cotton work socks. With a payroll of more than half a million dollars a year, increased expansion in the past five years has sometimes dug deeply into profits.

Optimism runs high among these men, however. Orders are good. The machines are running and the future looks bright.

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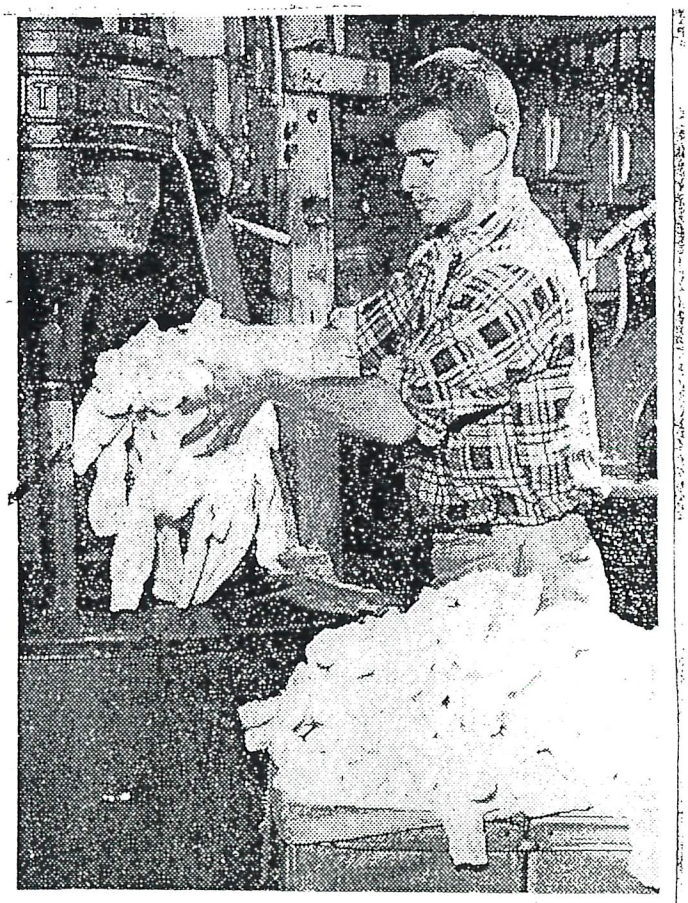
C. CHAKALES ALEXANDER L. S. CHAKALES

PSOINOS MRS. CHAKALES J. CHAKALES

MAMA AND THE BOYS—A coffee break turns into a business session at 44 Austin Ave., home of Mrs. P. H. (Pete) Chakales, when her boys get together for a visit. She is the mother of three of the operators of Broadway Hosiery Mills, Inc., and mother-in-law of the other two. Danny Psoinos and Charlie Chakales are vice presidents, Tom Alexander is president, Jimmy Chakales is a vice president and L. S. (Soc) Chakales is secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Chakales is overseer of family affairs.



OUT OF THE SPIN — This moisture extraction machine, located at the Burton street plant, is very much like the family laundry machine. It will handle 100 pounds of wet goods at a time.

Asheville Times November 23, 1959

Charles Chakales Dies; Hosiery Mill Executive

Charles Chakales, 62, president of Broadway Hosiery Mills Inc. died unexpectedly Sunday at his home at 7 Alclare Drive.

He was born in Patrina Sparta Greece in 1903, the same year his family came to America. They arrived in Asheville during 1911.

He was a son of Mrs. Stavroula Kourelakos and the late Peter H. Chakales, a member and past president of the Asheville Chapter of AHEPA and a member and past president of the Hellenic Forum.

Mr. Chakales attended Asheville City Schools and was a graduate of Wake Forest College. He was an outstanding athlete in both football and basketball, and while at Asheville High was named all-state fullback in 1923 and 1924. He was a member of the varsity football and baseball teams at Wake Forest from 1925 to 1928.

Surviving in addition to the mother are the widow, Mrs. Mildred Price Chakales; a son, Peter Chakales of the home; two daughters, Mrs. John Georges of Salem, Mass., and Miss Nicolette Chakales of the home, three brothers, Edward of Richmond, Va., L. S. of Wichita, Kan. and James Chakales of Asheville; four sisters, Mrs. John Starvey of Garden City, N. Y., Mrs. Thomas Alexander and Mrs. Daniel Psoinos of Asheville and Mrs. Robert D. Keeler of Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, of which he was a member and past president of the board of directors.

Father Nicholas Spirakas, pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Pallbearers will be J. Weldon Weir, George Zourzoukis, Tommy Hanzas, Tommy Arakas, George Lamprinakos and George Kaltsunis.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Baches, James Lamprika-

RESCUE OF A MOTORIST pinned beneath his wrecked car has been attributed to "Tony," a collie dog shown with one of his masters, Roy Ed Chapman, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Chapman of Brevard Road "Tony" wasn't feeling too well when his picture was made yesterday. His leg had been injured by another passing motorist prior to Saturday night when "Tony" aroused the Chapman family to help J. L. Sluder of 44 Bear Creek Road who had been pinned under his car for 2½ hours after an unidentified motorist crowded him off the road Mrs. Chapman said "Tony" quit barking Saturday night as soon as she called to him "All right Tony, we're coming." The dog got an extra large bone as a reward from the Chapmans for getting help to Sluder (Citizen Photo)

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Going the extra mile for a great cause

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From left, Team in Training mentor Cathy Cleary of Asheville gets in a practice run along Haywood Road in West Asheville with Mike Rogers of Marion and Jesse Gumucio-Kitt of Asheville.

Endurance athletes push themselves to support battle against blood-related cancers

Team in training

The Team in Training program trains runners to compete in marathons, triathlons and other events that raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Here are some upcoming TNT sessions:

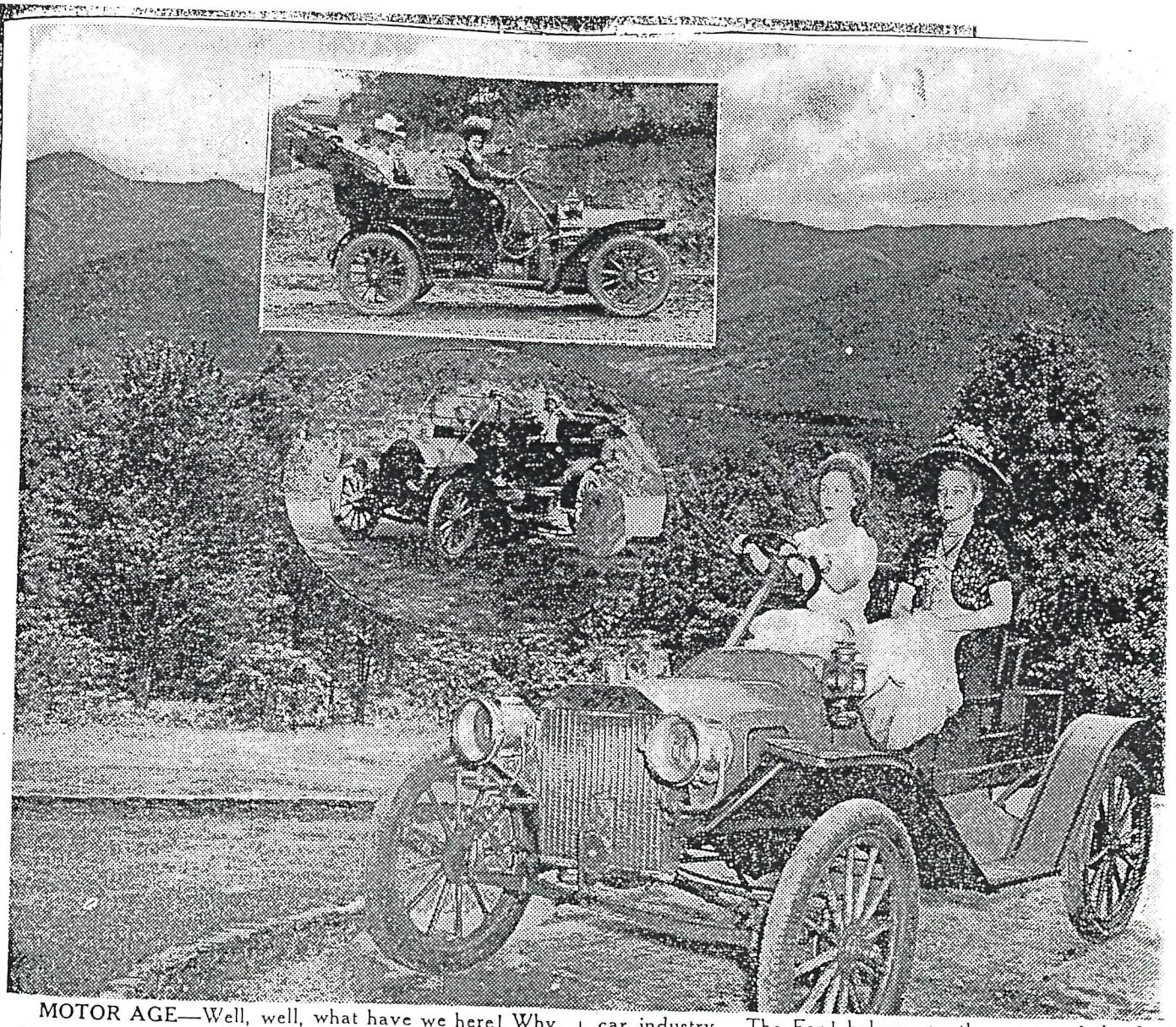
- 6 p.m. Wednesday at Corpening Memorial YMCA, Marion.
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Central YMCA on Woodfin Avenue, Asheville
- 9:30 a.m. Saturday at West End Bakery meeting room on Haywood Road, Asheville (kickoff party to follow at 11 a.m.).

For more information, call Becky Upham at 254-4234.

ON THE NET: www.teamintraining.org

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society facts

- An estimated 106,200 people in the United States were diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma last year.
- Leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma were expected to cause the deaths of an estimated 57,500 people in the United States last year. Lymphoma is the leading disease killer of men and women younger than 35.
- An estimated 670,950 Americans were living with leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma in 2003.
- Seventy-six percent of all money raised for the society goes directly to research and patient care. The Team in Training program alone raised $6 million at last weekend's Disney Marathon in Orlando, Fla.



MOTOR AGE—Well, well, what have we here! Why, to be sure, that's Miss Betty Clem, 253 Riverview drive, West Asheville, and Miss Margaret Runnion, 82 Lakeshore drive, who are, most of the time, quite modern misses. Right now, however, they are out for a spin in a 1906 Ford, and it's all in honor of the 50th anniversary of the motor car industry. The Ford belongs to the estate of the lat Mark L. Reed, Jr., who made a hobby of collecting old time autos. Upper inset shows the first auto ever to b driven from Asheville to New York. Lower inset show the first car ever to be driven over the Appalachian moun tain range. Both of these history-making drives were mad by John B. Rumbough, 41 Zillicoa street.

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TWO CHOSEN IN AUDITION HERE

Miss Wilma Corne And Robert Cochrane Are Contest Winners

Miss Wilma Corne, 70 Brownwood avenue, West Asheville, and Robert Cochrane, 21 Longview avenue, West Asheville, were declared winners yesterday afternoon in the sixth Asheville audition of the Atwater Kent Foundation at the First Presbyterian church. They will compete in the state audition in Raleigh next month.

Second places or alternates were awarded Miss Hilda Kille, 28 Balm Grove avenue, West Asheville, and Leno Solary, 25 Fulton street. Miss Kille and Mr. Solary will be entered in the state contest in the event Miss Corne or Mr. Cochrane, for any reason, are unable to attend. Eight young men and five young women participated in the audition yesterday, which was managed by Charles E. Burnham, city chairman for the foundation.

Others Taking Part

Other participants in the Asheville audition were: Mary Candler, Elinor Lorick and Gussie Southers among the young women, and the following young men: Conrad Williams, Charles Trumbo, Sam Fox, Franklyn B. Neal, Roy Wilson and Crockett Richardson.

Judges were not announced. They sat behind a screen and singers were introduced to them by numbers. Each singer and accompanist performed in the Sunday school room of the church, while judges listened from behind screens under the balcony. Singers were introduced to the judges by Mr. Burnham, numbers being used instead of names as each singer appeared in two selections.

Mr. Cochrane is the son of Mrs. Minnie Cochrane. He has charge of programs and is announcer at radio station WWNC. Mr. Cochrane won first place in the Atwater Kent audition for Durham two years ago while a student at Duke university. He is a student of Mrs. N. F. Reiner, Marlboro road, Lake View park.

Is High School Graduate

Miss Corne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Coane. She graduated from Asheville high school four years ago. She is a student of Alva Tyler Duval, who has established a studio at 8 1-2 Wall street.

Miss Kille is a student of Mrs. H. B. Harmon, 40 Orchard street. She graduated from Asheville high school in 1926. Mr. Solary is the son of Mrs. L. J. Solary. He is also a student of Mrs. Harmon.

Any amateur singer between the ages of 18 and 25 was eligible to sing in the audition. The foundation's aim in the district state and national auditions is to discover America's most promising young voices and to provide vocally talented young men and women with opportunities for recognition, advancement and reward, Mr. Burnham explained at the audition. A number of friends of singers heard the audition. Not even members of the audience were allowed to see the judges, however.

Win Atwater Kent Audition Here

Miss Wilma Corne, 70 Brownwood avenue, West Asheville, left; and Robert Cochrane, radio station WWNC announcer, were declared winners of the two Asheville sections of the Atwater Kent Foundation audition yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. They won over five girls and eight boys, and will compete in the state audition in Raleigh next month.

Go To State Finals

Mr. Cochrane and Miss Corne will represent Asheville at the state finals in October. The two state winners will advance to the district contest which will include singers from 10 states. The district victors, five young men and five young women, will compete in the finals in New York City. First place winners in the men's and women's divisions will be given $5,000 each; second place winners will receive $1,000 each; and the remaining six finalists will be awarded $500 each.

Miss Alice Herman and Lawrence King were winners of the Asheville audition last year. They did not reach the district event. Although past winners were eligible to compete again, both Miss Herman and Mr. King were ineligible because they were beyond the age limit for auditions.

The state audition was held here two years ago. It was announced yesterday that winners will be notified soon as to the exact date of the state audition next month. In 1927, Ben DeLoache, an Asheville singer, went to the national finals in New York and was awarded second place. He entered the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

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BIRTHDAY HONOREES — Two West Asheville residents were honored last week at the West Asheville Community Center. Older citizens who participate in the center's activities had a birthday party, complete with cake and ice cream, in honor of the July birthdays of Ann Cogburn, 90, and C.P. Knight, 91. Mrs. Cogburn, who has lived in Asheville most of her life, was a nurse at Memorial Mission Hospital for many years. Knight was a pastry chef, working in hotels all over the United States. Children in the center's playground program sang "Happy Birthday" for the honorees.

Anne Cogburn, 96, Defies Popular Images Of Aging

By SUSAN GAMBRELL
Staff Writer

The front door opened and standing there with the first bitter chill of October was old age's toughest member — Anne Cogburn of Haywood Road, her cheeks rosy and her lips brushed with pink gloss.

At 96 she's a woman who defies images of aging — stooped posture, walkers, arthritis and other maladies have no place in her life.

But then Anne Cogburn was never a typical person, in youth or in later years.

She invited her friend from the West Asheville Baptist Church inside her toasty home, which was decorated in pinks, yellow, ruffles and knicknacks she made at the West Asheville Community Center.

It's a cheery spot on a dreary day — a cozy house just off the busy road.

Mrs. Cogburn, a tall, trim woman, wore a pair of slacks with a plaid blouse tucked neatly inside the waistband. Around her neck was an 1893 silver dollar, the year she was born.

Another friend came over and Mrs. Cogburn jumped up from her rocker like a woman half her age and greeted the guest. She looked around the room for a chair and spotted one in the corner. Without hesitation she lifted the tall, heavy chair and carried it to the other side of the room, effortlessly.

"She's amazing," said Hazel Reagan, one of the guests that day. "She comes to church every Sunday skipping through the doors."

Mrs. Cogburn walked around her living room, hunting various handmade items to show her company and chatting like a woman who has too much energy to slow down.

"You all shut up 'til I get tuned in," she said, laughing and hitting her thigh. She said she sometimes wears a hearing aid, but that's her only prop. "My eyes are good, I guess. I can read the paper everyday."

Her day begins at 8 a.m. when she rises and makes herself a hot breakfast of eggs, bacon and sausage — the stuff that's supposed to clog arterties and kill.

Then she does her running around. Recently she passed the driving test and had her license renewed. She carts her younger friends to and from doctor appointments and other errands. At lunch every day, she goes to the senior citizen center, and on some days she has weddings to attend,

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SPIRITED SENIOR — Anne Cogburn has no trouble lifting a heavy dining chair for a guest at her Haywood Road home. The 96-year-old retired nurse drives her own car and never goes to the doctor. (Photo by Susan Gambrell)

Cogburn

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parties, receptions, showers — and funerals. Hers is a busy life.

It has always been that way.

"Tell them what you do on Sunday mornings," said Reagan, referring to Mrs. Cogburn's church-going. The church is directly across the street from her house.

"Well, I look both ways," Mrs. Cogburn said, chuckling and snorting, slapping her leg again. "Sometimes I have to hold up the traffic."

She has had a rich and rewarding life. She grew up near Marion on a farm, one of many children.

"There were only 14 of us," she said, smiling. "I went to school, didn't learn too much, then got a job. Back when I was growing up, a girl couldn't be employed until she was 18."

And while many young women were rushing to secure husbands, she wanted a career. Her first job was in a mental hospital near Washington, D.C.,.

"I was assigned to take care of a girl with emotional problems," she said. That job led her into a nursing career, and for more than 50 years she has been a registered nurse.

"I went to what was called Asheville Mission and took my training," she said.

She said she waited until her early 30s to marry and have one child.

Mrs. Cogburn's days in nursing school were eventful. She recalled the courses in surgery and one of her first experiences in the operating room. The doctors had put the patient to sleep and were preparing to remove his arm.

"When they started sawing the bone and that arm fell off, I went down on the floor with it," she said. "The doctor said, 'Ah, leave her alone, she'll come to in a little while.'"

Mrs. Cogburn decided to make a pot of coffee and have butter cookies and homemade jam for her company. She sprang from her rocker and prepared the snack, setting the table with her Desert Rose china.

Eating and snacking, she said, have kept her young, along with the exercise classes she takes at the "club." That's her name for the senior citizens center, one of the focal points of her life.

"I drink two cups of coffee with my breakfast, eat three meals a day plus snacks," she said. "I don't turn anything down."

Her other longevity secrets include no napping, "just running around."

"I don't go to the doctor," she said. "I've never hurt bad enough."

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CENTURY CLUB

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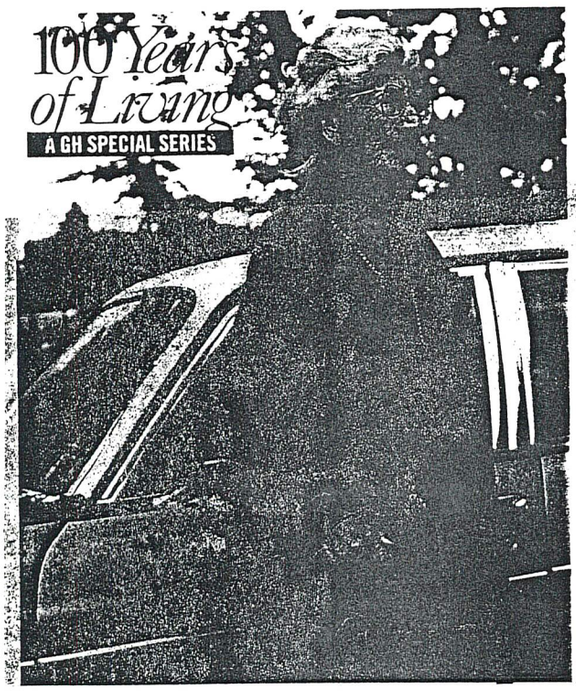
Fourteen seniors ages 100 and over gathered at Givens Estates in celebration of their lives and longevity. Mayor Russ Martin initiated the event put on by Land-of-Sky Regional Council and called the "Century Club." It has been designated with its own proclamation by the City of Asheville and is part of the Older Americans Month celebration. Elected officials from across the region were present to honor those who'd made or passed their 100th birthdays.



Still in *the Driver's Seat*

At 104, Annie Cogburn lives alone. She does her own cooking, laundry, and gardening, and she dresses up pretty each Sunday to walk across the road to the 11:00 A.M. service at the West Asheville Baptist Church in Asheville, NC. How does she make it across busy Haywood Road, with cars whizzing this way and that?

"Well, now, I look both ways," she says. "Wouldn't you?"

Annie is five feet eight inches tall, slender, and delicately featured. She really doesn't think of herself as old.

"Now, where would I find the time to sit around and think about myself?" she asks. "I'm too busy. Always have been."

Annie still lives in the handsome brick house her late husband built for her more than 70 years ago. A registered nurse, she retired at 83, when she switched to volunteering. She attributes her longevity to "a good body," which came as a result of fresh corn bread and buttermilk, plenty of pork, and lots of fresh air.

She grew up Annie Reel, the third of 14 children on a farm near Marion, NC. All the children worked in the fields, hoeing corn, pulling fodder, digging potatoes, milking cows. The entire family would gather each night for dinner around the long kitchen table, and discuss the next day's chores.

Until recently, Annie Cogburn, 104, tooled around town in her '73 Olds.

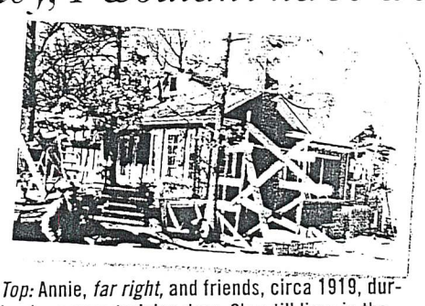
"We worked and we went to school, and we just didn't know too much about the world," she says. "We were taught to be good and not tell stories, and that's just the way it was. It stuck with you."

At 16, she started working at the local textile mill, which was a lot better than farming because at least you were out of the hot sun. She remembers a measles outbreak in the mill, and how it felt to lose so many of her friends to that dreaded disease. She contracted measles, too, and eventually pneumonia. "And the doctor came to see me."

"The Lord helps you get accustomed to a lot of things. I worked because we needed money. If we didn't need money, I wouldn't have worked."

Such visits were rare. Annie can remember just a few other times when the doctor was summoned to the area. "Everybody knew he was coming. People would be out on the road, flagging him down.

"He had himself a box of pills. And he gave everyone the same pill. And they would get better. If they got a pill from the doctor, they were happy."



Top: **Annie, *far right,* and friends, circa 1919, during her nurse-training days. She still lives in the house, *above,* her husband built for her in 1925.**

Annie's own career in medicine happened almost by accident. She was in her early 20s. All her friends and sisters were getting married, but Annie was too busy for boys. She wanted to see the world. She went to visit a sick friend nearby. The doctor came and performed a kitchen-table appendectomy, and there was no one around to assist but Annie. So she did. The doctor was so impressed by her work, he asked her to assist in another home surgery. He then convinced her to go into nurses' training.

One of her first experiences at Mission Hospital was to assist in an amputation. "When they started sawing that arm off," she recalls, "I went down on the floor with it." This was in the days before sophisticated anesthesia—and of only the most primitive means of sterilization. One of Annie's jobs was to boil the instruments in the small nurses' kitchen, three hours a day, for three consecutive days. "And on the third day they were supposed to be germ-free," she says. Annie still has her nursing school diploma hanging on her living room wall.

She was 27 when she graduated, an old maid by her family's reckoning. She earned five dollars for 20 hours of work and lived in an apartment with two other nurses. She remembers the most remarkable invention appearing during those years: the telephone. "They said you could talk in this thing and it would carry your voice," she says. "And I didn't believe it. Then the first time I tried it out, my Aunt Anna was on the other end of the line. I recognized her voice. And that was the only way I would have ever believed it."

While still in her late 20s, Annie met William Cogburn, 13 years her senior. He proposed. "And I said, 'Well, I don't want to get married without a house.' And you know what? Bill Cogburn went and he built me this house. So then I had to get married."

Bill, an Asheville police officer, designed the house with an oversize living room and dining room, determined to make the Cogburn home the one where church Christmas parties would be held. He got his wish. Bill and Annie were happy, a two-income family with a brand-new baby. It was shortly after William, Jr., was born that Annie's mother contracted tuberculosis back on the farm. After her mother died at 57, Annie brought her youngest sister, then 16, to live with her. Her sister helped raise Annie's son, so that Annie could go on working.

"Of course, you had your family on your mind all the time," she says. "But the Lord helps you get accustomed to a lot of things. I worked because we needed money. If we didn't need money, I wouldn't have worked."

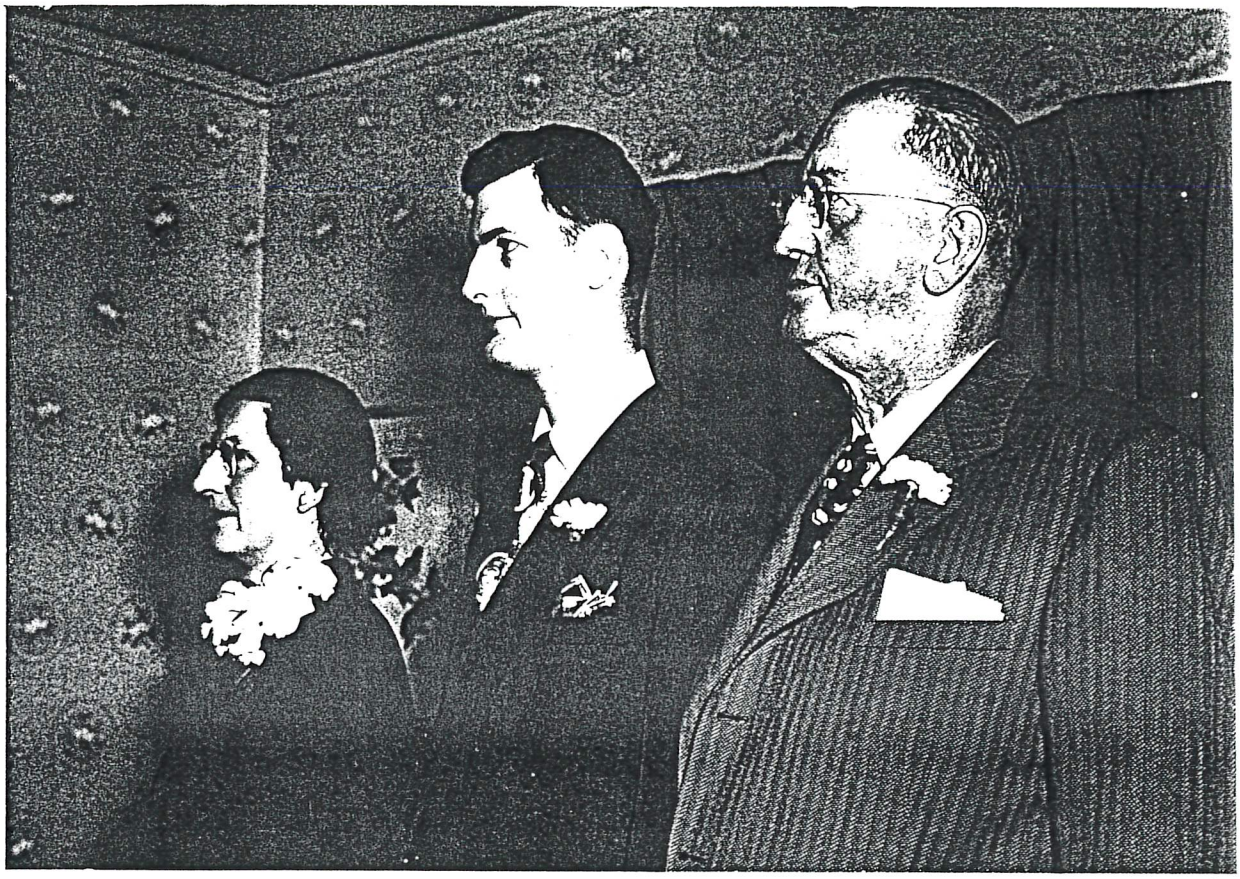
The only time Annie took a break from her work was when she nursed her husband during his dying days. It was the saddest time of her life. At 59, she was a widow. She would never forget Bill. She would stay true to him. She would never leave the house he built for her.

Nowadays, Annie's son, age 70, a widower, lives nearby. He comes by with groceries, and tends to Annie. And he used to beg her to please stop driving around the neighborhood in her light-blue 1973 Oldsmobile Omega.

"I don't know why," she says. "Anybody who has driven as much as I have and never so much as hit a fire hydrant—why would they feel like I can't keep on doing it?"

After driving for the past eight years under a restricted license, Annie recently met with a very sad day: Her license was revoked. But she is not one to complain, not one to whine about the state of the world. "The only thing I see," she says, about the difference between the world she knew in her youth and the world she knows now, "is that there's so much learning now. People didn't used to have much learning. But they had good common sense. Today it's the other way. A lot of learning, not so much common sense."

—*Jeanne Marie Laskas*



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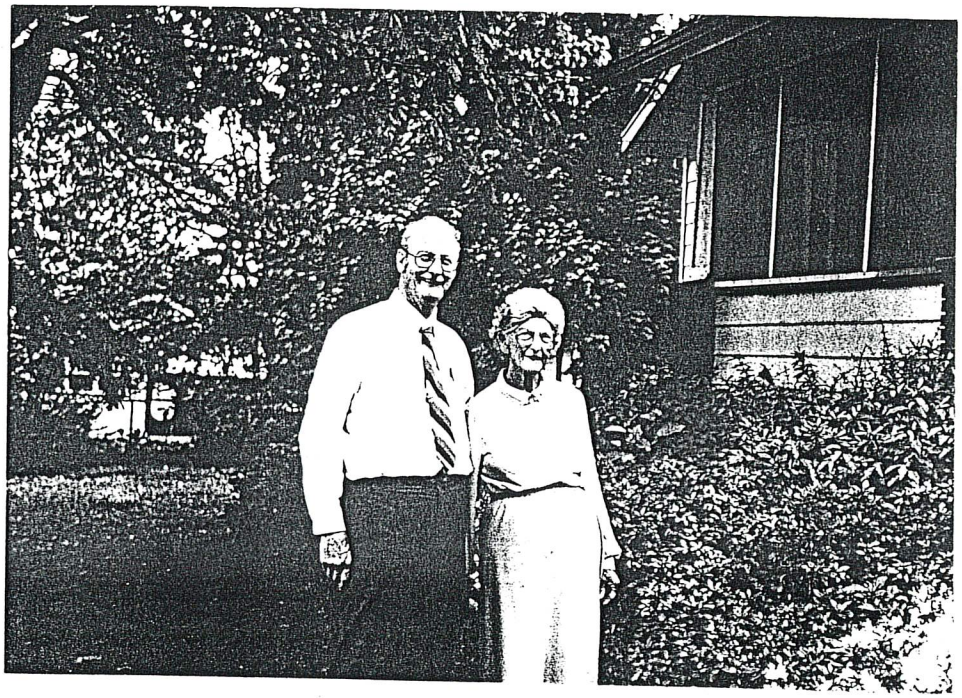

Bill Cogburn

Ann Cogburn
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Bob Terrell

A TOUCH OF TERRELL

103 and still going strong

She was 103 years old on Friday, July 12. Her name is Anne Reel Cogburn, and at that advanced age, she is still spry, lives alone, does her own housework, and hops around as agile as a hen. She lives near the West Asheville Baptist Church, where she attends regularly, except last Sunday when she "didn't feel like getting dressed up."

Her sense of humor, which has always been high, has not diminished with the passing years. Looking for her husband's death date in a stack of things on a table, she came across an envelope, which she handed to me.

"I think it's on that," she said.

It wasn't. But there were some things in the envelope: fives and tens and a few ones, and the amount was written on the outside of the envelope.

She looked at it, then peered closer, and an astonished look came over her face.

"Does that say $90?"

"Yes, it does."

"Well, shut my mouth!" she said. "Let's go to town and have some fun."

She grew up on a McDowell County farm near Marion, one of the 14 children of Elijah Crayton Reel and Nancy Louiza Ardell Drucilla Marlow Reel. "Daddy was from Buzzardtown in McDowell County," she said.

"Why did they call it Buzzardtown?"

"I guess it was because of the way people dressed then, mostly all alike, and I guess they looked like buzzards."

She said she hoed corn until she was 18. "Country girls couldn't get jobs back then," she said, "not till they was 18. When I got 18 I got a job in Morganton in the mental hospital. It was right up my alley, and I worked there a year." She then moved on to a sanitarium in Richmond, Va., but after a while she quit and came home and worked in a small hospital in Marion.

She met her husband at a party in the Biltmore House. He worked on the Estate. "He was from Cruso in Haywood County," she said, "and when he proposed to me I told him that everybody ought to have a house before they got married. So he built this one, and we were married around 1925. I've lived here alone since he died." That was on July 24, 1953.

"That's 43 years," she said, "and here I still am."

Her husband was a policeman and his paycheck would not cover family expenses, so she studied at Mission Hospital, earned a nursing degree, and worked as a private-duty nurse until she retired at age 80.

The only offspring of Anne and Bill Cogburn was a son, born in 1927, whom they named William Harrison Cogburn Jr. He became a fireman, and helped fight the fire that burned down the West Asheville Baptist Church a few years ago.

"I was asleep in the back of the house," she said. "I heard the thunder when lightning struck the church and set it on fire, but I went back to sleep. Then I woke up again and kept hearing all this whistling. I went to the front of the house and the church was on fire. The whistling was the sirens on the fire trucks and police cars."

Three of her eight sisters still live – Dovey, who married Eddie Joyner, Pearl, and Emma, all in their 80s, and she has one brother in Florida, Grover.

"How old is he?"

"Lord, I don't know," she said. "He's just like the rest of us. Old."

George Coggins, pioneer mall builder, fashioned many legends

Visiting our past

Rob Neufeld

Westgate, North Carolina's first modern mall, was in 1956 the brainchild of George Coggins, a man who trailed mythology behind him. He lived all of his 93 years, save a few weeks, in the 20th century. A chronicle of his activities is a portrait of a kind of entrepreneur who knew he was a mountain legend and filled the role.

For instance, his founding of Bee Tree Vermiculite, an important home insulation manufacturer, had its roots, he vouched, in a Davy Crockett-like childhood experience. "I decided to go into the mining business," he said in a 1992 interview, "when we were 'possum hunting one night." He had trapped a 'possum in a hole and tried to get it out with "a stick with a little fork on the end of it. You put it in the hole and twist it," he explained, "and it gets the 'possum hide caught on it, and he comes out with it."

"When (the 'possum) came out," he said, "he had something interesting all over him. It was a new mineral we hadn't seen before in the ground, and it was known as vermiculite."

Coggins, a descendant of the Davidsons and Alexanders, both founding Buncombe families, had grown up on what had once been Davidson land — in the Bee Tree community. Coggins' father, Henry Allen Coggins, unofficially presided over life there as the "Mayor of Bee Tree." His connections enabled George to get a job building an addition to the Beacon Manufacturing plant one summer during the Depression.

George had to go down 12 feet to the bottom of a form to bail water out so concrete could be poured for a foundation. "Finally, I came out the ... third day," he recalled. "I was so sore and stiff from the damp I couldn't get up. And I told the foreman ... (and) he said, 'Oh, you're just a sissy. That's like all of you Bee Tree boys.' When he said that, he was standing right on this form, and they were pouring concrete down in the bottom. I hit him right on the chin, and he went right over the form and fell in the concrete."

Coggins' idea for Westgate was born out of a parking ticket downtown. "I was on the parking side of the street," he related, "where it said park this side only, but I headed in the wrong direction when I backed up into that space. It was a one-way street. So, when I came back, the policeman had a ticket on the car and he said, 'I'm going to run you in. You're parked on the wrong side of the road.'"

Coggins told the policeman, "If you give me a ticket, within five years, you won't need any parking space in downtown Asheville because I'll build a shopping center that's centered around parking."

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George Coggins, Asheville businessman, surveys the city of Asheville from his mountain home in 1991.

Coggins already had a leasehold on a former quarry on newly built Patton Avenue, and he began to travel around the United States, looking at malls in such places as Chicago and Boston. He gained a commitment from Louis Lipinsky to move his famous department store, Bon Marche, from downtown to Westgate; and he obtained a loan from Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company to construct his landmark shopping center in West Asheville.

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Another builder named George

Now, you may not think it's appropriate to treat a serious subject such as history with levity — and that's true in certain crucial cases. But most of what takes place on the patchy road to destiny is as absurd as Mrs. Murphy's chowder.

Mrs. Murphy's chowder is famous for containing a pair of overalls, the song about which was one of the first disks of the Edison Record Company. Bing Crosby covered the song in 1954 as part of an Irish cultural revival.

About the time that Crosby was singing about overalls and crooning "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ral," Asheville history took a sharp turn because of a random event in the life of developer George Coggins.

"I was on the parking side of the street (in downtown Asheville), where it said park this side only," he related to oral historian Dorothy Joynes in 2002, whose tapes are held by UNCA's Ramsey Library.

"I headed in the wrong direction when I backed up into that space," Coggins affirmed. "It was a one-way street. So, when I came back, the policeman had a ticket on the car and he said, 'I'm going to run you in. You're parked on the wrong side of the road.'"

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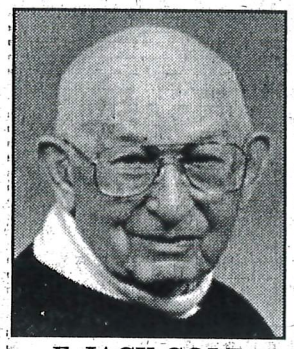


F. JACK COLE

ASHEVILLE — F. Jack Cole died peacefully at the WNC Baptist Home on Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

Born and raised in Candler, son of Ben H. and Opal Gaston Cole, Cole graduated from Candler High School where he played on the basketball team. Following high school, he went to work for American Enka. He served in the Army during World War II. He rose to the rank of First Sergeant before being discharged following the surrender of Japan.

Following the war, he used his GI Bill benefits to enroll in a Bank Trainee program. He worked at First National Bank until he left to assist in the founding of Carolina Federal Savings and Loan where he served as the Charter Bank Manager Executive Officer and eventually President.

Jack was involved in music his entire life, singing tenor in the SPEBSQA (now the Barbershop Harmony Society), and the Central United Methodist Church choir. He was a member of the Lions Club for over 60 years. He served as president of the Asheville Club as well as District 31 A Governor. Through the Lions, he founded an "old time music" group, "The Sanctimonious Seven" which entertained at various retirement homes in the area.

Jack served on the Asheville City Council from 1977-1984. A life long student of the history of Western North Carolina, Cole served as president of the Western North Carolina Historical Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ben Gaston Cole; sister, Alice Cole Iarussi; and wife, Carolyn Mathews (Jo) Cole.

He is survived by his children, Rebecca C. Pate and husband, Jim, of Asheville, Dr. Frederick J. "Ric" Cole Jr. and wife, Ann, of Portland, Ore., and Russell M. "Russ" Cole, and wife, Ellen, of Chapel Hill; and nine grandchildren, Weston and Cole Pate, Ben and Janie Cole, and Deric, Collin, Caitlin, Harrison and Cassidy Cole.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Patton Avenue chapel of Groce Funeral Home, with the Rev. Julie Wilburn Peeler officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

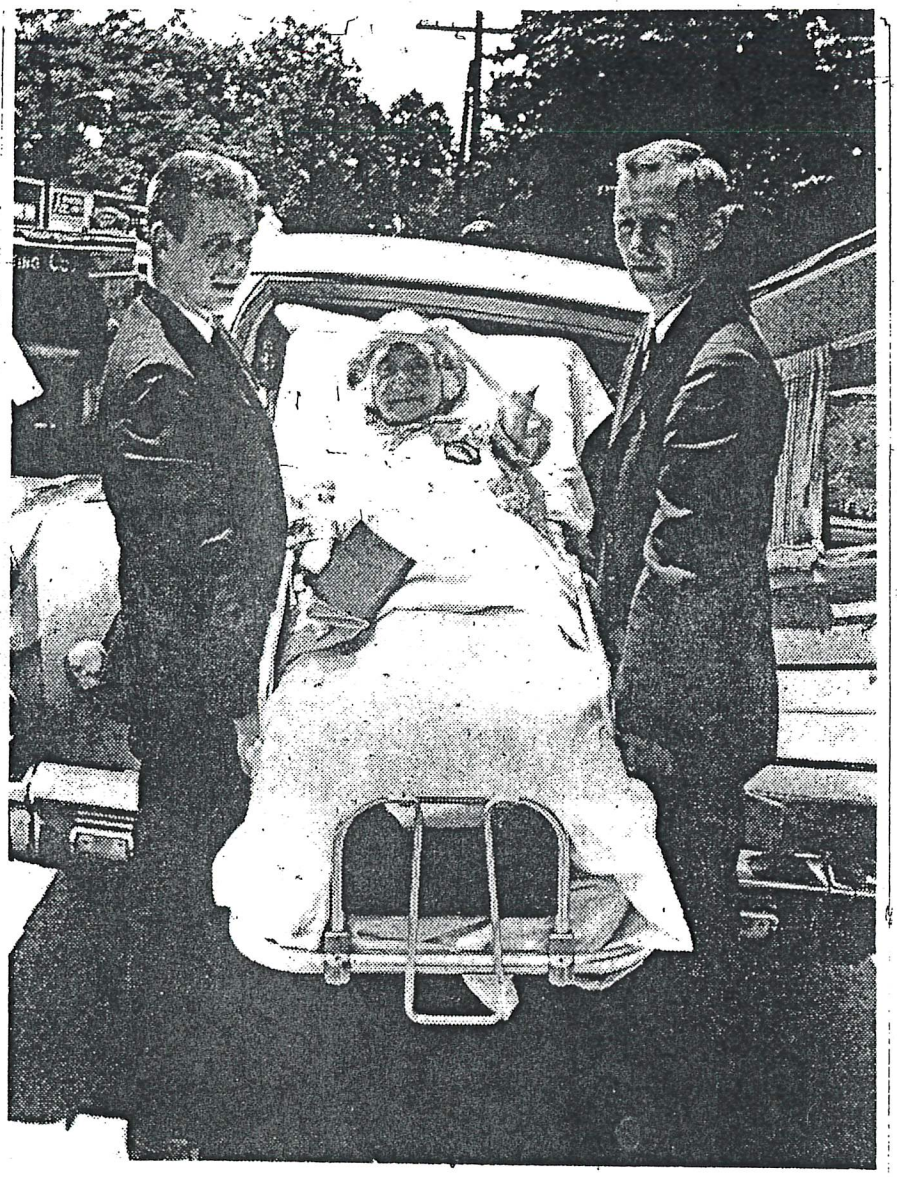
The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801, or to the Asheville Lions Club Eye Clinic, PO Box 2284, Asheville, NC 28802.

The on-line register is available at www.groce funeralhome.com.

Asheville young folk by the scores took to the streets and by ways yesterday and today, after a thin blanket of snow and freezing temperatures had turned slopes into ideal places for sledding and sliding. Some sleds got their first use of the year. These scenes are typical of many throughout the vicinity a short time after the snow had covered the ground. The top picture shows Miss Dorothy Thomas, student at David Millard junior high school, in the act of throwing a snowball—at The Times photographer. She was among the first to get out in the snow during the afternoon. Shown in the bottom picture, three youths are shown enjoying a rapid ride down the slope of Craggy avenue in West Asheville last night. They are Lee Bradshaw, Nick Collins, Jr., and Bruce Blankenship.

Asheville Times January 8, 1942

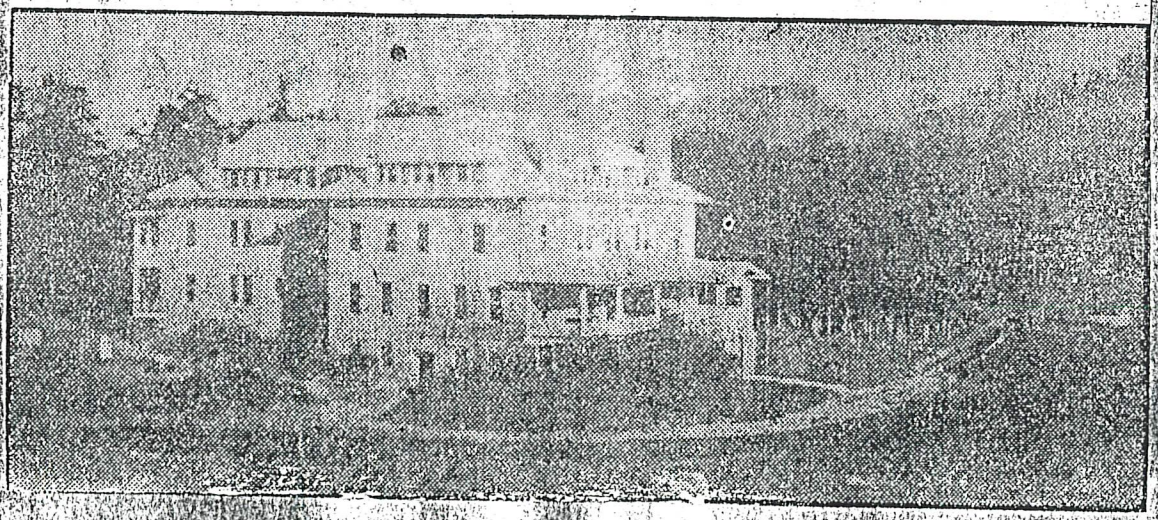


A VOTE FOR DAN MOORE was cast from an ambulance stretcher by at least one Asheville Democrat Saturday —but if you want to know how they got Miss Julia B. Colyer into the booth without tilting their patient to a vertical position, you'll have to ask Anders-Rice ambulance attendants Vincent Roberts, left, and Gary Johnson, right. Miss Colyer, on her way home at 13 Wilmington St. from Aston Park Hospital, shades her eyes from the sun as Roberts and Johnson wheel her out of the ambulance at Precinct 14 at Aycock School. (Staff Photo by Ewart Ball)

Asheville Citizen June 28, 1964

Seven Of The Eliada Orphanage Pets

MAIN BUILDING OF THE ELIADA ORPHANAGE



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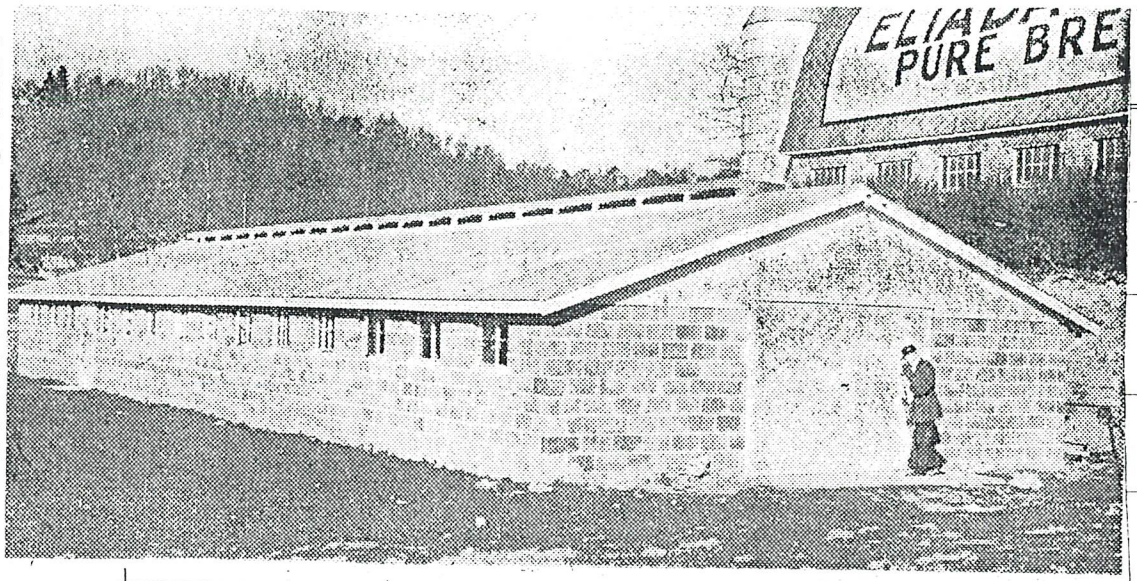

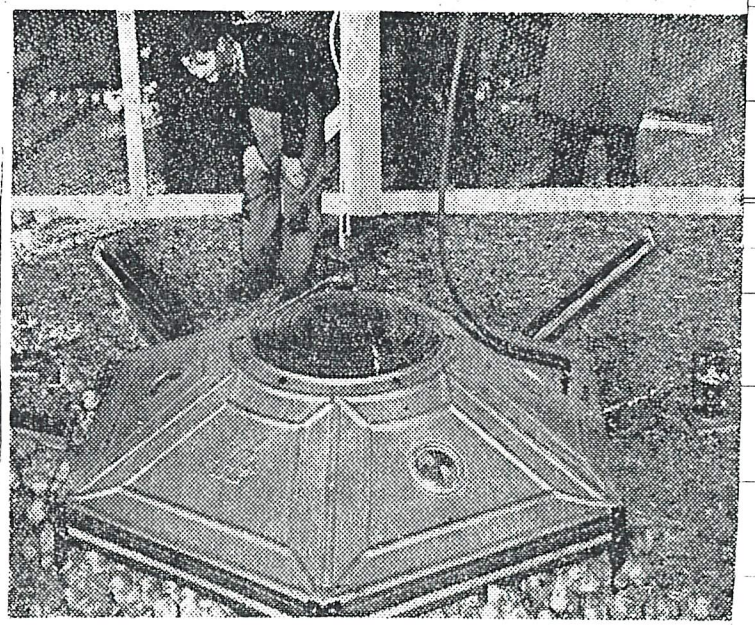

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chicks. By refilling it with chicks every 10 or 11 weeks it will have an annual capacity of 10,000 broilers. The two houses were built according to specifications of North Carolina State College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The poultry plant was given to the orphanage by J. D. Earle of Asheville. Broilers and eggs in excess of needs at the home will be sold. The plant will be under the supervision of Ed C. James Jr. graduate in poultry science at the University of Georgia and nutritionist for Earle-Chesterfield Mill Company of Asheville.

N.C. – Asheville – Eliada home for children 2/24/67

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, Friday, Feb. 24, 1967

'Mom Edith' Compton Dies; Helped Found Eliada Home

Mrs. Edith Van Dusen Compton, 85, known to three generations of Eliada Home children as "Mom Edith," died Wednesday in an Atlanta, Ga., hospital.

She was the widow of Lucius B. Compton, founder of the home in 1906, and spent 44 years as housemother after spending her own savings to aid in the purchase of the original five acres, cabin and barn.

She retired in 1950 and went to California to live, making periodic visits to Eliada and its alumni. After convalescing from a long illness, she came back to Decatur, Ga., last fall to live with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jepson, and made a final visit to this area.

She was born in Cooper Plains, N. Y. Her husband died in 1948.

Surviving besides Mrs. Jepson are four brothers, John and Fred of Stockton, Calif., Arthur of Fresno, and Chester Van Dusen of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Miss Emma Van Dusen of Concord, Calif., and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church.

The Rev. Alvin Jepson, her son-in-law, will officiate and burial will be in the "Dad Compton" memorial on the Eliada campus, where her husband is buried.

The family has asked that gifts in lieu of flowers be made to Eliada Home or the American Cancer Society. The body will be at Morris-Hendon Funeral Home from 4:30 p.m. Friday.

MRS. EDITH COMPTON

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M. COMPTON D. COMPTON

Cpl. Maryl Compton, of 82 Hanover street, West Asheville, and his son, Donald D. Compton, are both in the armed forces. Donald is a hospital apprentice first class and is stationed at Bethesda, Md.. The father is serving at Leghorn, Italy, where he is connected with an ordnance outfit.

Cpl. Compton entered service in April, 1944, and the son entered in May, 1945. Cpl. Compton's wife and daughter, Betty Ann, reside at the Hanover street address.

Date unknown

REV. L. B. COMPTON SPEAKS TONIGHT

"Egypt and the Holy Land" Announced as Subject of the Address —Stereopticon Views.

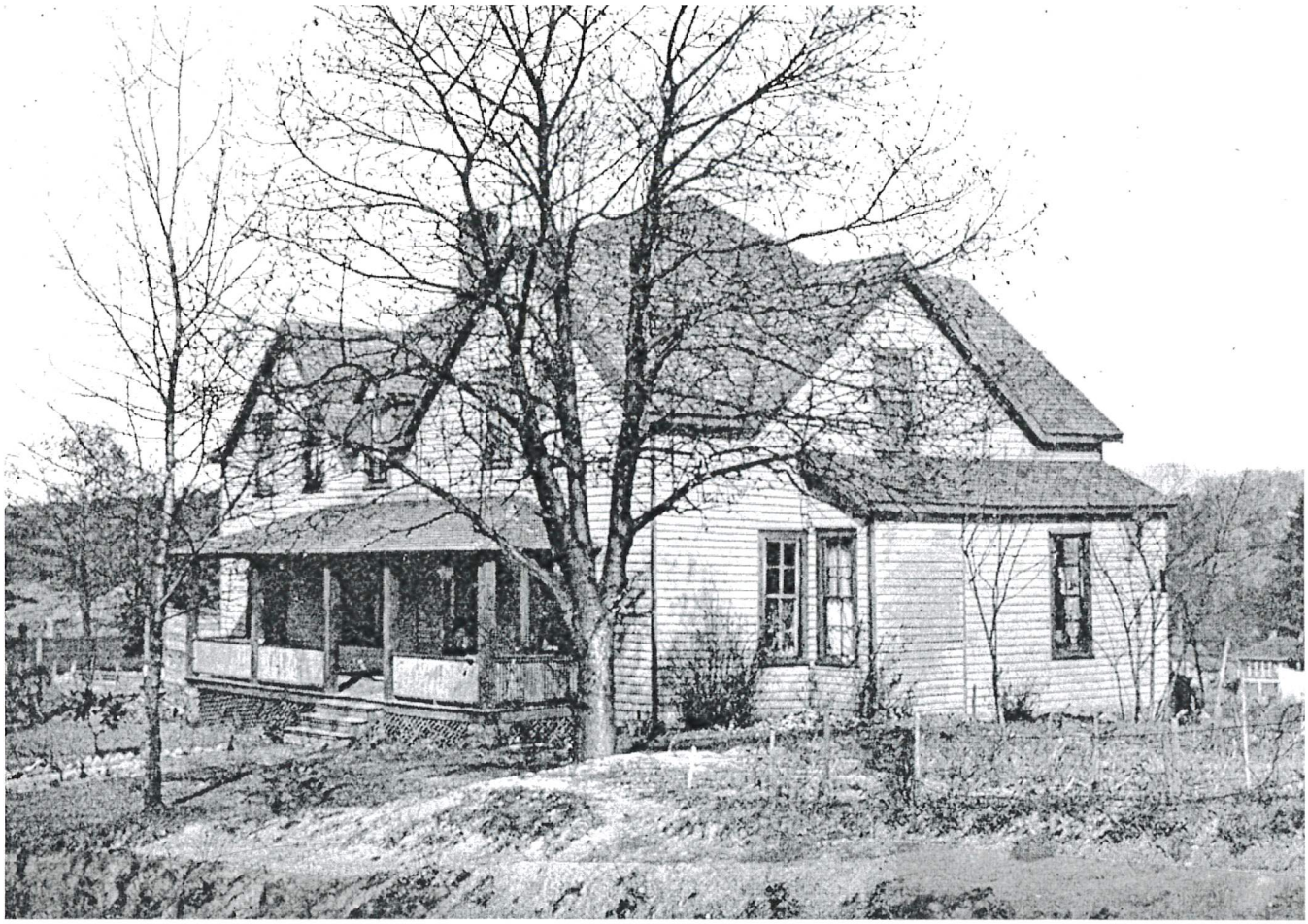
REV. LUCIUS B. COMPTON.

"Egypt and the Holy Land" is the subject of the address which will be delivered by Rev. Lucius B. Compton tonight at the Auditorium, to which the public is cordially invited. Rev. Mr. Compton recently returned from the Orient, and while in the east, secured a large number of stereopticon views, which will be shown this evening.

Rev. Mr. Compton has charge of the childrens' home at Grace, and is well known in Asheville. He is an attractive speaker and no little interest has been shown in the announcement that he is to appear at the Auditorium this evening.

Asheville Citizen June 18, 1912

THE REV. LUCIUS COMPTON began the Elida Home for Children with his aging cabin and four acres of farmland on the west edge of town.



Faith Cottage.
From the Book: *Life of Lucius Bunyan Compton, the mountaineer evangelist* by John Patty, 1914, p. 103

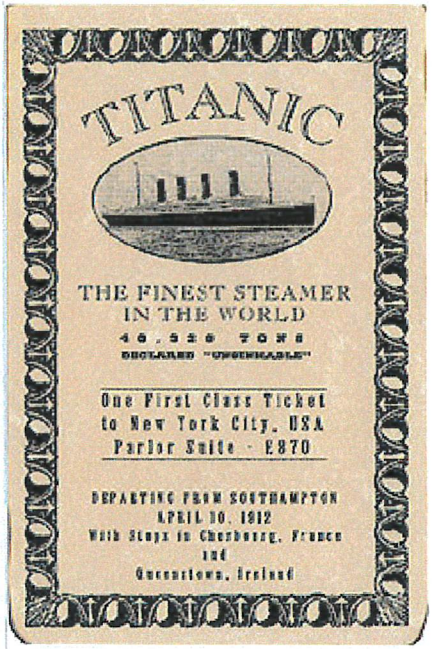
MR. COMPTON RETURNS FROM A FOREIGN TOUR

Would Have Sailed on Titanic, but Was Prevented by Engagements in England.

Rev. Lucius B. Compton has arrived in Asheville after a four months' tour in the Orient. He has stood the trip remarkably well and is several pounds heavier than when he left in January. The Egyptian sun equally with the Alps agreed with him.

Some engagements for meetings in England kept him from the fate of the Titanic. Mr. Compton visited the leading charitable institutions in England and elsewhere so as to get a better idea for his orphanage and rescue work here in Asheville. He and Rev. S. M. Stikeleather will commence revival meetings under a large tent on Patton avenue, opposite Depot street, tomorrow night. In these meetings Mr. Compton will tell a great deal of his trip. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Asheville Gazette-News May 22, 1912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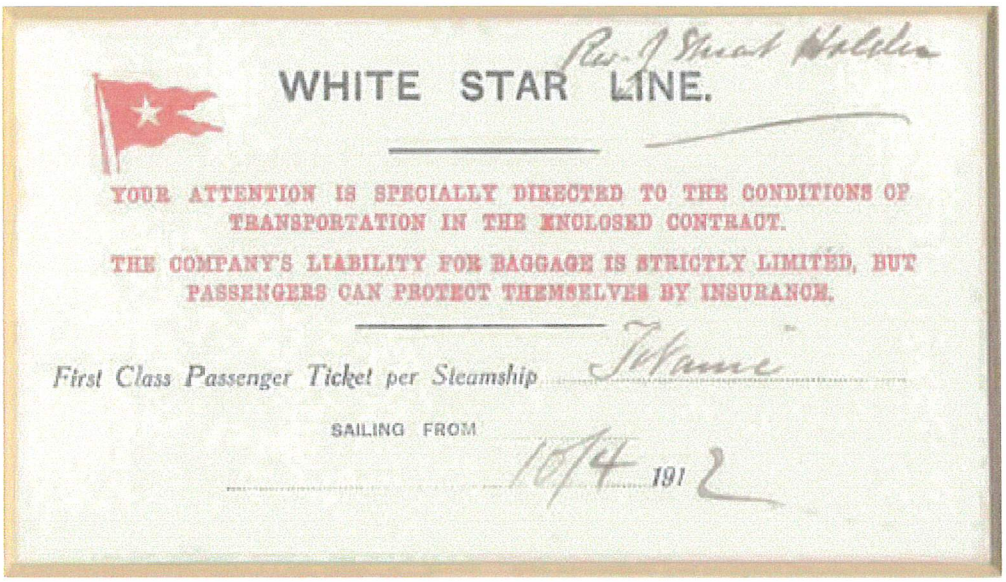

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N.C. - Asheville - Eliada home for children 5/17/33

Start Of Orphanage Is Described By Compton

Speaker Tells Rotary Club Of His Own Early Life

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The motivating spirit behind the altruistic work being accomplished at Eliada orphanage near Asheville was revealed yesterday in an address made by the Rev. L. B. Compton before the weekly meeting of the Rotary club at Battery Park hotel.

Mr. Compton, founder and manager of the orphanage, told of the years of struggle to achieve the success that has come with development of the present $200,000 plant devoted to the material and spiritual needs of homeless children.

The speaker said it was the first time he had ever visited a civic club to seek support for a project connected with the orphanage. On this occasion it was to ask the Rotarians to furnish cars next Wednesday afternoon to transport delegates to the International Union of Gospel Missions to the Eliada home for luncheon.

Mr. Compton said he was born in a poverty-stricken cabin 40 miles from Asheville, of parents who had six children. When only 16 years old he set out to see the world and for four years roamed aimlessly as a tramp before he found Jesus Christ in a mission at Cincinnati 39 years ago. Twice in his wanderings he became so discouraged that he planned suicide, he said. The orphanage, he said, grew from his desire to supply other children with the many helpful influences denied him as a boy.

Started In Cabin

The orphanage had its start in a tumble-down cabin on four acres of land, he narrated. Fully half of the children admitted they were born out of wedlock.

"Many folks have wondered how I got the money to establish and keep going such an institution," he declared. "I want to tell you that I got it on my knees. Why, I can recall when we opened the little cabin with its leaky roof that when it rained we had to put the children under the beds to give them shelter."

A total of 1,900 girls, some of them from leading families, have received aid from the institution since it began operations here years ago.

In response to questions from the Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of the Central Methodist church, designed to bring out the sacrifice of the orphanage manager, Mr. Compton said he did not own any part of the orphanage or its equipment. It is controlled by a board of trustees, he explained.

REV. L. B. COMPTON

"What do you possess?"

"Nothing but what I have on my back and a good wife," he responded.

Applaud Speaker

The Rotarians applauded warmly at the conclusion of the address.

Wilbur Devendorf and Floyd L. Hewitt, acting as a committee, received a number of pledges for use of cars next Wednesday. The visiting delegates will be taken on a scenic drive after the trip to the orphanage.

Hexie E. McDonnold, chairman of the program committee, introduced Dr. Lambeth, who presented Mr. Compton.

Robert F. Phillips, elected district governor of Rotary at the recent Charleston convention, was at the meeting after spending several weeks in Raleigh. The district governor-elect voiced appreciation for the honor he had received and was given a hearty reception.

Charles S. Walters made an announcement pertaining to the work of the Civic Music association here and guests at the meeting were introduced by Charles A. Webb. Clarence C. Morgan, president, presided in the early part of the meeting and made several announcements and Campbell W. Ansley led the singing.

President Morgan announced that Mr. Phillips had been named chairman of the Boston convention committee for the local club. Other members are Clarence N. Walker and Abner W. Faulkner.

A guest at the meeting was Dr. Nat Green, of California, brother of former Mayor Ottis Green and Gay Green.

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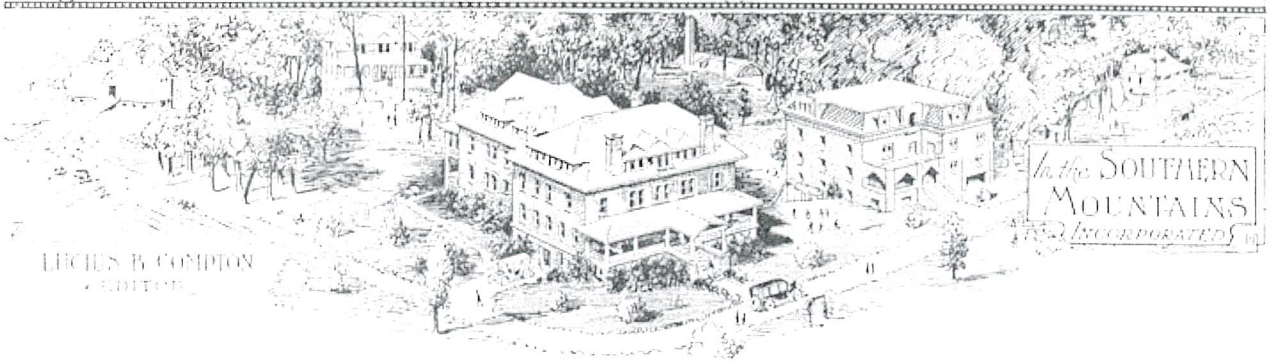
The NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN

A MESSAGE FROM THE ELIADA HOME for CHILDREN



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Eliada is Taking on Quite a Different Appearance

We have been made to feel many times just a little humiliated over the roughness and run-down conditions of all appearances about the Eliada Institution. The road coming into Eliada has worn out, cut up in gulleys and holes, and with certain weather it was difficult to drive in and sometimes around by the barn it was practically impassible. The fences had rotted down, roofs leaked and all buildings had gone without paint for several years until Eliada had begun to look like a place that had been.

But this summer the Lord renewed our faith and we felt it would be pleasing to Him to make Eliada look like a place worthy of its name, "One Whom God Cares For." So the road has been widened and fixed until now it looks quite respectable and can be driven over with ease and comfort. The buildings are now being painted. Paint certainly improves the appearance of any building or place. The roofs have been fixed, some rooms and halls calcimined and painted, until actually we folks at Eliada are beginning to feel that we are living at home again. At this writing painters are working and another crew is grading for a much-needed tennis court for the children of Eliada. Other men are painting the camp cabins and dormitory building, and Eliada has begun to take on its natural aspect of beauty. The Carolina Power and Light Company is installing a new electric system with a cheaper power rate for all the work done at Eliada, and Eliada is soon to have two large electric ranges installed in the kitchen with new modern equipment that will make the cooks and those in that department feel very happy. Much of the needed repairs has not been accomplished yet, but we are working on them, and we are looking to our friends who think of us in prayer and friendship to help us out in this vast undertaking, for it is requiring a considerable layout of money to accomplish what we have already and much more to finish the job. There is no end to the need for a work like Eliada. Repairs, replacements with continued improvements could keep a crew of men busy on the Eliada premises. But our goal is all buildings painted, new fences to replace the old ones, and repairs on all buildings that will put them in shape for years of future service. And I am sure any person with ordinary business ability would not say this was luxury or an unnecessary expenditure, but an absolute necessity. But Eliada for the past seven years has not been able to keep up the necessities, for we consider all that we have done and are contemplating to do is an actual necessity for the preservation of the property that Eliada now possesses, and if the Lord has entrusted us with Eliada He wants us to trust Him to supply us with means to take care of Eliada. So we are feeling mighty happy for the improvement that is being done.

MRS. COLE AND HER GROUP OF ELIADA CHILDREN.

And if you who read the paper confidence Eliada and believe in the work that Eliada is doing for the class of children we are raising, then I am sure you are going to pray and help us on top of the hill with these badly needed improvements.

Oh yes, I nearly forgot to say we are still waiting and trusting for sufficient money to put the new roof on Faith Cottage, repair the rooms, and paint the outside of the buildings. Now if I could get you to visit Faith Cottage and show you the need, you certainly would pray and you would not only pray, but I am just confident you would help me in putting this building out of the depression wreckage, with all repairs made and every need of that home supplied. We haven't wavered a moment, but our faith is still strong that Faith Cottage will be repaired and these needs met. Remember we cannot use the Eliada Fund for the improvement of Faith Cottage. So the offerings used for this purpose must be so designated in the letter. Otherwise they will be put in the Eliada funds. These are two different Institutions, five miles apart, controlled by separate sets of bookkeeping, yet under the same Board. Don't mistake as thousands have, that the Eliada Home for Children and the Faith Cottage Home for Girls are the same Institution, or supported out of the same funds, or located on the same farm. They are five miles apart. Faith Cottage is in the City of Asheville. Eliada is on a farm five miles away, but the same God established and supports both Institutions, but He uses human instrumentality and has for thirty-five years. **"Blessed is he that considereth the poor, the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."** Psalm 41:1.

The New Testament Christian

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ORPHANAGE AND RESCUE WORK,

In The Mountains Of

NORTH CAROLINA (INCORPORATED)

ELIADA ORPHANAGE.

FAITH COTTAGE.

LUCIUS B. COMPTON, Editor

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THE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE WORK.

To the friends and contributors to Eliada Orphanage and Faith Cottage Rescue Home, and to the mission work in these Southern mountains:

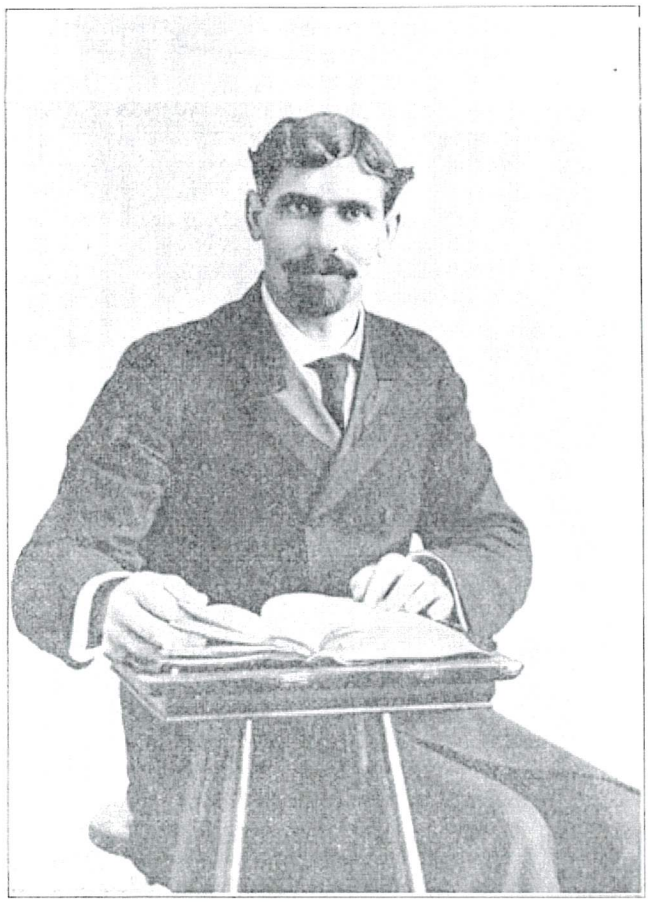
You will notice that in the past we have sent out once or twice a year a little booklet, in that way acquainting you with this work. But as the work is continually growing and the number of friends increasing, there is a demand for more frequent reports.

For some time it has been in our hearts to publish a monthly paper for the purpose of letting our friends know what God is doing in this mountain mission work.

We have seen the necessity of this, yet we have drawn back from it, as it requires time, talent and money, and we feel our shortage along all these lines.

But we believe that He who laid this work on our hearts will see us thru along every line that pleases Him.

Eliada Orphanage and Faith Cottage Rescue Home are not incorporated under any church denomination, but stand on the principles of New Testament Christianity, in that they hold out helping hands to the unfortunate girls and to the homeless destitute children without distinction as to faith or creed. Our great mission to this world is to preach and live CHRIST who is the wisdom and power of God. In publishing THE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN, we make the subscription price the small sum of twenty-five cents per year, thus putting it within the reach of all who desire to keep in touch with this work. Many have watched its progress with great interest.



Lucius B. Compton.

It was conceived and born in the hearts of those who were reared in these Southern mountains and who knew the hunger for the comforts of life and the struggle for an education.

Without a single dollar and without friends to pledge its support, the work had its beginning in PRAYERS and TEARS which fanned faith into a flame of motion; and all that is visible today at either institution is the result of PRAYER and FAITH. But what has been done is so little compared with what is yet to be done.

Our understanding of

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Eliada Home
CA. 1930 — 1948

PRAYER HAS GIVEN HOME AND TRAINING FOR 700 UNFORTUNATE WOMEN AND 200 FATHERLESS AND MOTHERLESS CHILDREN

Dr. Lucius B. Compton, Head of the Eliada Home for Children, and Faith Cottage for Fallen Women, Has Built up a Great Institution on Faith and Prayer —Native of Pisgah Section, He Livedin 16x18 Log Cabin Occupied by Nine.

BY MEMORY M'CORD

Some people earn money by working for it, others inherit it, but Dr. Lucius B. Compton, who lives five miles out of Asheville on the Leicester Road, gets his by praying for it!

Sounds easy, but it isn't. To make the formula work one has to have faith that the money will come and one must want it for an excellent cause. Additionally, you must be willing to do without food for long periods of time and to spend hours—even nights and days in constant prayer. Follow this recipe, though, and according to Dr. Compton, the Lord will truly provide and really there must be something in it, because in the last 20 years, from out of the great, wide world has come hundreds of thousands of dollars to help Dr. Compton and those dependent upon him.

Some people don't succeed in the praying business the doctor says because they allow doubt to creep in. Others say "if this be your will, Lord." That's all wrong. You must know just what you want, be absolutely sure that you want it for a good reason and then simply say "if you please" properly and there you are!

Righ now Dr. Compton needs $3,500, but he hasn't prayed for it yet, owing to his absolute faith that when the actual hour comes for him to produce the money—well, that he will be able to do so. Meanwhile, he is dreaming a dream and the idea of this last isn't quite clear to him. Somewhere out on his place at the Eliada Orphanage he wants someday to start a religious sanatorium—sounds queer — but he means a place for the care of missionaries and religious workers who have, perhaps, worked too hard and who, broken in health and having no place to go, can come up to the mountains of Ashe-

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BUILDS BY PRAYER

ville and recover. When he dream is all worked out, the site selected and bids even made by contractors for the erection of the building, well, then Dr. Compton will take the matter to the Lord and from somewhere the money will come and the care and upkeep of the place and workers will be assured. It is needless to gother God, Dr. Compton believes, until one has used one's own common sense and done the best that one can to man put the thing or things that are needed. After that one must then fast and pray and, if it's all for a good cause that's all there is to it!

Almost any day on the streets of Asheville you can hear somebody say, "You've heard of that man Compton, the preacher that runs that orphanage somewhere out toward West Asheville. He prays for money, you know, and always gets it—well do you know anything about him? Where he comes from or what are his ideas?" Always the answer is the same. Nobody seems to know, yet as a matter of fact Dr. Compton was born in this section right under the shadow of Mount Pisgah.

Seated in a large wicker chair out at the Eliada Home with a bright-faced little urchin on either side of him calmly rocking in miniature wickers, Dr. Compton briefly outlined his life yesterday, and explained how he came to be so fond of children and how he wished above everything else in the world to see them taken care of and educated.

"I was born in a tiny log cabin," he said "16 by 18 feet it was and it stood in the Pisgah section. The roof was of clapboard and the floor of slab and there were no windows. Mother, father and myself and five brothers and one sister lived together. There was scarcely ever enough to eat and as for education or training, we children knew nothing of such. At five years of age I received a severe hurt caused by a fall. Terrible white swelling developed and from then until I was 14 years of age I was practically helpless. Immediately I got better I decided to leave home and late one night escaped from the cabin and for five years wandered. Sometimes I was able to work at common jobs, other times I was laid up with my leg and kept by charities.

"One cold winter night I stepped into a Cincinnati Mission to get warm and there I got religion. Somehow I can't tell you how it happened. Something just came over me all of a sudden and I realized that it was in me to be something else—or I could just keep on in the way I was going and amount to nothing. For the first time in my life I prayed and such a poor prayer it was, because at that time I could neither read nor write and so poorly expressed my ideas.

"Following conversion I wanted to help and almost immediately began that line of work. At first I was able to do so little, but by and by I learned to speak in a plain little way and, as soon as I found myself capable of helping others to find themselves, I returned to my native mountains. There

Dr. Luciuc B. Compton, who has established a large and valuable institution for orphanage and rescue work by determining what he wants, seeing to it that it is a real need and praying for it. His prayers have never failed to provide the need, he states.

the poor and uncared for children most strongly appealed to me and I determined to start some sort of a school to instruct them.

"Twenty years ago, down by the river in the factory district, where smoke hung heavy over the houses of the poor, I began a mission school and had some queer little tickets printed. A child was given one of these for every night's attendance at the school. So many tickets returned would purchase a hat, and attendance for a whole session would secure one a suit of clothes. Money was scarce down

in that section and mothers and fathers forced their little ones to attend the mission so as to secure the garments. There was no compulsory school law then and times were extremely hard. The mission was down in the basement of a church. There on Sunday nights I held simple services. From the very first I took up no collection nor asked for any funds, but contented myself with voluntary gifts and were these lacking resorted at times to wood chopping or any sort of honest labor that would be renumerative.

"One night at the services a poor girl sobbed out her heart to me, telling of the horrible childhood she spent working for people who were not her parents—she

was an orphan—and of her betrayal by one who should have made her life most beautiful. So wrought up was I by her story that my wife and I—I had been only a short time married—removed our few sticks of furniture from the housekeeping room we inhabited and rented a cottage. There we installed the girl and out of her adoption grew our idea and later the actual beginning of Faith Cottage, the rescue home for fallen women at 53 Atkinson Street, upon which I now owe the $3,500, of which I was telling you. This debt accrued for the installation of a heating plant for the institution which has just been completed.

"Following the foundation of Faith Cottage, my wife and I persuaded a friend, Miss Edith Van Dusen, a religious worker, to join us. With her help we purchased four acres of ground upon which site now stands the main building of the Eliada Orphanage.

"It was a cold year when we made the move and folk were very calm in advising me against the change. To make matters worse several of the children became ill and my wife, Miss Van Dusen and myself had colds. The little cabin

in which we all lived was inadequate for our needs and after doing all that I could to help myself and others, I took the matter to the Lord. Up until this time the largest gift I had ever received had been a $300 one and few donations of any kind had been made. For one whole day I fasted and prayed and early the next morning a beautiful gowned woman came out in a carriage and gave me a check for $1,000. It seemed that faith was the one thing in all the world that she lacked. Someone whom she loved perhaps had proved unworthy; she didn't exactly say, but let that impression. With the $1,000 I began the Eliada Orphanage.

"What does the name mean? Why 'One whom God cares for.' Appropriate? Oh! yes. God has certainly been good to me and mine. True, our first building burned and I was obliged again to ask help from the Lord. He answered then, as always, quite promptly and I immediately began a new building. From four acres the orphanage land increased to 147. Beginning with six children my family grew until I possessed 57 boys and girls all under the age of 12 years. During the history of the institution over 200 have called the orphanage 'home.' Most of them," he paused and patted the heads of the children sitting beside him, "are so-called illegitimate and let me say right now that that is a mis-applied word. Children are never illegitimate, though par-

ents may sometimes be.

"It's a strange thing," he mused, "I've never yet had a death in the institution and I think sometimes that I could scarcely bear to give one of the babies up, but when the time comes, of course, I will be given the strength to face it. You see God never saw fit to bless my marriage with children and, having none of my own, I am especially fond of these babies. Did I ever pray for a child of my own? No I never did, because I figured it out that possibly it was my lack of them that made me wish to care for other people's. That and the memory of my own somber childhood.

"From where do we get our orphanage babies? Why from all over this section. We take them in and legally adopt them or accept them without regular adoption. At various times children have been brought to us at one or two hours of age. Others have come at two or three months and others still at more aged periods. Our youngest child now is a girl of four months. A cute little kid named Alice."

Later we visited this little child in the institution nursery. She was a pretty little thing with huge pansy-like eyes and a smile that would light up the darkest day. Occupying other wee beds, but in the same room, were additional babies. Among them was an unusually sturdy little girl with a remarkably developed character. One would have been willing to stake much on the quality of blood that run through her tiny veins.

From the nursery we crossed the hall to the playroom and watched small boys and girls amuse themselves with mechanical toys and lovely doll babies. Next we visited the boys dormitory and the two huge schoolrooms where larger children were being instructed in the usual school work. All of the faces were bright and eager. It was pleasant, too, to notice how chimmily they greeted the doctor. Children are about the only known people in the world who cannot be fooled sometime or other, and on their recommendation alone one could accept Dr. Compton.

Besides the main orphanage building and the boys' dormitory there is an attractive little cottage for girls and the doctor's own dwelling. Farther on down the road towards town is the camp meeting tabernacle in which services are held each year, during the month of August. It is Dr. Compton's custom to bring preachers here at that time from all over the world. In the vicinity of the tabernacle he hopes some day to build the religious sanatorium of which he now dreams.

Has it paid, you ask, and he understands that you do not mean from a mercenary view.

"Oh yes," he answers, "many, many times over. Why at the present in the city of Cario, Egypt, is a wonderful orphanage run by a woman who learned to love God right here in Faith Cottage in the rescue home for fallen women. Near the outskirts of Asheville, too, lives another girl of the same type who is happily married. In fact, out of the 700 girls who have been members of the rescue home, 75 per cent now lead Christian lives and at intervals write back to us telling us their joys and sorrows. And as for the 200 children who have passed through the Eliada Home or who still linger each has been a joy and blessing. Paid—oh yes. And in addition to everything else, God saw fit to cure the white swelling from which I so long suffered.

"Oh it's all so easy. People worry for fear this or that won't pan out, when all they have to do is to be honorable and upright; to make all the efforts they can and then to take a plain proposition to God. You do your part and He will certainly do His. Most people fail because they aren't steadfast enough or they long for selfish gain. Remember the formula is most simple—believe first of all, then ask and you shall receive."

The Eliada Orphanage is a private one, though it is incorporated under the State laws and possesses a board membership.

L. B. COMPTON INDICTED AFTER ELIADA PROBE

Ash. Times 6-15-43

Orphanage Head Faces 4 Charges Of Assault With Intent To Commit Rape.

RELEASED UNDER BOND

Buncombe Grand Jury Also Indicts Thomas For Beating Children.

The Rev. L. B. Compton, head of Eliada orphanage, was indicted by the Buncombe county grand jury today on four charges of "assault with intent to commit rape."

He was taken in custody by sheriff's deputies around noon and later released under $2,500 bond posted by Ottis Green.

An hour or so earlier the grand jury indicted Charles Edward Thomas, farm and dairy superintendent at the orphanage, on two separate counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

After Complaints

The indictments came as a climax to an investigation of conditions at the orphanage launched several weeks ago after three young boys at the institution complained to sheriff's deputies that Thomas had whipped them with a leather haltar rein.

The true bills against Mr. Compton charge that on or about June 1, 1942 and or about March, 1943 he "did make an assault on one ————, and he, the said L. B. Compton, did then and there beat, wound and ill-treat her, the said ————, and did attempt to commit rape . ."

Each of the bills contain a second charge of assault on a female.

Mr. Compton was brought directly to the courtroom by sheriff's deputies on a capias issued by the clerk immediately after the indictments were returned.

To 15th Floor

He remained there with his attorney, J. G. Merrimon, until court adjourned at 1 o'clock for the noon recess and was taken then to the fifteenth floor of the courthouse.

Within a few minutes officers returned him to the courtroom and Mr. Green signed bond for his appearance tomorrow morning.

Prosecuting witnesses in the case range from 11 to 20 years of age, officers said, and all are inmates or former inmates of the orphanage operated by Mr. Compton.

Mr. Compton, 68 years year old, founded the Eliada Home, incorporated, in 1903. It is supported largely by voluntary contributions,

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and revenue and produce derived from the dairy and farm.

The orphanage takes care of approximately 90 children from all parts of the country, and its plant consists of a number of buildings and several hundred acres of land near Emma.

Thomas was taken into custody at the same time as Mr. Compton and was being held in the Buncombe county jail this afternoon.

The indictments returned against him charge that he did, on or about the 18th day of May, 1943, "assault, beat, wound and seriously injure" Billy McAllister and Howard Collins "with a deadly weapon, to-wit, a shoe and cow halter...inflicting serious and permanent injuries upon..." them.

Notations on the bill indicated the grand jury heard testimony of two deputy sheriffs who investigated the complaint, the county physician who examined the boys, several residents of the community where the orphanage is situated, and a representative of the state welfare department from Raleigh.

Thomas was arrested within a few hours after the boys made their complaint to the sheriff's office here and was free under $1,000 bond for his appearance before Magistrate George A. Gash.

When the case first came on for hearing before Mr. Gash, it was continued until the superior court could hear an appeal from his refusal to dismiss the charges.

Several days later the Rev. L. B. Compton, head of the orphanage, caused a warrant to be sworn out in domestic relations court, charging Thomas with assault.

Judge Hubert C. Jarvis continued the matter there until the other courts had a chance to dispose of it.

N.C. - Asheville - Biography
Compton, Lucius B.

7/26/1943

Trial Of Compton On Rape Attempt Counts Is Set For August 25

Ash. Times 7-26-43

Trial of the Rev. Lucius B. Compton, widely known evangelist and head of Eliada orphanage here, on four separate charges of attempt to commit rape, was continued in Buncombe superior court today until August 25.

J. G. Merrimon, counsel for Compton, moved for the continuance and informed the court that G. Lyle Jones, associate counsel, was unable to be present because of illness.

The case of Charles Edward Thomas, Eliada farm and dairy superintendent who is under indictment on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, is scheduled to be called Wednesday.

Grew Out Of Probe

Indictments of both defendants grew out of an investigation made by the Buncombe county sheriff's department after several inmates of the institution had complained of treatment they received.

Mr. Merrimon, attorney for Thomas, requested Presiding Judge Felix E. Alley to require the solicitor to let the defense see a cow halter and a shoe allegedly used in the assault charged in the bill of indictment.

He said the halter had disappeared from Eliada farm and he understood it was in the possession of the sheriff's office. Judge Alley refused to grant the request but Sheriff Laurence E. Brown informed Mr. Merrimon that he would let him look at the halter.

Before becoming associate defense counsel for Thomas, Mr. Merrimon acted as prosecuting attorney against him in similar charges still pending in domestic relations court.

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Compton, L. B.

REV. L. B. COMPTON IS FOUND NOT GUILTY IN FOUR ASSAULT CASES

Ash. Times 10-22-43

A Buncombe county jury yesterday afternoon cleared the Rev. Lucius B. Compton, former head of Eliada orphanage, of charges growing out of an investigation into alleged misconduct toward young girls in the institution.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the first of four cases which had originally charged assault with intent to commit rape. The felony count was stricken out Wednesday by Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding jurist, leaving only simple assault charged against the defendant when the case went to the jury.

After the not guilty verdict had been returned, James S. Howell, solicitor, announced he would take a nol pros with leave in the other three cases. Counsel for the defense asked for a directed verdict of not guilty, and Solicitor Howell said he would not oppose such a verdict if Judge Alley would direct that such a verdict be entered.

Judge Alley then directed the clerk to make the entry of not guilty in each of the three remaining cases. Late Wednesday, Judge Alley had sustained a motion to dismiss the felony count in the bill which charged assault with intent to commit rape. He held the state had not presented sufficient evidence to sustain such a charge, but declined to dismiss the entire case, holding that the lesser assault count should be submitted to the jury.

Judge Alley, after the verdict was announced, said from the bench that the defendant had been cleared of the charge by the verdict of the jury. He announced that in his opinion the verdict was right and proper in the light of the evidence presented.

Judge Makes Comment

"There should be no criticism of anyone in connection with the handling of the case," he said. "I want to say right here that I think Sheriff Laurence Brown has the most efficient sheriff's department in the state. I find in presiding here and elsewhere in the state that the investigations by his department are most thorough and that the cases they present are better prepared than anywhere I have been.

"I want to say also that there should be no criticism of the young girl who brought the charges that were tried in this case. She felt that she had need of the protection of the courts, and it was necessary for her to be heard and to have the matter cleared up. There is no reflection of any kind on her or on the officers who made this investigation. It was the kind of thing that should have been investigated, and I commend the officers for their interest and zeal in making this investigation.

"I want to say also that I think the solicitor is to be commended for the way he presented the case. It was something that had to be handled carefully and thoroughly.

"I was deeply impressed by the way the leading citizens of the community came to the defense of the defendant in this case, to testify as to his character and works.

"I say there should be no lingering criticism because as the trial progressed counsel for both sides may have gone a little far in presenting their contentions. That was natural but it must now be forgotten. The defendant is cleared and like a blanket of snow falls the mantle of innocence about his shoulders."

After the directed verdict of not guilty in the three remaining cases had been ordered, Mr. Compton arose from his chair where he had been sitting with counsel and a group of friends and went over and shook hands with members of the jury thanking them briefly for the verdict they had just returned.

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Compton, L. B.

11/4/1943

Rev. L. B. Compton Is Reinstated As Head Of Eliada Orphanage

Ash. Times 11-4-43

At a special meeting and election of the advisory board of the Eliada Orphanage and Rescue Work, Inc., yesterday at Eliada orphanage, the Rev. L. B. Compton, founder, who resigned as president and general manager on June 17 pending investigation and trial on indictments in Buncombe superior court, was reinstated in the offices formerly held by him.

The board, consisting of Walter Smathers, Ottis Green Mayor L. Lyons Lee, Mrs. Compton and Miss Grace Green of Asheville and Dr. D. E. Allred of Greensboro, met at 2 p. m. and the first business of the body was acceptance of the resignation of Miss Green, who has been acting as president and general manager since last June.

The resignation of Mr. Compton came last June after he had been indicted by a Buncombe grand jury on four counts of assault on minor females of the institution with intent to commit rape. Trial of the cases was continued four times and, after the state called one of the cases in the October criminal term and some evidence had been heard, Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding judge, granted a defense motion to strike out the felony charge and evidence was continued as to simple assault. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty as to this charge and Judge Alley ordered verdicts of not guilty as to the other three cases.

Miss Green presided at the meeting yesterday afternoon and Mayor Lee acted as secretary. Miss Green returned today to her former post as secretary to Mr. Compton and to the orphanage. The following resolutions were passed by the board:

"Whereas, on the seventeenth day of June, 1943, Mr. L. B. Compton, president of the Eliada Orphanage and Rescue Work, Inc., requested to be relieved of the office of president and general manager of the corporation, pending investigations and until same should be completed; and,

REV. L. B. COMPTON

Acquitted In All Cases

"Whereas, at the October term, 1943, of the superior court of Buncombe county, verdicts were returned in all indictments against L. B. Compton, acquitting him of all charges made therein, and

"Whereas, the result of said verdict was a complete vindication of said L. B. Compton, the following is introduced and offered by Ottis Green, seconded by W. G. Smathers,

"Resolved, that the resignation of Miss Green as temporary president and general manager of the Eliada Orphanage and Rescue Work, Incorporated, be and the same is hereby accepted.

"Resolved further, that the said L. B. Compton be and he is reinstated in the office formerly held by him, to-wit, as president and general manager."

Mr. Compton was returned by a unanimous vote to his former full charge of the Eliada orphanage and received a hearty welcome from his board and associates at the orphanage, it was reported by board members.

Following the reinstatement of Mr. Compton, the annual board meeting of the Eliada Orphanage and Rescue Work, Inc., was called to order by Mr. Compton.

The following members were added to the advisory board:

Tom Black, trust officer of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company; E. E. Connor, superintendent of the Buncombe welfare department; Dr. P. B. Orr; the Rev. J. R. Owen, pastor of the French Broad Avenue Baptist church; Ned Wheeler of the Ned Wheeler Brokerage vompany; Mrs. W. M. Smathers and Mrs. Dewey Holland.

The advisory board and visiting committee for Faith Cottage Home for Girls was announced as follows:

Mrs. J. R. Owen, Mrs. Dewey Holland, the Rev. Reid Lunsford and Dr. P. B. Orr.

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REV. L. B. COMPTON

Death Takes L. B. Compton, Eliada Head

Minister Founded Orphanage And Faith Cottage

The Rev. Lucius B. Compton, 73, president and founder of Eliada Orphanage, Inc., died about 4:30 p. m. yesterday in an Asheville hospital.

He had been in declining health for several months and failed rapidly following a major operation performed last Tuesday.

Mr. Compton was born in Haywood County and resided there until he was 15 years old. As a young man, he suffered from two infirmities, a crippled knee and stuttering speech. When he was about 20 years old, he was converted in a Cincinnati rescue mission and the speech impediment disappeared. In later years, he became widely sought after as a speaker.

Eliada Orphanage housed five children in 1906, when Mr. Compton established it. At present, there are some 68 children in the home [illegible] as people have grown to maturity under his guidance. 12-14-48

The orphanage was founded before the day of compulsory school attendance laws, and Mr. Compton literally took children off the streets to educate them. He went into debt by rewarding attendance with tickets for good clothing.

Mr. Compton also founded Faith Cottage, home for unmarried mothers, in Asheville. An institution approved by the North Carolina Welfare Department, it has cared for more than 2,000 girls. Under his supervision the cottage has been enlarged three times to its present size of 40 rooms.

Mr. Compton's friends point out the countless times that "faith" had seen him through tight financial straits. They said he never asked for donations but usually received them as the need arose in his work. 12-14-48

Several years ago, an adequate water supply was a pressing need of the orphanage. His faith that this $2,000 to $3,000 project would materialize was rewarded when a donor mailed him a check from Alabama. Ash. Cit.

Faith Cottage was founded by Mr. Compton after an unmarried girl came to his door one night in desperate need. He cared for her and soon others came. With his last $50, he took an option on property where he wished to build the cottage, not knowing from what source the rest of the money would come. Several days later, he was preparing to leave Boston after a speaking engagement. He counted the money donated at the meeting and found that he had train fare back to Asheville and enough left over to begin his work.

Some seven years ago, he stood on a site at the orphanage and expressed a hope of building a baby cottage. This $50,000 structure is nearing completion.

Although he had almost no formal education, Mr. Compton was known as an outstanding Bible scholar. He was a jolly host, and when his prize herd of Guernseys or the crops on his farms were mentioned, he talked with the hearty enthusiasm of the farmer or stock showman.

To youngsters at the home and to many of his other friends, he was known as "Dad." A former student at the home, Miss Stella Stevens, now a nurse in a Veterans Administration hospital in Atlanta, Ga., was here on leave as one of his three special nurses.

In May, 1947, he was elected president of the International Union of Gospel Missions. In accordance with his wishes, the organization is scheduled to hold its convention here May 14-16, 1949.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Edith Van Dusen of Painted Post, N. Y.; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Compton, and two brothers, James Compton of Greenville, S. C., and Tom Compton of Hazelwood.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Morris-Gearing-Black Funeral Home, were incomplete last night.

12/14/1948

N.C. - Asheville - Eliada home for children 12/14/48

Death Claims Compton, Eliada Orphanage Head

More than 1,000 "sons" and "daughters" today mourned the Rev. Lucius B. Compton, 73, president and founder of Eliada Orphanage, Inc., and founder of Faith Cottage for unwed mothers.

The widely known minister who devoted his life to the less fortunate children of his community died about 4:30 p. m. yesterday.

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He had been in declining health for several months and failed rapidly following a major operation a week ago.

For the many boys and girls whose lives had been touched by Mr. Compton as they passed through the orphanage or Cottage on their way to maturity, "Dad" was gone. And their loss was great.

For without "Dad" many of them might have lived out their days in poverty, misery, degredation and crime.

It was "Dad" who gave them what he so often said he had relied on in his journey through life—faith.

Mr. Compton was born in Haywood County and resided there until he was 15 years old. As a young man he suffered from two infirmities, a crippled knee and stuttering speech. When he was about 20, he was converted in a Cincinnati rescue mission and the speech impediment disappeared. In later years, he became a popular speaker.

Eliada Orphanage was established in 1906 and in its first year housed five children. At present there are 68 children in the home and more than 1,000 children have grown up in it.

Faith Cottage was founded by Mr. Compton after an unmarried expectant mother came to his door one night in desperate need. He cared for her and soon others came. Since then some 2,000 girls have been helped through that trying period in their lives and the Cottage has been approved by the North Carolina Welfare Department.

The orphanage was founded before the day of compulsory school attendance laws and Mr. Compton literally took children off the streets to educate them. He knew the value of education as he had had no formal education and was taught to read and write by his first wife.

His friends say they know of countless times when faith had seen him through tight financial straits. They say he never asked for donations but usually received them as the need arose.

Several years ago, an adequate water supply was a pressing need of the orphanage. His faith that the $2,000 or $3,000 project would materialize was rewarded when a donor mailed him a check from Alabama.

Wishing to build Faith Cottage, he used his last $150 to take an option on property and took a train for Boston to keep a speaking engagement. After the Boston meeting, he counted the money donated and discovered he had enough to begin his project.

Through the years, Mr. Compton became an outstanding Bible scholar. He was a jolly host, and when his prize herd of Guernseys or the crops on his farms were mentioned, he talked with all the enthusiasm of a farmer or stockman.

A former resident of the home, Miss Stella Stevens, now a nurse in a Veterans Administration hospital in Atlanta, was here on leave as one of three special nurses with Mr. Compton during the past week.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Edith Van Dusen of Painted Post, N. Y.; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Compton, and two brothers, James Compton of Greenville, S. C., and Tom Compton of Hazelwood.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at 3 p. m. in the Haywood Street Methodist Church, near the spot where Mr. Compton began his work 43 years ago. The Rev. W. E. Paul of Minneapolis, Minn., past president of the International Union of Gospel Missions and the Rev. Peter MacFarlane of St. Paul, Minn., will officiate. Active pallbearers will be six of "his boys" from the orphanage. Burial will be in the grounds of Eliada Home.

Morris - Gearing - Black Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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12/15/48

Compton Rites To Be Conducted This Afternoon

Funeral services for the Rev. Lucius B. Compton, 73, president and founder of Eliada Orphanage, Inc., and founder of Faith Cottage, who died in a hospital Monday following several months' illness and a major operation, will be conducted at 3 p. m. today at Haywood Street Methodist Church near the spot where he began his work 43 years ago.

Officiating will be the Rev. W. E. Paul of Minneapolis, Minn., past president of the International Union of Gospel Missions and the Rev. Peter MacFarlane of St. Paul, Minn.

Following services at Haywood Street Church the body will be taken to Eliada Orphanage where a brief service will be conducted for orphans and friends of Compton who are unable to attend the Asheville services. Burial will be in the grounds of Eliada Home.

Pallbearers will be six of "his boys" from the orphanage.

The body will be taken to the Administration Building at the orphanage at 11 a. m. today and will remain there until 2 p. m. It will then be taken to the Haywood Street Church, to lie in state from 2:30 o'clock until time for the services. 12-15-48

A widely-known minister, Compton was president of the International Union of Gospel Missions at the time of his death. The organization was scheduled to hold a meeting in Asheville in the spring.

Eliada 1903-2003

Celebrating a Century of Service to the Community

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A Century of Caring

Residential Services for Adolescents

Residential Treatment

The Residential Treatment Program serves high-risk youth in need of intensive residential care and treatment for behavioral and emotional issues. Girls and boys are housed in separate on-campus residences while receiving services that include individual and group therapy, therapeutic recreation activities, and life skills training. Clients attend Horizons Academy, Eliada's on-campus school, and participate in community service activities.

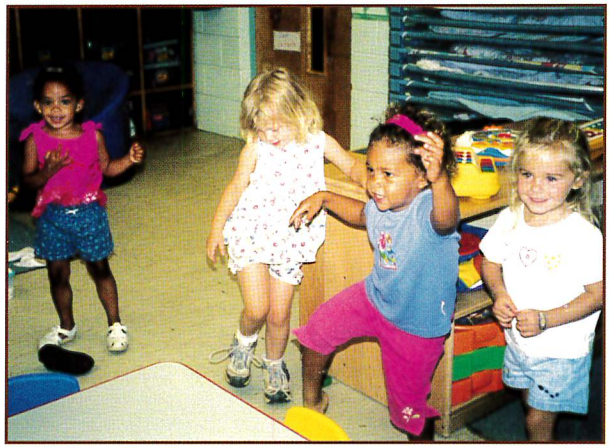
Youth with the most severe emotional and behavioral problems stay in Lions Residence, the first Medicaid Level IV Residential Treatment Facility in Western North Carolina. This secure facility serves nine girls and boys with the greatest need for comprehensive behavioral health services. It helps to ensure that children in our area experiencing severe/acute mental health problems remain in the community, often avoiding in-patient psychiatric hospitalization or detention.

Reynolds (Level II) Program

The Reynolds program offers Level II mental health treatment for adolescents from 14-18 years of age. Young men and women live on campus and work on achievement of mental health goals while acquiring independent living skills. Kids pursue educational goals and receive training in living skills including job interviewing and conflict resolution. Eliada staff work closely with Mental Health and Department of Social Services representatives to ensure success for each client while at Eliada and when independent.

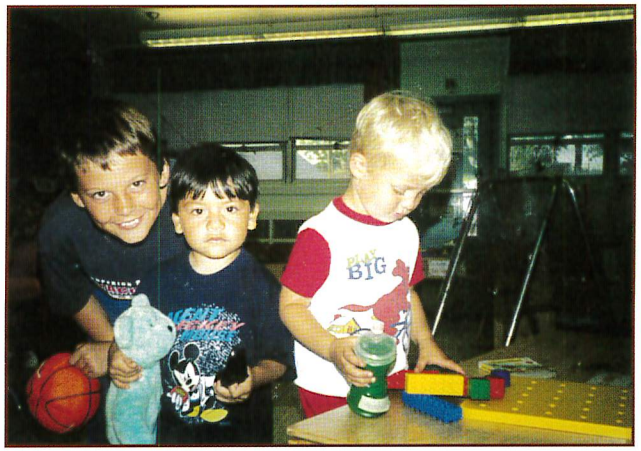
Community Day Treatment

Residential and community clients attend Horizons Academy for a comprehensive educational and day treatment program. Middle to high school age students unable to attend public school receive services designed to facilitate smooth transitions from the Academy to the community. A strong educational program combined with community living skills provides students with the tools for success at Eliada and beyond.



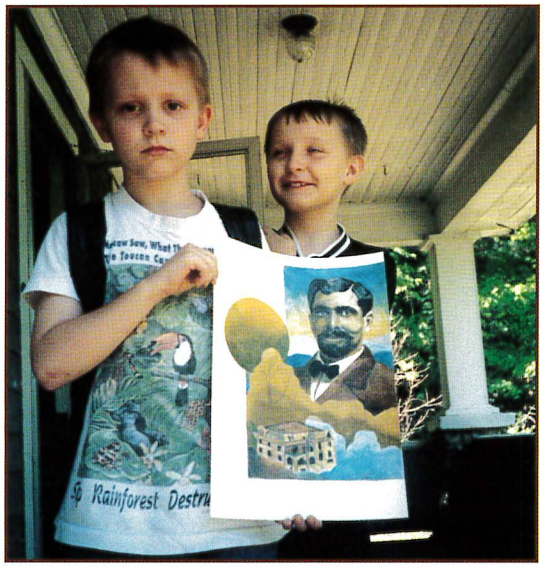
Child Development Center (Day Care, Summer Camp, School Age Care)

Eliada's 3-star rated Child Development Center (CDC) prides itself on its family-oriented, child-centered philosophy. Children from birth through 12 years of age are served in a safe, caring environment where learning is designed to be developmentally appropriate and geared towards the unique needs of each child. The CDC enjoys a reputation for childcare excellence in Western North Carolina: its Day Care program was voted "Best in WNC" in 2001 by the readers of the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, and the School Age Program was awarded a prestigious 5-star rating.



Therapeutic Foster Care

Eliada offers therapeutic foster care for children from birth to eighteen years of age who need to live away from their biological families and require their therapeutic, case management and mental health services.



Family Foster Care

Eliada's Family Foster Care Program is designed to provide homes and therapeutic services for children from birth to 18 years of age temporarily living away from their natural homes. Services enhance the well-being of children and families by attending to the needs of the child, foster family and natural family.

In-Home Family Services

Eliada's In-Home Family Services Program offers intensive, home-based services to families with young children in an effort to prevent family dissolution. Family advocates work to enhance the well being of children by strengthening family functioning, providing services in the dignity and safety of the home.

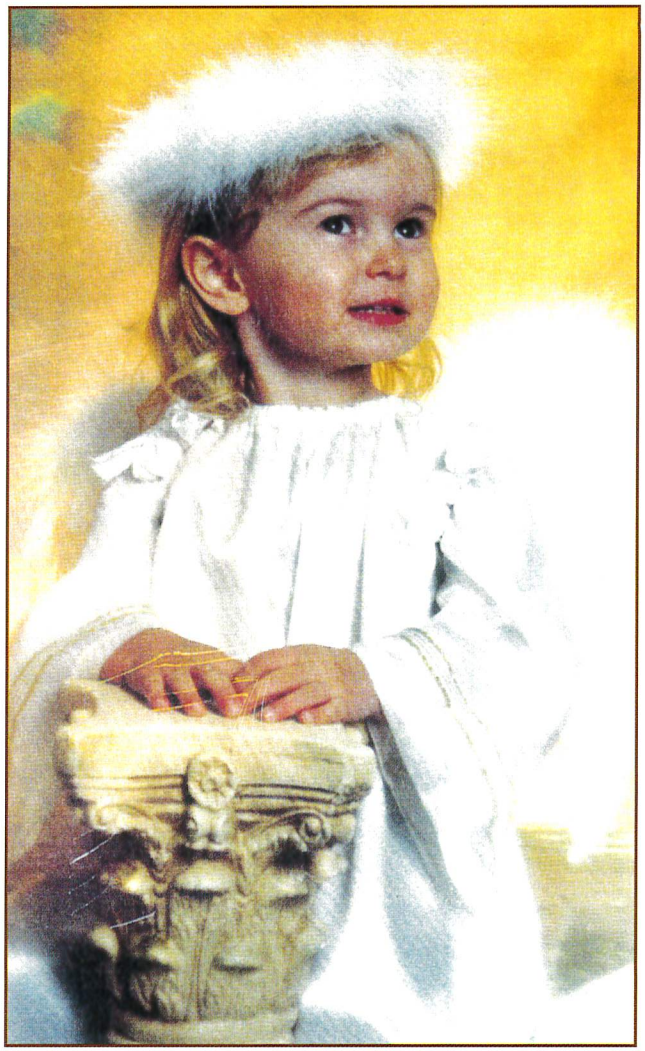
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES

TASC (Therapeutic Animal Stewardship Cooperative)

TASC combines three therapeutic elements: animal assisted therapy, community service and land stewardship. The program's animal family is composed of ten horses and numerous cats, rabbits, goats and a donkey, many of them with their own histories of abuse and neglect. Program participants, all adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems, build confidence and self-esteem in their knowledge and in their ability to care for the animals. TASC is a holistic program that challenges children and animals to overcome fears and to care deeply for and connect with other living creatures.

High Adventure Recreation

Eliada's kids also enjoy opportunities for high adventure recreation, including rock-climbing, caving, and ropes courses.



Important Phone Numbers

Administrative Offices	(828) 254-5356
Day Care	(828) 259-5374
Raleigh Office	(919) 829-5925
Outlet Barn	(828) 259-5376
School Age Children	(828) 259-5378
TASC	(828) 232-5737

Dr. Compton was especially proud of this building, The Old Main, built for use as a dormitory.

Photo by The Plateau Studios (Eliada Archives)

The Family Album

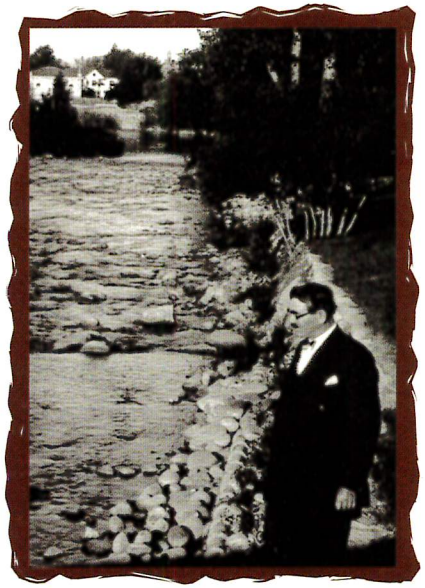
Mrs. Compton & Mary Elizabeth

Dr. & Mrs. Compton

Daughter, Mary Elizabeth, age 13

Portrait of Dr. Compton taken early in his ministry

Dr. Compton with daughter, Mary Elizabeth, Age 7



Dr. Compton beside the Jordan River on a tour of Europe and Israel. Asked to stay for an additional two weeks to conduct a revival, he missed returning on the ill-fated Titanic

Portrait of Dr. Compton's family taken in the early 1900's. Dr. Lucius Bunyan Compton, founder of Eliada Homes, Inc., is standing second from left with his brothers, sister and their dear mother (seated).

Picture donated to Eliada's Oral History Project by Dr. Compton's great-niece Mary Alice Compton Maney

The Beginning . . .

Faith Cottage -- the first shelter set up in North Carolina exclusively for unwed mothers. As a young street preacher, Dr. Compton became aware of the need of many young, unwed mothers for a safe home. With his last fifty dollars he chose property on which to build a home, not knowing where the rest of the money would come from. Thus began a ministry of faith which is the present day Eliada Homes for Children and Families.

Photo from the Eliada Archives

Workers and children at the Eliada Orphanage in the early 1900's

Photo from the Eliada Archives

A farm's bounty is never-ending. Entrusted with the important task of gathering eggs for breakfast, Steve pauses for the photographer.

Photo by Juanita Wilson (Eliada Archives)

August Camp Meeting Time

Each August hundreds came from all over the country to attend the revival services held by Dr. Compton on the grounds of Eliada. They were housed and fed, both physically and spirtually.

Photo by The Plateau Studios (Eliada Archives)

Dr. Compton was especially proud of his herd of pure-bred guernseys. Eliada's cattle won many prizes and Dr. Compton's work was instrumental in establishing the mountain dairy industry.

Photo (Inset) by Joan White (Eliada Archives)

Class of 1912

Although Dr. Compton's own formal schooling was minimal, he firmly believed in education for each and every child.

Eliada Archives photo of Class of 1912

Dr. Compton poses with a few of the hundreds of children who during his lifetime called him Dad.

Photo from the Eliada Archives

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

HONORED AT HALL FLETCHER — Miss Peggy Compton, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Compton of 66 Covington street, has been named valedictorian of the graduating ninth grade at Hall Fletcher junior high school. Miss Elizabeth Bolt, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bolt of 96 Blue Ridge avenue, has been named salutatorian. Miss Compton has a scholastic average of 94, and Miss Bolt has an average of 92.2. Both girls will speak at commencement exercises May 23 at the school.

Asheville Times April 27, 1944

Conleys Have Three Sons In Service

CARL CONLEY JAMES CONLEY

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Conley of 43 Dunwell street, West Asheville, have three sons in the service of their country.

They are James, 19, Frank Lee, 25, and Carl Thomas, 29, all natives of Asheville, who have attended Lee Edwards high school.

The youngest was graduated from school at the age of 16, and for several months was employed in the press room of the Citizen-Times company, prior to his enlistment in August, 1943. He trained at Ft. McLellan and at Camp Mead. He has been in Italy for the past two and a half months.

Frank Lee Conley is a carpenter's mate, first class, USNR He entered the service in April, 1942, and is stationed at Miami, Fla.

The eldest son entered the service in March and is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He was an employe with the Asheville Hosiery mills for 12 years.

Asheville Times May 4, 1944

Private Second Class Lewis Conley, 21, formerly of Asheville, is attending the army cook school at Fort Riley, Kans., and when the two-month course is completed he expects to become a mess sergeant. He join- the army July 20, going first to the Aberdeen Proving grounds in Maryland, where he took a mechanics course. Since leaving there, he has worked in mess halls exclusively.

CONLEY

He is the son of Mrs. C. T. Trantham of 15 Beverly road. Before joining the army, he was employed at the Carolina Sheet Metal Works

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THE NEW PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By TOM CUSHING

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EDWIN ERWIN CONNER

One day recently Edwin Erwin Conner, Superintendent of Public Welfare for Buncombe County and Asheville, walked out of his office into the hall. There he met a woman of middle age.

"Hello, Mr. Conner," she said. "You don't remember me, do you?"

"I certainly do." And Mr. Conner called her by name. "How are you getting along?"

"Doing pretty well; but I've come to you again for help."

The woman was the mother of four children. About ten years ago she had been in most unfortunate circumstances and under the "Mother's Aid" program followed by the Welfare Department in those days Mr. Conner had been called upon to help this fine family. Now all four children were grown.

"We'll be glad to do anything we can," Mr. Conner told the visitor. "What is it?"

The woman recalled the years of her desperate need, and how the local welfare agency had met that need. "Now," she added, "my oldest boy is a sergeant in North Africa. My second boy is in service, and expects to go over any day. My oldest daughter is working on a good job, and the youngest is about through school. So I'm not tied down.

"Back in the hard times my government helped me rear my children to be fine men and women. I appreciate what you people did for me. I want to show that appreciation rather than tell it; and so I've joined the WAC's. This new help I need from you, Mr. Conner, is a letter of recommendation to go with my enlistment papers."

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That little true story is one of the things that make E. E. Conner, newly elected president of the West Asheville Men's Club, glad that he is Superintendent of Public Welfare. He very frankly says that when he stopped being a county school principal to take over the welfare job back in 1929, the salary he'd draw had almost everything to do with his decision. But Edwin Conner and the welfare job have grown up together, and in Buncombe county they have grown together, until the name Conner and Public Welfare mean the same thing. Such gestures of appreciation as that grateful woman made bring a lot of satisfaction to the man and the department which he heads.

It is remarkable that E. E. Conner would remember the name of a woman whose family his office aided ten years ago. Especially when many thousands of such people had called on his office during the past 14 years. But then, Edwin E. Conner is a remarkable man in many ways. As the head of an organization which employed only two people when he assumed management but has grown to employ more than twenty office and field workers, Conner could not be expected to give his personal attention to the hundreds of people who contact the office. And yet I have it on good authority that he never refuses to see anyone who asks for him personally, unless perchance it is a case with which he is familiar and knows it does not come under the jurisdiction of his office. The day I called on him a woman from out in the county asked to see him just before I arrived to keep my appointment; and for thirty minutes Mr. Conner listened most sympathetically to the woman, even though he knew there was nothing his office could do to help her. I was happy to wait, for this was a chance to see for myself the kindliness with which all such cases are considered.

Under E. E. Conner's direction, every office employee of Public Welfare is courteous and considerate; but then, that is another story and deserves a headline all its own.

Edwin Erwin Conner was born at Mars Hill, in Madison county. He attended public school there and at Orange street school in Asheville. He did college work at Mars Hill, followed by one year at Wake Forest; and he graduated at North Carolina U. in 1907. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Hominy Lodge No. 491, Masons, and the West Asheville Men's Club. He has long been a member of the Acton Methodist church.

Two years after graduation Conner married Miss Elva Crowell. Their children are Crowell Conner, 32, who works at Enka; Ruth (Mrs. F. J.) Greenwood, of Puyallup, Wash.; and Edwina, named for her father, is a graduate of N. C. Woman's College and secretary to the county health officer. There are two grandchildren: Peggy Conner, 10, and Betty Greenwood, 2.

E. E. Conner worked in the educational field until he assumed his present position. He taught school in Madison county and at Youngsville and Franklinton, N. C. For nearly 20 years he taught in Buncombe schools, having served as principal at Sand Hill, Candler, Fairview, and Sandy Mush.

Knowing that he had interviewed as many as 50 people a day himself during the tremendous pressure days of the depression, I asked him if the work of his office had fallen off so much now

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that there seems to be plenty of employment. He answered that it had; that now the welfare department could do a normal, hard day's work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and give each case the careful attention it deserved, instead of hurrying through an impossible schedule at a high tension which made it neglect small but often important details.

The Conner family lives on the Enka highway, and after office hours E. E. Conner has found time to buddy up with his son on their mutual hobby, farming. "Keeping out of doors with growing things has been good for me," he said. "I've gained weight and never felt better in my life." He smiled, the same quiet, sincere smile with which he had greeted every visitor to his office.

After 14 years of hearing nothing much but tales of misfortune and often unreasonable complaints from thousands of people, the Conner smile is a sure guarantee that our Welfare job has the right man, the West Asheville Men's Club has the right president, and Asheville has the right kind of citizen in the person of Edwin Erwin Conner .

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E. E. CONNOR, WELFARE HEAD, DIES AT HOME

Ash. Times - 6-4-46

County Superintendent Since 1930 Had Been Ill For Eight Weeks.

E. E. Connor, superintendent of welfare in Buncombe county since 1930, died last night at his home on Sand Hill road. He had been ill for eight weeks following a heart attack.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete today. Dunn and Groce funeral directors are in charge.

Mr. Connor was first stricken while standing in a field on his farm with a member of his family. He was taken immediately to his home and a physician summoned. His condition was considered critical for several days and then, with the determination and fortitude which were characteristic, he fought slowly back toward health until about two weeks ago when he appeared strong enough to lead to the belief that he would be able to return to his office.

Suffered Series Of Attacks

He then suffered a series of attacks that again rendered his condition critical and it soon became apparent that he was losing a gallant fight.

Mr. Connor is survived by the widow, Mrs. Elva Crowell Connor; two daughters, Miss Edwina Connor, who lived at his home, and Mrs. Fred Greenwood, of Puyallup, Wash.; one son, Crowell E. Connor; one brother, Hubert Connor, of Birmingham, Ala.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Hendrix, of Asheville, and Mrs. John Smith, of Mars Hill, and four granddaughters.

Born at Mars Hill, in Madison county, Mr. Connor was educated in the public schools, at Mars Hill college, Wake Forest college, and the University of North Carolina where he was graduated in 1907.

Two years after his graduation, he married Miss Elva Crowell.

He had what amounted to two careers, one in education and one in welfare work. His work in education came first, for shortly after his graduation he took up school teaching, serving in the school systems of Madison county, and at Youngsville and Franklinton, before coming to the Buncombe county system. In Buncombe he taught for some 20 years, serving as principal at Sandy Mush, Fairview, Candler, and Sand Hill schools.

It was shortly after he took over the task of managing the welfare service in Buncombe county on January 1, 1930, that the depression struck and for several years a tremendous load rested on his shoulders. His tact and patience during these trying years, coupled with his characteristic hard common sense and unfailing sympathy for those unfortunate, made him one of the most valued welfare executives in the state.

Many Touching Stories

There are hundreds of touching human interest stories to be told about the relations of Mr. Connor and those whom he served faithfully no matter how humble.

During later years Mr. Connor found escape from the drudgery of his job, although it was never drudgery for him, by watching the development of his farm on Sand Hill road. He was a practical farmer and a good manager and he was not afraid to work hard.

Many of his friends felt that the only way he kept from being crushed by the constant trampling demand of so many who needed so much, was his ability to get out on his farm in the few spare hours he had, and give what energy he had left to the trees and other growing things he loved.

Mr. Connor had a rule in his office that he never refused to see anyone, who asked to see him personally, and many afternoons found him working overtime to interview those who had insisted on seeing "Mr. Connor" because they had faith that in spite of rules, regulations and red tape, he would manage somehow to touch and solve their own personal problems. Many times he was able to do just that by figuring a new approach or some move that would offer an unexpectedly satisfactory solution.

For many years Mr. Connor was a devoted member of the Acton Methodist church. He served at one time as president of the West Asheville Men's club. He had been honored many times in his profession as welfare superintendent and was held in high esteem in the state by those officials with whom he worked.

E. E. CONNOR

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9-7-02

Religious community comes together on terror anniversary

By Dale Neal
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — This Wednesday, when many churchgoers will mourn for the more than 3,000 lives lost last Sept. 11, the Rev. Buddy Corbin will remember one name in particular.

"Eric Cranford was the guy who did everything right," recalled Corbin, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in West Asheville.

When Corbin was a pastor in Drexel, he baptized Cranford into the faith. He watched Eric grow up in his church and advance through Boy Scouts. He followed Cranford's career through N.C. State University and then through the Navy where Cranford became a decorated helicopter pilot during the Gulf War. At age 32, Lt. Cmdr. Cranford looked forward to getting out of the military and coming back home to Burke County.

"Eric was minding his own business one bright fall day, sitting in the Pentagon," Corbin said.

But that day happened to be Sept. 11, and Cranford was among the lives lost in the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and the airplane that crashed in a remote Pennsylvania field.

Churches and faith groups will mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and mourn those lives lost on Wednesday, a traditional night of prayer meetings for many Protestant denominations.

Corbin and Calvary Baptist had thought of inviting Cranford's family to join the Calvary congregation for a special service Wednesday.

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For more on Religion, see page **D3**.

But then during phone conversations, Corbin realized Cranford's grief-stricken parents were dreading the anniversary. "They're going to be hunkering down, trying to get through this," he said. "They've had to suffer through a constant barrage of invitations to be at patriotic events. They're good Christian people. They love their country, but they loved their son more."

Instead of a service with patriotic flourishes, Corbin and Calvary plan a quiet service. "We will have a time of prayer with some singing," he said.

From reflective readings and quiet music to patriotic honor guards and salutes to local firefighters, police and rescue workers, churches will approach the anniversary in many ways.

Some churches can rely on ancient liturgy. At Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Montford, the Rev. Stavros Akrontirianakis will led the centuries-old Paraklesis, or Service of Supplication at 7 p.m. Wednesday. "This was written to be prayed in times of sorrow and distress and will be chanted in Orthodox churches around the world at times like 9/11," said Akrontirianakis.

At Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church, Elder Alfred Blount wants his congregation to reflect, perhaps in a moment of silence and remembrance on Wednesday night. "We may have a time to give our members a chance to express how their feeling. It's been a year now," Blount said. "People are wondering where are we at this point? Do we let what happened last year get us down, or is time to pick up the pieces and move on?"

Others want to show their faith in their neighbors as well, even those of different beliefs from their own. An interfaith service will be held at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday at Pritchard Park, as Christians, Jews, Muslims, Bahais, Buddhists, Pagans and others will share a common affirmation, since no single prayer applies to all faiths.

Jews are in the midst of the High Holy Days, the holiest part of their calendar. Rather than hold their own special service, Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila will join the interfaith gathering, said Rabbi Robert Ratner. "We wanted to show our support in the larger community."

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Interfaith service

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Local pastor apologizes for Katrina comments

By Andre A. Rodriguez
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — The Rev. Buddy Corbin hopes his rash response to the situation of those left stranded in the floodwaters in New Orleans can serve as a lesson about responding to fear.

The Sept. 4 edition of Calvary Baptist Church's "Crosspoints" newsletter contains a message from Corbin in which he wrote that people who ignored evacuation orders and remained in the path of Katrina were "hard-heads," "pig-headed" and "stupid."

Buddy Corbin

Reached at home on Friday, Corbin admitted that his remarks were thoughtless and harsh, and said he regrets the newsletter was printed with the insensitive commentary. He said he was responding to the fear he felt for the people he saw suffering on television.

"Sometimes those of us who have distance from something that's going on can think, 'Why don't people just get up and go?'" he said. "It makes me sad that I reacted too quickly based on my abilities to (evacuate)."

Corbin said he would discuss the devastation of Hurricane Katrina with his congregation on Sunday. He said Calvary Baptist would hold services with the lights and air conditioning turned off to show the church's unity with the people affected by the destruction.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1932

TWO CHOSEN IN AUDITION HERE

Miss Wilma Corne And Robert Cochrane Are Contest Winners

Miss Wilma Corne, 70 Brownwood avenue, West Asheville, and Robert Cochrane, 21 Longview avenue, West Asheville, were declared winners yesterday afternoon in the sixth Asheville audition of the Atwater Kent Foundation at the First Presbyterian church. They will compete in the state audition in Raleigh next month.

Second places, or alternates, were awarded Miss Hilda Kille, 28 Balm Grove avenue, West Asheville, and Leno Solary, 25 Fulton street. Miss Kille and Mr. Solary will be entered in the state contest in the event Miss Corne or Mr. Cochrane, for any reason, are unable to attend. Eight young men and five young women participated in the audition yesterday, which was managed by Charles E. Burnham, city chairman for the foundation.

Others Taking Part

Other participants in the Asheville audition were: Mary Candler, Elinor Lorick and Gussie Southers among the young women, and the following young men: Conrad Williams, Charles Trumbo, Sam Fox, Franklyn B. Neal, Roy Wilson and Crockett Richardson.

Judges were not announced. They sat behind a screen and singers were introduced to them by numbers. Each singer and accompanist performed in the Sunday school room of the church, while judges listened from behind screens under the balcony. Singers were introduced to the judges by Mr. Burnham, numbers being used instead of names as each singer appeared in two selections.

Mr. Cochrane is the son of Mrs. Minnie Cochrane. He has charge of programs and is announcer at radio station WWNC. Mr. Cochrane won first place in the Atwater Kent audition for Durham two years ago while a student at Duke university. He is a student of Mrs. N. F. Reiner, Marlboro road, Lake View park.

Is High School Graduate

Miss Corne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Coane. She graduated from Asheville high school four years ago. She is a student of Alva Tyler Duval, who has established a studio at 8 1-2 Wall street.

Miss Kille is a student of Mrs. H. B. Harmon, 40 Orchard street. She graduated from Asheville high school in 1926. Mr. Solary is the son of Mrs. L. J. Solary. He is also a student of Mrs. Harmon.

Any amateur singer between the ages of 18 and 25 was eligible to sing in the audition. The foundation's aim in the district state and national auditions is to discover America's most promising young voices and to provide vocally talented young men and women with opportunities for recognition, advancement and reward, Mr. Burnham explained at the audition. A number of friends of singers heard the audition. Not even members of the audience were allowed to see the judges, however.

Win Atwater Kent Audition Here

Miss Wilma Corne, 70 Brownwood avenue, West Asheville, left, and Robert Cochrane, radio station WWNC announcer, were declared winners of the two Asheville sections of the Atwater Kent Foundation audition yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. They won over five girls and eight boys, and will compete in the state audition in Raleigh next month.

Go To State Finals

Mr. Cochrane and Miss Corne will represent Asheville at the state finals in October. The two state winners will advance to the district contest which will include singers from 10 states. The district victors, five young men and five young women, will compete in the finals in New York City. First place winners in the men's and women's divisions will be given $5,000 each; second place winners will receive $1,000 each; and the remaining six finalists will be awarded $500 each.

Miss Alice Herman and Lawrence King were winners of the Asheville audition last year. They did not reach the district event. Although past winners were eligible to compete again, both Miss Herman and Mr. King were ineligible because they were beyond the age limit for auditions.

The state audition was held here two years ago. It was announced yesterday that winners will be notified soon as to the exact date of the state audition next month. In 1927, Ben Deloache, an Asheville singer, went to the national finals in New York and was awarded second place. He entered the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

Asheville Citizen September 9, 1932

BIRTHDAY 7/7/02

Flora Oliver Cothran has 90th birthday

ASHEVILLE – Flora Oliver Cothran of West Asheville observed her 90th birthday on June 14 at her home with family and friends.

Born in Pender County, she moved to Western North Carolina at an early age. She is married to Fred D. Cothran, her husband of 62 years. Their children are Mary Susan, who lives in Smyrna, Ga., Fred Jr. and Anne Elizabeth, both now deceased. They have four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and some nieces and nephews.

She was among the first employees of the American Enka Corp. She was one of the originators of the Blue Ridge Doll Club and served as president for the first two terms. She loves spending time with her dolls and her flower garden.

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—Citizen Photo—Gamble

STEALING THE SHOW Wednesday night during the first segment of this year's Mountain Youth Jamboree was three-year-old Sammy Cowan, who sang "San Antonio," using a chair for his stage. Helping the youngster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cowan of West Asheville, up to the mike is his aunt, Miss Rose Dalton, left, and Jamboree master of ceremonies William C. Morris Jr., Jaycee past president, at right.

Asheville Citizen, April 7, 1960

ASHEVILLE MAN DIES OF BURNS

Eugene R. Cowan Passes Away In Hospital At Tryon

Eugene R. Cowan, of 21 Oakwood street, West Asheville, 60-year-old nightwatchman for the Wells and Murray Construction company, died in a Tryon hospital yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock as a result of burns received when his clothing caught fire in a construction camp at Landrum, S. C., early Monday morning, according to word received here last night.

Mr. Cowan was standing in front of a stove when a gust of wind blew fire from the stove and ignited his trousers, it is said. There were no persons nearby when the accident occurred. Mr. Cowan managed to extinguish the blaze by rolling on the floor. After he had summoned and, Mr. Cowan was taken to St. Luke's hospital in Tryon.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Clayton and Hyer funeral home, 2 Michigan avenue, West Asheville. Other funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Mr Cowan is survived by two sons, F. F. Cowan, of Washington, D. C; and C. L. Cowan, of West Asheville; one daughter, Mrs. H. L. Williams, of West Asheville, one brother, T .H. Cowan, of West Asheville; two half-brothers, Lawrence Miller and Hugh Miller, of West Asheville; two sisters, Miss Ida Cowan and Mrs C. B. Joyner, of West Asheville, and his stepfather, W. D. Miller of West Asheville.

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A QUICK-PACED FOLK EVENT

Youth Jamboree Swings In

By DURELL BULLOCK
Citizen Staff Writer

The string tempo of mountain folk music with a foot-stomping beat keynoted the 12th annual renewal Wednesday night of the Mountain Youth Jamboree in City Auditorium.

The quick-stepping pace was set only minutes after the curtain was drawn on the 1960 premier performance by singer Carolyn Penley, a Eugene Rankin elementary grade student who rocked through "He's Got The Whole World In His Arms" before a microphone as tall as herself.

Competition, however, was concentrated on seven dance teams which paraded their talents before five judges and an appreciative audience for the right to compete in their respective divisions in Saturday night's finals. Elementary, junior and senior high school dancers twirled on a special platform Wednesday night.

When it was all over, judges pointed to their choices. Clinchfield Elementary School square dancers were named first in their division, over entrants from McKee of Cullowhee and Randolph Schools. Black Mountain Junior High dancers took first place in that category, edging out teams from Marion and McKee Schools.

Lee Edwards of Asheville was named first place winner in the senior high competition, defeating East Yancey High School dancers. Each of the first place winners Wednesday advance to Saturday's contest.

A folk dance team from Malvern Hills Community Club also performed in the junior high folk division.

Sandwiched between the dances was an array of individual talent which roamed from one three-year-old singer from West Asheville, Sammy Cowan, to instrumental duets of guitar and banjo. Each performer sat at the rear of the stage, awaiting his unexpected turn at the microphone at center-stage on the signal of Hubert Hayes, Jamboree originator.

The event, dedicated to the preservation of mountain song dance, is sponsored by the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Hayes. The show will continue each night through Saturday in the auditorium, beginning nightly at 7:15 p.m. with the exception of the finals, which begin at 7 o'clock.

Thursday night's lineup includes elementary square dance teams from Emma and Mars Hill schools, and folk teams from Pleasant Gardens and Mars Hill. Junior high square dance competition will be between Hall Fletcher and Swannanoa, and senior high square dancers will come from Valley Springs and Owen. One team in each division will advance to the Saturday night finals. The Thursday competition will include individual performers also.

Judges for the Wednesday night phase were C. O. Deas of Asheville, B. C. Wilson of Biltmore, Buss Fletcher and Lowry Gudger of Enka and Cecil Briggs of Arden in the square dance category. Joe DeNardo, Mrs. William Peeke and Ed Benson of Asheville in the talent division; and Mrs. Beale Fletcher, Mrs. Alice Weaver and Mrs. F. Pierce Carter of Asheville in the folk dancing phase.

Asheville Citizen, April 7, 1960

Two Citizen Carriers Win Raleigh Trip

Bob Coward, son of Mrs. Myrtle Coward, 90 Fairfax Avenue, and Ed Wamsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Wamsley, 47 Buchanan Avenue, will represent The Citizen at an observance of North Carolina Newspaper Boy Day Friday in Raleigh.

The two carriers, accompanied by Moore Lantz of the Asheville-Citizen-Times circulation department, will leave by plane at 3 07 p m. tomorrow and return by train Saturday morning.

The trip will include a tour of Raleigh and luncheon with Governor Scott. The boys will give a description of their trip at a carriers' meeting in the Citizen-Times Building at 9 a. m. Saturday.

Coward has been a carrier on the Fairfax and Virginia Avenue route for the past four and one-half months. He is a student at Hall Fletcher Junior High School.

Wamsley, a student at Lee H. Edwards High School, has been delivering The Citizen in the Biltmore Avenue-Victoria Road section for the past six months.

The winners were chosen by ratings in school, length of service, increase in customers on their routes, appearance, personality and dependability.

COWARD LANTZ WALMSLEY

REPRESENTING THE CITIZEN at an observance of North Carolina Newspaper Boy Day Friday in Raleigh will be carriers Bob Coward and Ed Whlmsley Shown with them in the picture is Moore Lantz of the Asheville Citizen-Times circulation department.

Asheville Citizen September 28, 1949

CITIZEN-TIMES PAPER CARRIERS leave by plane for Raleigh where they will represent the two papers at an observance of North Carolina Newspaper Boy Day today. Shown in the picture, left to right, are Robert Coward, Edward Wamsley, Bobby Roe and Richard Malone, carriers, and Moore Lantz of the circulation department. The group left yesterday afternoon and while in Raleigh will be taken on a tour of that city and will lunch with Governor Kerr Scott. The boys were chosen to represent the Citizen-Times Company in a contest based on ratings in school, length of service, the increase of customers on their routes, appearance, personality and dependability. They will give a description of their trip at a carriers meeting in the Citizen-Times Building tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Asheville Citizen September 30, 1949

ROE MALONE COWARD LANTZ SCOTT

CITIZEN-TIMES CARRIERS visited Gov. Kerr Scott in Raleigh during their week end trip to the State Capital as representatives of the local papers for the State Newspaper Boy Day Friday. The newsboys lunched with the governor. Shown with the state's chief executive are Moore Lantz, of the Citizen-Times circulation department, Robert Coward, Citizen carrier, and Richard Malone and Robert Roe, Times carriers. Edward Walmsley, Citizen carrier who also made the trip was not present for the picture

Asheville Citizen October 2, 1949

CRESON TO BEGIN PASTORAL DUTIES

Presbyterians To Hear New Pastor In West Asheville Today

The Rev. W. F. Creson of Crowley, La., who arrived in Asheville Friday with Mrs. Creson, will preach the first sermon of his new pastoral charge at the West Asheville Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock. The new pastor will also fill the pulpit at the evening services.

The Rev. Mr. Creson with Mrs. Creson and their three children will make their home in Brucemont Circle, West Asheville, where the new parsonage is located.

The new pastor was called at a congregational meeting held at the church shortly after he visited West Asheville during the Southern Presbyterian Conference at Montreat this year. While here, the congregation invited him to preach at the church, and he did so. Later, after he was called, notice of his acceptance which has been granted by the Louisiana Presbytery, was wired the church officials.

Well Known

One of the best known ministers in the Southern Presbytery, the Rev. Mr. Creson has had a wide and varied field of pastoral work to cover during the past several years. He was ordained to the ministry by the Louisiana Presbytery on October 8, 1908, and was engaged in Home Mission work until the spring of 1911. In June of that year he was called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Port Gibson, Miss., where he spent nine years. In April, 1920, he was called to the First Presbyterian church at Ocala, Fla., where he spent almost six years as pastor.

In June, 1926, he became pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Crowley, resigning this post to accept the West Asheville church charge. The pastor is now serving his second term as president of the Crowley Rotary club, and has twice represented the club at international conventions. He holds a Master's Degree from the Southwestern Presbyterian University, now located at Memphis, Tenn., and took the complete Theological course at the same institution, graduating with honors and a B. D. degree in the spring of 1908.

Built New Church

An indication of his successful work at the Crowley church, is the erection of a new church which cost $18,000 and is one of the most beautiful structures in the city. While at the Florida church, he was instrumental in the establishment of a church fund which was used for a new building after he had completed his work there.

The Rev. P. N. Gresham, former pastor of the West Asheville church, resigned early this year to accept the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Savannah, Ga. Recently he and Mrs. Gresham returned to Savannah after spending their vacation here. The Rev. J. S. Milholland served as supply pastor for several months.

Asheville Citizen August 18, 1929

Middlemount Gardens Moving To New Store

Separating Wholesale And Retail Departments Here

"A Shop of Complete Floral Gifts" will be the slogan at the new location of The Flower Shop of Middlemount Gardens, incorporated, 27 Haywood street, which opens for business Monday morning. The uptown store is being moved from 38 Haywood street and an entirely new merchandising plan is to be inaugurated, according to a statement made by the management.

The retail and wholesale departments, which have formerly been operated from the Haywood street store, will be separated and the entire wholesale facilities will be conducted from the greenhouses of the floral firm. The change in business methods has demanded more adequate facilities for the handling of flowers and Otto Buseck, manager, and Max Crohn, secretary, feel that this move will expedite the services on both retail and wholesale orders. In addition, a retail department will be maintained at the greenhouses where customers may place advance orders for holiday flowers and plants, it was pointed out. The greenhouses will be open to the public at all daylight hours, including Sunday, and a cordial invitation has been extended the public to visit at any time. The Flower Shop will feature a large and varied line of flower and plant containers as well as a complete line of cut flowers and plants for immediate delivery.

MAX CROHN

The Middlemount greenhouses are located on route 10, the Canton highway, about 5 miles from the city. There is plenty of parking space off the highway for visitors.

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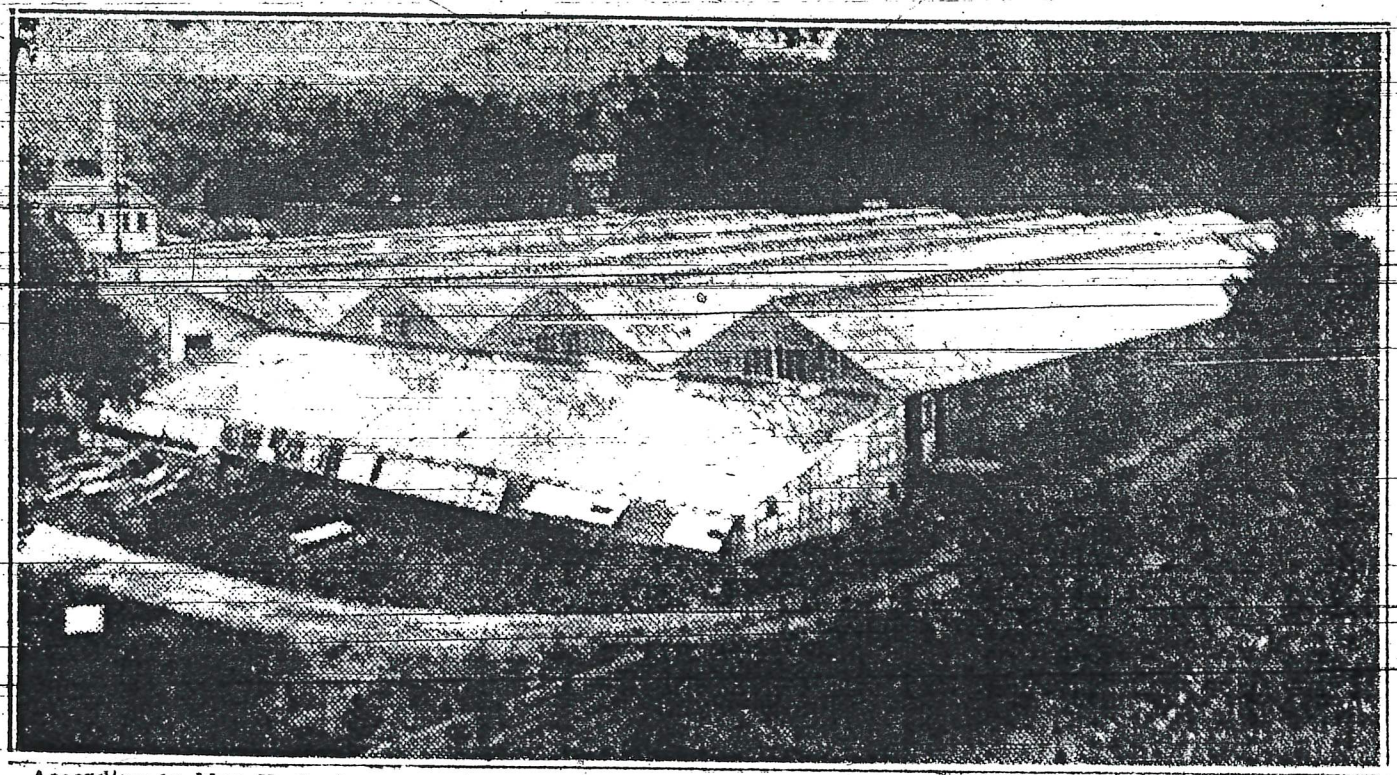
Immense Greenhouses Of Middlemount Gardens



According to Max H. Crohn, general manager of Middlemount Gardens and The Flower Shop, on Haywood street, they expect one of the largest flower seasons of the past several years. While not as plentiful this year, indications are that blooms of many varieties will be more perfect.

FLOWER SHOP RIOT OF COLOR

Middlemount Greenhouse Also Invites Public Out

Now that the frost has about destroyed all the flowers in your yard, there is no reason you should be without them during the fall and winter months.

The Flower Shop of Middlemount Gardens, 29 Haywood street, are showing hundreds of the fall flowers and they are beautifully displayed in the windows of the retail store.

Many new and rare plants never before shown in Asheville are on display at both The Flower Shop and at the Middlemount greenhouses. Dish gardens, and plants for them are here in profusion. They are most acceptable for gifts or for your own home.

Max H. Crohn, manager for both The Flower Shop and Middlemount Gardens greenhouses, is enthusiastic about the outlook for flowers for the coming season. Mr. Crohn said, "While flowers this year will not be as plentiful as in some years past, the blooms are more perfect as to coloring and shape than I have seen them in some time."

To insure perfect service, Middlemount Gardens have both the retail store and the greenhouses. It is a magnificent sight at the greenhouses this time of year and the public is cordially invited to come out and see the thousands of 'mums' and other flowers in bloom. It is only about five miles out to the greenhouses through West Asheville on routes 19 and 23. Mrs. Otto Buseck is always at the greenhouses, and it will be her pleasure to welcome you.

Nothing adds more to the home than beautiful flowers, whether they are potted plants or cut flowers and the most excellent varieties shown at The Flower Shop and Middlemount Gardens makes it easy to choose for gifts or your own home.

Flowers are priced more reasonable this year, it is said, than at any

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POTTED PLANTS FOR THE HOME

Now Is Time To Make Ready With Bright Flowers

According to Max Crohn, general manager of Middlemount Gardens and The Flower Shop this is the time of the year to be getting your sunshine flower garden ready. In other words make ready for the plants for the interior of your home that do so much to brighten things.

They have on display all the plants that you will want for your home. One in particular that has a strong appeal is the self branching ivy in pots. Mr. Crohn reports that the florist association says this plant is most popular in thousands of homes throughout Europe.

Football season is at hand and of course everyone knows that "mums" go with football. The Flower Shop is showing the seasons first in the windows and the selection is unusual.

Out flowers in profusion for every occasion are always on hand at this popular store and prices are as low as will be found anywhere. Mr. Crohn still insists that flowers are not expensive and invites the public in at any time to find out for themselves.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1924 PRICE FIVE CENTS

MISS CORNELIA VANDERBILT WEDS ENGLISH DIPLOMAT IN BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY AT ALL SOUL'S CHURCH

Brilliant Assemblage of Notables Present at Marriage Solemnized at Noon.

Bride Was Given in Marriage by Her Mother--Heir to Vanderbilt Millions.

SIMPLE EPISCOPAL RITUAL WAS USED

Before a brilliant assemblage of notables from all parts of the world, Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, only daughter of Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, was married to Hon. John Francis Amherst Cecil, son of Lord William Cecil and the late Baroness Amherst of Hackney, at noon today in All Souls' church, Biltmore, built some years ago by the bride's father.

The little English village conceived by the late Mr. Vanderbilt as an artistic addition to his extensive estate, Biltmore, was all aglow over the attendant ceremonies. Never before had such a distinguished group of people gathered there for such an auspicious occasion. The church was crowded with invited guests while hundreds of people lingered outside on the village green while the nuptials were being solemnized. Automobiles were parked everywhere and special police were present mingling with the crowds to direct traffic and maintain precaution against undue happenings.

The simple Episcopal marriage ritual was used by the officiating clergymen and the only distinction which marked a difference from the usual church ceremony was the fact that the reading of the banns was performed for three consecutive Sundays prior to the wedding day following the customs in the English church. This custom is rarely performed in America, and in the case of the Vanderbilt-Cecil ceremony, the banns of the church were read for the last time Sunday, before the parish, to complete this preparation ceremony.

Profuse Decorations

The interior of the church was profusely decorated in palms, with white flowers predominating the floral scheme. A mass of dogwood blossoms was banked around the altar at the rear of the sanctuary while along the edges of this particular decoration a beautiful display of azaleas added impressively to the whole plan. White carnations were also used in the general floral decoration. Just in front of the altar, two gigantic Palmetto Palms stood majestically above the smaller palms grouped tastefully around the sanctuary and other parts of the edifice. Candles cast a soft glow around the interior of the church and added a touch of mediaeval elegance to everything their light touched. This was the only artificial light used throughout the ceremony. The altar candles lended a golden radiance to the beautiful flowery background of the sanctuary and brought out in vivid colors the delicate beauty of the blossoms. The dogwood, azalea and other flowers used in the church decorations came from the estate of the Vanderbilt family and their use added a delightful touch of sentiment to the occasion.

Attesting the democratic spirit of both Miss Vanderbilt and her mother was the fact that all of the employes on the Biltmore estate were invited to the wedding and were accorded a special section in one of the transcepts of the church.

Many of them have been employed on the estate for from twenty to thirty-five years.

Wedding March

Mr. Ernest Schelling, of New York, played the Loheng.in wedding march as the bridal party entered the church. During the betrothal and marriage ceremony the strains of "O, Perfect Love" came softly from the organ and after the benediction the seven fold amen, was sung by the full vested choir under the direction of James Alderson, organist of All Soul's.

Miss Vanderbilt entered with her mother, preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Rachel Strong, of Cleveland, Ohio, and two small flower girls, Helen Raoul, daughter of the president of Biltmore Forest Country Club, and Peggy Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Morgan, of Biltmore.

She was accompanied to the altar by her mother, Mrs. Vanderbilt, who gave her in marriage, and Mr. Cecil attended by his best man, Mr. Hugh Tennant, of the British Embassy.

The betrothal ceremony was performed by Rev. A. G. Branwell Bennett, rector of All Soul's. The bride's uncle, the Reverend George Grenville Merrill, M. A. B. D., Oxen, of Stockbridge, Mass., solemnized the marriage and wore during the service a decoration conferred upon him by King Alexander, of Servia, it being the Order of the Cross of Merry for Dr. Merrill's service in Servia during the world war.

Right Reverand Junius M. Horner, Bishop of Western North Carolina pronounced the blessing.

The Bridesmaids

The eight bridesmaids included Miss Margaret Cecil, first cousin of the groom, England, Miss Muriel Vanderbilt, cousin of the bride, New York; Miss Louise Ross Todd of Louisville, Ky., niece of Madame Hauge, widow of the Norwegian minister to the United States; Miss Augusta McCagg, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Helen Moran of New York; Miss Caroline Story, Washington; Miss Rebecca Smith, Boston, and Miss Alyne Reynolds, Biltmore, N. C.

The eight ushers were largely of the small group of young diplomats known in Washington as the British bachelors who have dwelt together on Sixteenth Street. They were Captain F. L. Tottenham, R. N. Leander McCormick-Goodhart, Harold Sims, Geoffrey Thompson, all of the British Embassy; Somerville Tuck of the State Department, Washington; John Francis Brown, of Providence, R. I., cousin of the bride; Robert Cecil, cousin of the groom, and Benjamin Bernard of Winston-Salem.

Following an old English custom, as the bridal party came out of the church, forty-four children of the Biltmore Estate formed a double aisle down the lawn crossing branches of delicate spring blossoms overhead forming an arch for the wedding party to pass through.

The bride's gown was white satin, very straight, with long sleeves. Her bridal veil of tulle which was worn over the face when entering the church being four yards long. It was caught with orange blossoms from the Florida plantation of Mr C. D. Beadle, superintendent of Biltmore Estate. She carried a bridal bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley made by the local florist, Middlemount Gardens. Her white satin slippers were ornamented each with a single orange blossom.

The maid of honor wore a Lanvin model of white organdie in bouffante style with very full skirt. Her large white Crin hat was trimmed with one yellow arum lily.

Japanese Silk

In striking contrast to the full fashioned gown of the maid of honor, the bridesmaids' gowns of soft green flowered Japanese silk were very narrow and straight. The tops were all white and almost sleeveless. Very small cloche untrimmed hats of white horsehair were worn. All of the attendants wore white kid shoes rimmed with black and white hose.

Their shower bouquets were spring flowers from the Biltmore Estate arranged by the superintendent in charge of the gardens and shrubbery.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, the bride's mother, wore a slender silhoutte model of pale green and gold crepe du chene with a small gold tissue turban. The flower girls wore fluffy white organdie dresses hanging full from the shoulders. Their hats were fascinating white straw poke bonnets and they carried minature replicas of the

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bridesmaids' bouquets.

Close to a thousand guests attended the reception and wedding breakfast at Biltmore House immediately following the church ceremony, and among the many notables present the employes and tenants of the Estate were honored guests.

Again white spring flowers from the woods were used throughout the stately and dignified rooms. Biltmore House has not been used in its entirety since the visit of Lord Grey in 1913. Its massive central doors flanked on either side by two huge marble lions have not been formally opened since that time until the present. The house is considered one of the most magnificent examples of French architecture.

Received Guests

Mrs Vanderbilt received her guests alone at the entrance to the Tapestry Room just beyond the graceful circular stairway. Just beyond her mother under a white bell composed of white carnations and white sweet peas placed in front of the fireplace, the bride stood with the groom to receive the congratulations of the guests.

The wedding breakfast, in buffet style, was served in the formal banquet hall, with its lofty walls and triple carved-stone fireplace. The bride's table was placed in the Circular Palm Room arranged in the form of a "C" around the beautiful fountain, which was playing, of the boy and the swan.

Seldom has there been such a distinguished gathering of guests at a private wedding. Among the relatives of the bride were Mr. Frederick Vanderbilt, her paternal uncle, with Mrs. Vanderbilt; Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, her aunt by marriage, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., also her aunt by marriage and Miss Muriel, her cousin; Mrs. Nicholas Brown of Providence, R. I., her maternal aunt and cousin John Francis Brown; The Reverend and Mrs. George Grenville Merrill, her mother's sister and brother-in-law and cousins, Miss Marjorie and Miss Natalia Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McCagg and daughter Miss Augusta McCagg, and Miss Sue Dresser, cousins. Count Lazzlo Szechenyi, minister from Hungary and Countess Szechenyi, formerly Gladys Vanderbilt, a cousin. Also Henry White, former Ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. White, Dr. and Mrs. Seward Webb, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden and Miss Burden and also Mrs. Florence Twombly.

Among the bridegroom's relatives came his father, Lord William Cecil and cousin Robert Cecil, and his cousin the Honorable Florence Amherst of England.

Notables Present

Among the notables from Washington who witnessed the ceremony were Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador, the Spanish Ambassador and Madame Riano, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. C. G. Charlton and Captain M. G. Christie, all of the British Embassy, Mrfl and Mrs. Frederick Nano, of the Rumanian Legation. Mr. Raymond Baker, former director of the mint; Congressman and Mrs. John Philip Hall of Baltimore; Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Purdy, Mr. Foxhall Daingerfield, Mr. Winant Johnston, Mr. and Mrs Eldridge Jordan.

The guests from New York included Mr. Henry B. Anderson, the family counselor, Mr. Talbot Root, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schelling, Mrs. Deering Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond L. Baylies, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Robbins, Mr. Frank Markoe, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Burton, Mr. Lawrence Butler, Mr. Sam Pisa, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bacon, and Mrs Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinckley, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schieffin, Miss Dorothy King, Mr. Robert Chamberlin and Miss Chamberlin and Miss Ogilvie.

The Governor of North Carolina and Mrs. Cameron Morrison and Mr. C. H. Strong, of Cleveland, Ohio, were also guests.

After the reception the bride and groom departed for an extended tour abroad. The bride's going away gown was a smart tan cloth with V-shaped insert of brown from bodice to hem. The V-shaped collar ended with a long scarf of the cloth which when slung over the left shoulder presented a novel effect. The long coat slipped on when entering her car was a grey knitted French import elaborately embroidered in brown motifs. It was banded at the bottom, also collar and cuffs with breasts of white doves edged with brown. Costume was topped by a black straw cloche hat banded with similiar breasts.

Vanderbilt Heir

The bride is the youngest of the grandchildren of William H. Vanderbilt and the only child of George W. Vanderbilt, who was also the youngest of the grandchildren of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt in this particular line. On her maternal side, she is a descendant of Peter Stuyvesant, the last Dutch Governor of what is now Manhattan.

On her 25th. birthday Miss Vanderbilt will inherit from her father the vast Biltmore Estate, the income from which has been hers since she attained the age of twenty-one.

The ceremony was performed in the picturesque Church of All Soul's erected by her father at Biltmore, the chancel of which was filled with a mass of lilies, dogwood and various white spring flowers all gathered from her own estate.

Returning to Biltmore in the early summer the couple will reside on the estate. Mr. Cecil has resigned from the diplomatic service and will assist the bride in the management of the estate where they will continue to develope the plans conceived by her father and so well executed and elaborated by her mother.

A copy of the will refutes the stories current that in order to secure her fortune, Miss Vanderbilt must make her residence at Biltmore. Much sentiment, without sentimentality, has run like a silver thread through the entire affair. The people of her own locality as well as other Americans like the idea that her love for the Old North State equals that of her mother and that it is from choice that she retains her American citizenship.

Many handsome gifts were received.

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By TOM CUSHING

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MAX HENRY CROHN

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Max Crohn was starting from town to his Middlemount Gardens greenhouses on Haywood road at Sulphur Springs one cold winter night. A not-too-warmly clad man standing at the curb signalled him for a ride. Max stopped and the stranger got in the car.

As he drew near the end of his trip Max asked the stranger where he was going.

"I live up Spivey mountain a little piece."

"Well, that's not much further. I'll take you on home."

The passenger did not say a word until he signalled Mr. Crohn to stop. As he got out of the car, "Thank you, Mister. You're a Christian gentleman. I needed that ride."

"You're welcome," Max Crohn said, "but I'm not a Christian. I'm Jewish."

"Mister, I'm a minister of the Gospel, and I still say you are a Christian." He offered his hand, then walked off into the night.

In the basic sense of the word "Christian" that preacher was right. For above everything else, the Nazarene taught consideration for people less fortunate than ourselves, and true brotherly love. In Asheville I have many Jewish friends who practice markedly Christian charity. Max Crohn is one.

Thinking that Max might be a nickname, I asked my friend what his full name was.

"Max Henry Crohn."

"Then you are not orthodox. You are Reformed Jewish," I said.

"That's right. I'm a past president of the Beth-ha-Tephila congregation here, and also past president of Asheville Lodge 714, B'nai B'rith. But how did you know I was a Reformed Jew?"

"Because you have a middle name, Max. My now departed but no less beloved friend, the world famous impressario Roxy, told me no orthodox Jew ever had more than one given name."

"That's right, Tom. I'd never thought of it."

Max Crohn, for so he is widely known among the first citizens of Asheville, was born in Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 7, 1902. His black hair and flashing, black eyes, coupled with a charming boyishness, make him appear much younger than his 42 years. The enthusiasm which is a major characteristic of Max Crohn has proved him a valuable worker on such worthy civic duties as need to be done. There are few major local movements for good that have not benefitted by his abilities.

We were talking in the down town shop of Middlemount Gardens at 64 Patton avenue, Max and I. From time to time customers would enter, and Max would excuse himself to wait on them. Mr. C. S. Fletcher came in to return some huge jars borrowed by the Men's Garden club for their flower show. Then a lovely young lady entered to ask Max to help her decide the flowers for her coming wedding. "My mother will wear blue and the groom's mother will wear lavender," I heard her say. Max reached into the big glass-front refrigerator containing a myriad of blooms and took out a delicate, pure white flower, dainty as the girl herself. "This is a very rare blossom," he said.

At this point Mrs. Otto Buseck, aunt of Max Crohn and widow of the fondly-remembered founder of Middlemount Gardens, came in the store. Her affectionate greeting to the nephew who is no less than a son to her, was beautiful to see. She joined me and we chatted while Max was busy.

"Max is a good boy, Mr. Cushing," she said proudly. I learned that his father died when he was one year old. Young Max attended the public schools of Memphis, then went to work with a big plate glass company of that city. When he was 19 he came to Asheville to be associated with his uncle, Otto Buseck, at Middlemount. He has been there ever since; and on the death of Mr. Buseck in March, 1934, Max Crohn assumed full management of these famous greenhouses, which grow carnations for distribution to the entire southeast. Middlemount has developed one magnificent blossom in the carnation known as the "Middlemount Red." It is a dark red bloom, and very popular wherever it is shown.

Leadership ability is an inborn talent of Max Crohn. He is past president of the Southeastern Florists association and acting president for the duration of the war. It is interesting to note the system under which this association rotates its officers. The immedate past president automatically becomes first vice-president; so that, in an emergency, the organization has available a man of experience to take the chair. This happened in the florist group when its president went to war: Max Crohn became acting head again, and all runs smoothly. The system might well be borrowed by other organizations.

Mr. Crohn is past president of the Temple Brotherhood. He is a Kiwanian, an Elk, a member of Mt. Herman Lodge, Mason, and belongs to the Asheville Consistery of the Scottish Rite. A member of the Asheville Country Club, golf is his favorite recreation. I asked him how he played.

"Well, Tom—if a man plays under 80, they say he is neglecting his business. If he plays over 80, he is neglecting his golf. I guess I'm neglecting my golf," he said with a grin.

Certainly Max Crohn will neglect his personal pleasure if it interferes with what he should do in either business or civic interest. Or with his beautiful home life which, at 75 Mt. Vernon Circle, he shares with Mrs. Crohn and the children, Miriam and Max H. Jr., both students of Asheville schools.

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New Career A-Blooming

After 56 years at Middlemount Flower Shop, Max Crohn is turning the business over to new owners. He will begin a new career as a full-time volunteer worker at local hospitals. (Staff Photo by Gary Fields.)

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Retirement For Crohn Means Volunteer Service

Times

By BOB HAWKINS
Times Staff Writer

One morning when he was 18 years old Max Crohn showed up at the florist shop and was handed an assignment for the day: Take care of the Vanderbilt-Cecil wedding at the Biltmore House.

That was 56 years ago, but Crohn recalls vividly the trauma of the moment when he was called on to provide floral arrangements for the high society wedding.

Crohn prepares to retire later this month, turning over the business, Middlemount Flower Shop at 199 College St., to its new owners, Sam and Judith Morris.

"If there's one thing I want to stress," he declared, "it is that Middlemount Flower Shop will continue its tradition started many years ago."

A dapper figure among the blooms and greenery, Crohn is moving out of the stand, but he will enter the humanitarian adventure of volunteer worker for local hospitals.

"Since I was a boy I've been interested in medicine and hospitals, so now I'll devote full time to whatever jobs the hospitals can find for me to do," he said.

Mrs. Charlie Webb was the original president of Middlemount Gardens, Inc., and the Webbs, along with Crohn's uncle, Otto Buseck, established the current business Dec. 1, 1920. Crohn joined the firm in March the following year.

There were two florists in town back then; now there are 21. Providing flowers on order was considered a hobby in those early years, Crohn recalled, when the business census omitted flower shops from its listing.

Middlemount was among the first 100 members of Florists Transworld Delivery (FTD), a worldwide connection.

Crohn has been something of a lion in business and civic circles. He has been president of North Carolina Florists Association and served two terms as president of Western North Carolina Florists Association. He is a 50-year member of Asheville Kiwanis Club, and was one of the original four to start the Junior Chamber of Commerce here.

Crohn has two children by a former marriage, Max H. Crohn Jr., an attorney who is secretary of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Joseph Slavin of Chevy Chase, Md., and eight grandchildren.

He and his wife, Kathryn, live at 81 Lakeshore Dr. They plan to tour the Caribbean in April before he launches his career as full-time volunteer.

FLORISTS PICK ASHEVILLE FOR NEXT MEETING

Make Plans for Greater Flower Show; Elect New Officers.

Selection of Asheville as next year's convention city, inauguration of plans for a greater flower show and more extensive organization program, and election of officers for the coming year featured the closing session of the Southeastern Florists Association which has been in convention in Asheville since Monday morning.

The results of the election were as follows: John Wolf, Savannah, re-elected president; C. Leslie Whipp, Jacksonville, re-elected vice-president; Carl Schatzman, Macon, elected treasurer; and Max Crohn, Asheville, elected secretary.

The selection of Asheville for a second time as the convention city was made by the florists as a result of the unusual courtesy they have been extended while here, they said, and because of the sections unparalleled attractions.

The inclusion of Virginia in the association now composed of florists from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana was also taken up at the meeting Tuesday.

Tuesday morning's session opened at 9 o'clock with a clinic for the study of diseased plants under the direction of Professor Z. P. Metcalf and Professor Glenn O. Randall of North Carolina State college, and Professor Arno H. Nehring of Cornell University. The plant clinic was continued for two hours during which various plant ailments were diagnosed and remedies and preventive measures prescribed.

At 11 o'clock a series of floral demonstrations and make-up illustrations were held under the direction of the president of the association, John Wolf, of Savannah, assisted by C. Leslie Whipp, vice-president, of Atlanta, and other members of the association. Wedding sprays, funeral wreaths and sprays, and arrangement of flowers for various occasions were taken up. Speed in arrangement for use in hurry-up orders was also discussed. The demonstrations ended shortly before one o'clock.

Elect Officers

The luncheon session of the convention which opened at 1 o'clock was featured by the election of officers for the association for the coming year and by the selection of next year's convention city. At the close of the luncheon, the convention rooms were thrown open to the public for an exhibition of flowers on display.

Among the features of the flower display, were a completely equipped twenty-five foot greenhouse erected by Lord and Burnham, hot house experts on the east porch of the Inn, a display of orchids of Judge W. A. Way, and the new Mrs. F. A. Pierson rose. Floral pottery, cut flowers, baskets, and potted plants of every description and in every combination have been placed throughout the hotel for the show and convention.

At the close of the exhibition of flowers the entire party of florists started on a sightseeing tour of Asheville and its immediate vicinity.

Three distinctive social events featured Monday evening's program. The first was the annual banquet of the association which was held at Kenilworth Inn at 7:30 o'clock. During the course of the dinner a loving cup was presented on behalf of the florists to H. E. Bates, of Greensboro, field secretary for the association, who is credited with its organization. A short address of presentation was made for the florists by Mayor John H. Cathey.

Reception Is Held

Following the banquet a reception was held in the ball room for the president of the association and after that the annual grand ball. Another round of social entertainment is scheduled for Tuesday night which will close the convention. A tea and organ recital will be held for the florists at Grove Park inn late Tuesday afternoon and at 7 o'clock at dinner to be given for them at Kenilworth Inn. Following the dinner the entire party will attend one of the Asheville theaters in a body.

Most of the florists will leave Asheville enroute for their homes Wednesday morning but late Tuesday a number had signified their intentions of remaining in the city a few days longer.

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WORKING MEN HOLD THEIR FINAL RALLY

WORKINGMEN'S MEETING WELL ATTENDED.

Nominee Crook Pleads for Co-Operation With the Successful Candidates—Gives Views.

Enthusiastic in the belief that their ticket will win at today's election in West Asheville, members of the Workingmen's club held their last meeting and closed their active campaign at the Odd Fellows' hall last night. A good-sized crowd was present and several speeches were made, the principal speaker being Rev. J. L. Crook, candidate for mayor on the workingmen's ticket. Mr. Crook complimented the officers and active workers of the organization upon the splendid work which they have done, and urged them to work today with the same zeal that has characterized their efforts of the past two weeks. He predicted that success will crown their efforts today.

The speaker urged his friends, in the event of his defeat, to lend their support to the man who is elected mayor, that West Asheville may grow and prosper. Candidate Crook stated that regardless of which ticket is elected, the mayor and board of aldermen will have some difficulty in pleasing all of the people. It will be the duty of all good citizens to help the successful candidate to put into effect such laws as will assure the new town a safeguard to health and proper police protection. Mr. Crook advocated the passage of ordinances that will be beneficial and urged the enforcement of them. He assured his hearers that if his ticket is successful, the residents of the town will be consulted as to the laws which are to be made.

L. L. Lee made a short but interesting talk, in which he expressed the belief that Mr. Crook will, if elected, make a good mayor for West Asheville. He predicted a bright future for the new town, setting forth the advantages of its location.

Dr. J. G. Anderson, candidate for alderman on the "citizens'" ticket, was present last night, but made no statement other than to thank the officers and members of the Workingmen's club for the courtesies shown him.

H. C. Hugill, chairman of the club, made a short talk, in which he thanked his friends for the work which had been done.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1915.

ALDERMEN AND NEW MAYOR ARE SWORN IN

FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT.

Mayor J. L. Crook and Members of West Asheville Board of Aldermen Took Office at Noon Yesterday.

J. L. Crook, newly elected mayor of West Asheville, and the members of the new aldermanic board, took the oath of office yesterday at noon. Retiring Mayor J. L. Bright administered the oath to Mayor Crook, who in turn swore in the members of the aldermanic board, who were chosen at the general election held Tuesday.

At a conference of the new governing board which was held shortly afterwards, it was decided to hold the first meeting of the board Friday night, at which time the various committees will be named and a clerk appointed.

At this meeting it is understood, some action will be taken by the members of the new board on the matter of voting themselves and the mayor some compensation.

Although the members of the old board served without pay, the amount of business transacted by the aldermen and mayor as a result of the development and upbuilding of West Asheville has increased to such an extent that the administrative duties of the individual members of the board take up a great deal of their time.

ASHEVILLE MAN SAYS HE'S THE TALLEST MAN

"There's no man from South Carolina can come to Asheville and say he's the tallest man in the city," remarked J. L. Crook, mayor of West Asheville, with an aggrieved and belligerent look in his eye. The mayor had reference, he said, to a story in yesterday's Citizen about Chief of Police Noe, of Greenville, South Carolina.

Mayor Crook says he is a full measured inch taller than the big man from South Carolina, and what is more, he can prove it. He measures, he declares, a full six feet and eight inches in his socks, as against the South Carolinian's six feet seven inches. The mayor weighs only 190 pounds, however, while the chief of police tips the scale at 340 pounds.

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DEATH CLAIMS MAYOR CROOK

Minister Was Head of West Asheville at Time of Consolidation

Rev. J. L. Crook, former mayor of West Asheville, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dixon Watkins, 119 Montana avenue, Monday morning at 6:25. He was mayor of West Asheville at the time it was consolidated with greater Asheville and has played a prominent part in the affairs of the city.

Mr. Crook was born March 9, 1850. He married Miss Julia Israel in 1870, and is survived by four children, Troy Crook, of West Buncombe, Lyda Crook, Mrs. H. L. Owen and Mrs. Watkins all of West Asheville. He became a minister of the Methodist church South, at the age of 32, and was an active minister for 35 years.

The funeral will be conducted at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the West Asheville Wesleyan Methodist church, corner of Richmond and Pennsylvania avenues. Rev. E. W. Black, assisted by Rev. W. L. Colson, pastor of Balm Grove Methodist church, will conduct the services. Gallatin Roberts, former mayor of Asheville, will give a short address on the life of Mr. Crook.

Interment will take place in the West Asheville cemetery. Active pall-bearers are: J. R. Teague, W. B. Cathey, T. C. Andrews, R. V. Self, A. M. Hickle, H. H. Cathey. Honorary pall-bearers: H. B. Posey, John McElroy, M. L. Maney, John Clark, H. A. Bryson and W. L. Powell.

Asheville Times July 27, 1925

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS:

IDEAL DRUG STORE

The Ideal Drug Store of 733 Haywood Road in West Asheville was purchased in 1954 by L. G. Crouch, owner and operator. Mr. Crouch's friends and customers will remember him from his previous employment at Goode's and Eckerd's Drug Store on Haywood Street, and from his activities in certain community affairs.

Ideal Drug Store has professional Pharmacists on duty at all time. The firm features a complete soda fountain service as well as a sundry department selling famous brand merchandise, ideal for Christmas gifts.

CROUCH

Although the company is dedicated to serving West Asheville's medical needs, they offer city-wide delivery at no extra charge. Their motto, which has entrusted them to their customers for over six years, is: "You can depend on us the same as your doctor does." There is a large free parking lot in the rear of the store for customers' use at all times, as well cation on this weekly page.

Asheville Citizen November 24, 1960

INTEREST IN THE FAIR INSUFFICIENT

Directors of Association Call a Meeting of Stockholders to Discuss Plans.

The directors of the Western North Carolina Fair association have called a meeting of the stockholders of the association, to be held in the commissioners' room at the county court house next Wednesday morning, for the purpose of discussing plans for the present year. It is declared in this formal call that insufficient support has been given the organization by those who should be the most directly interested; and, further, that unless this support can be obtained in sufficient measure to assure extensive agricultural and livestock exhibits at the next fair, the existence of the association may as well be terminated.

The directors signing this call are R. C. Crowell, E. D. Weaver, R. D. Buckner, W. B. Williamson, W. P. Whittington, J. A. Nichols, W. R. Whitson, Guy Weaver, C. Sawyer, A. E. Swayne, W. J. Cocke, C. R. Moore, B. Harris and C. A. Kluttz. Their letter to the stockholders follows:

"By reason of insufficient support on the part of those who should be interested, the work undertaken by this association has not accomplished the results that should have been realized. This in connection with the extremely unfavorable weather conditions which prevailed during our 1914 fair week, has caused the board of directors to decide that unless provision can be made for representative livestock and agricultural exhibits this year the existence of the association may as well be terminated.

"In order to secure an expression of view by those whom we must rely upon for co-operation, an urgent request is being extended to all citizens and particularly to farmers, stock raisers and fruit growers to attend the annual stockholders' meeting which will be held in the county commissioners' rooms at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 13.

"Trusting that you will be present and will use your influence in arranging for a continuance of the important work which should be performed by this association, we are."

Asheville Gazette News January 9, 1915

WISH TO INTEREST FARMERS IN FAIR

Continuation of W. N. C. Fair Here to Depend Largely on This Interest.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Western North Carolina Fair association was held in the commissioners' room at the county court house yesterday, President R. C. Crowell presiding. The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock, and lasted until about 1:30, there being a large number of stockholders and others interested in an annual fair in Asheville present.

The object of the meeting was primarily to determine whether the fair is to be continued here as an annual institution, there having been quite a bit of dissatisfaction expressed lately that the people of the section have not given it proper support in the past. There was a long discussion of the matter today from every viewpoint, and it was finally decided to name President Crowell and E. D. Weaver as a committee of two to name persons in every township of the county to make a canvass among the farmers and enlist their interest in taking stock in the association. The subscriptions are to be taken conditional upon $1500 being raised in this manner.

It was then decided to call another meeting here within the next 60 days and hear reports on the success of this work. If sufficient interest has been aroused, the fair will be continued. It is believed that the undertaking will be altogether successful, as the farmers are anxious to have an annual fair here; and it is thought that they will be still more interested after securing stock in the association.

The annual report by Secretary-Treasurer D. Harris was read today by Acting Secretary Guy Weaver, in Mr. Harris' absence.

Asheville Gazette News January 14, 1915

CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1934

Named To Reign In School Festival

Shown above are the king and queen of the spring festival to be staged at Hall Fletcher high school April 27. Miss Inez Greenwood, at left, is the queen, and Eugene Currence, at right, will reign as king. The two were chosen over ten other contestatns. The festival will be a colorful event in four acts with a large number of juniors, seniors, and members of the school clubs participating. Miss Greenwood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Greenwood, and Mr. Currence is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Currence.

Asheville Citizen April 22, 1934

CLAIMED BY DEATH — Robert Edgar Currence, 64, city accountant for 14 years, died this morning at 11:10 o'clock in a hospital after a long period of ill health.

R. E. CURRENCE, CITY OFFICIAL, TAKEN BY DEATH

City Accountant 14 Years And Former Banker In Ill Health Some Time.

Robert Edgar Currence, 64, of 980 Haywood Road, West Asheville, for 14 years city accountant and long identified with finance here, died this morning in a hospital after a period of declining health.

Death came to Currence at 11:10 a. m. He has been in a serious condition for some time. 1-13-49

Currence also served as city purchasing agent until recently when he relinquished that position.

He was appointed in 1930 as secretary of the board of financial control for the City of Asheville and Buncombe County, serving in that capacity until 1935 when he was appointed city accountant and purchasing agent.

He was formerly a banker, having been instrumental in organization of the old Southern State Bank here in 1914. He was bank cashier two years prior to election as president.

Here Since 1910

Currence first came to Asheville in 1910, becoming assistant cashier of American National Bank. He rejoined the organization after service with Southern State Bank. He was later vice president of American National Bank.

A native of Clover, S. C., Currence was the son of James Franklin and Lorenna Adams Currence. He attended the public schools of Clover, later becoming a clerk in the railroad office at Gastonia. He later became associated with Southern Cotton Oil Company. He received his first banking experience in First National Bank of Gastonia, working as a clerk and bookkeeper three years.

He married Miss Clifton Clyde Smith of Marion, S. C., in 1911.

Active With Church

Active in affairs of Calvary Baptist Church, he was a long-time member of the church's board of deacons and was a former financial secretary of the church. 1-13-49

He was a 32nd degree Mason, was past master of Mount Hermon Lodge and was a Shriner. He held the honorary degree of KCCH. He also was a Kiwanis Club member and was a former Optimist Club member.

Surviving are the widow; one daughter, Mrs. Pierce L. Hussey of Berkeley, Calif.; seven sons, Robert F. Currence of Hickory, William Eugene Currence of Columbia, S. C., Wesley F. Currence, a student at North Carolina State College, Milton Currence, a student at University of North Carolina and Nat, James and Edward Currence of Asheville; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. William N. Jackson of Clover and Mrs. E. Meek Dickson of York, S. C.

Anders-Rice funeral directors have charge of arrangements.

Asheville Citizen January 13, 1949

West Asheville People

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Prizes Awarded in Flower Show

Exhibit Sponsored by Vance P.T.A.
in West Asheville

With 85 entries, the fifth annual West Asheville Flower Show was brought to a close in the Franklin Building on Haywood Road last night with the awarding of prizes in 11 adult and eight children's classes by John W. Easton, president of the West Asheville club.

The show was sponsored by the Vance School Parent-Teacher Association for the benefit of underprivileged children of the school. Besides raising funds from the small admission charges, the association's members served lunch and supper in the building to raise additional funds. Officials said last night that the show was a financial success.

Judges of the show were Mrs. W.C. Bronson and E. K. Robinson,who made their decisions on the best entries shortly after noon yesterday.

The different classes of entries for which prizes were awarded to adult flower growers and the winners were:

Best single dahlia: J. Wall Anderson, first and second prizes, and Mrs. J.N. Weaver, third prize.

Best group of three dahlias: Mrs. C.A. Colby, first prize, and Mrs. J.N. Weaver, second prize.

Best basket of dahlias and other flowers, mixed: Mrs. W.B. Bishop, first and second prizes.

Best Basket of mixed flowers: Mrs. W.K. Dalton, first prize; Mrs.H.E. Penland, second prize; Miss Allene Weaver, third.

Best basket of zinnias, Mrs. W.A. Goodson, first prize; Miss Ruth Powell, second.

Best small marigolds, Mrs. J.N. weaver, first prize; Miss Allene Weaver, second prize.

Best large marigolds, Mrs. H. F. Cartland, first prize.

Best potted plant, Mrs. H.F. Pull?, first prize; Mrs. J. N. Arthur, second prize.

Best fern, Mrs. W. K. Dalton, first and second prizes; Miss Allene Weaver, third prize.

Best collection of dahlias, Mrs. W.B. Bishop, first prize.

Winners of prizes in the children's competition were:

Best bowl of mixed cultivated flowers, Anna Damtoft, first; Mary Jean Goodson, second; and Nancy Penland, third.

Best bouquet of mixed wild flowers, Mary Duke and Shirley Pike, first; Frank Russell, second; and Jean Russell, third.

Most artistic mixed bouquet of flowers, Mary Marshall Mitchell, first; Edward Reynolds, second; and Mary Reynolds, third.

Best single flower, Jane Devendorff, first; Wilbur Devendorff, Jr., second, and Francis Walker, third.

Best fern, R.L. Spivey, Jr., first; Edward Reynolds, second; ?? , third.

Best potted plant, R.L. Spivey, Jr., first; Frances Mitchell, second; and Frank Russell, third.

Most artistic arrangement of flowers of one color, Sue Weaver, first; and Dorothy Goforth, second and third.

Best basket of mixed single dahlias, ??

The Flower Show Committee of Vance School Parent-Teacher Association was comprised of Mrs. J.A. Goforth, general chairman; Mrs. C.Y. Walker, display; Mrs. A. J. Damtoft, prizes; and Mrs. D. T. Blackwell, cafeteria.

Asheville Citizen October 1, 1933

BRUCEMONT AREA IS BEAUTIFIED BY GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. W. K. Talley Leads Movement To Develop Circle In W. A.

"We're going to make Brucemont circle beautiful", said Mrs. W. K. Talley, two years ago, and today that circle is one of the most attractive residential sections in West Asheville.

Mrs. Talley was speaking to 35 women who had gathered at her home, 184 Brucemont circle, to form a garden club, and it was then and there that the Brucemont garden club was organized—"To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs; to aid in the protection of native birds; and to encourage civic planting."

Mrs. E. P. Barry was elected president; Mrs. Talley, first vice-president; Mrs. S. E. Horton, secretary; Mrs. Dalton, second vice-president; and Mrs. A. H. Sawyer, treasurer.

In the two years of its existence, the club has succeeded in making Brucemont circle attractive and has materially aided in the civic development of the remainder of West Asheville. In order to provide a direct entrance from Haywood street to the circle, a strip of land connecting Brucemont circle with Majestic avenue was purchased by the club last year and was paved by the city this spring. The organization succeeded in having two stone pillars erected at the entrance of the street and donated bronze nameplates. Efforts will be concentrated on beautifying this strip of land in the future.

A vacant lot on the street was transformed into a beautiful garden spot and playground for children of the neighborhood. Called "The Pines", this tract was planted with trees, shrubs and various type of blubs.

Every vacant lot in the section has been beautified in some manner by the organization. Club members have planted 12 tulip beds, 15 canna beds and iris have been planted on either side of the street so that in the spring the whole circle is a mass of the gay blossoms.

Through the influence of this active organization Burns Place was changed to Brucemont Place, and curbing was laid to protect the lawns of home owners. In a recent neighborhood beautification contest held by the city, Brucemont circle won first place. In this contest all homes on the street were taken into consideration.

The club assists other civic organizations in their public drives and is a member of the Biltmore Branch of the Needlework Guild of America. In the 1937 Rhododendron Festival the organization entered an automobile in the floral parade and members made corsages for chaperones of the sponsors. Mrs. Talley, who is now president of the club, was appointed by the city to assist in the city-wide clean-up campaign in which prizes were given for the most improvement shown in homes. Two prizes were awarded in the section of West Asheville of which Brucemont circle is a part.

Meets First Tuesday of Each Month

The Brucemont Garden club, with membership limited to residents of Brucemont circle, has its regular meeting the first Tuesday of each month in the homes of members. At each meeting a guest speaker is presented. Among recent speakers have been Mrs. E. S. Koon, director of the mountain district of the Carolina Garden Clubs; George C. Brown, principal of Vance school; Mrs. W. E. Vanon, member of an Asheville Garden club; Mrs. J. W. Shockley, and Mrs. S. R. Freeborn.

A topic of interest to amateur gardeners is usually discussed at the meetings, and during 1937 "Trees," "Planning the Home Grounds," "Spring Planting for Autumn Beauty," "Chrysanthemums," "Fall Planting," "Planting Bulbs," "Roses," "Iris," "Lilies," "Oriental Poppies," "Pansies," "Clematis," "Shrubs," "Wild Flowers," and "Pruning Trees" were among the subjects studied. Special attention is given to native flowers and whenever possible an unusual plant or flower is exhibited.

There are seven standing committees of the club: Program, press, civic, membership, exchange, exhibit and librarian-historian. The duty of the civic committee is "to encourage efforts to increase the landscape beauty of Brucemont circle (and the community) and to cooperate in all community efforts undertaken by the club. This committee was influential in forming the Brucemont Junior Garden club, a garden club for children of the neighborhood. The children have been active in beautifying their playground and have shown much interest in nature study.

The exchange committee meets twice yearly to exchange plants with members and anyone desiring different types of plants. The club has an active history committee and all happenings in any way connected with the organization are carefully recorded for reference.

Yearly awards are given to members having the most attractive tulip beds in the vacant lots; for the best garden fact presented during the year, and for the most interesting scrap book. Last year Mrs. R. E. Jarrett won the prize for the best garden fact, Mrs. Talley the tulip prize and Mrs. E. E. Moore, the prize for the best scrapbook.

The organization recently adopted a constitution and by-laws based on the Better Homes and Garden plan.

During 1938 the garden club plans to beautify the entrance to Brucemont place, to prune all trees on the street, and to plant dogwood trees and shrubs in the section. Special study will be given to soil cultivation. Affiliation with the State Federation of Women's clubs and assisting in the organization of other street-garden clubs will be considered.

Present officers of the club, in addition to Mrs. Talley, are: Mrs. Dalton, vice-president; Mrs. E. E. Moore, secretary; and Mrs. Sawyer, treasurer. The following were charter members: Mrs. J. H. Cheek, Mrs. C. L. Deming, Mrs. F. M. Gruver, Mrs. S. E. Horton, Mrs. H. A. Hudson, Mrs. A. G. Jarrett, Mrs. E. J. Jones, Mrs. H. J. Keever, Mrs H H. King, Mrs. W. T. McClure, Mrs. J. J. McSween, Mrs. Frank Mulvaney, Mrs. A. E. Randloff, Mrs. A. H. Sawyer, Mrs. W. C. Shaver, Mrs. J. E. Snipes, Mrs. G. M. Taylor, Mrs. T. W. Underwood, Mrs. B. H. Wilford, Mrs. J. Q. Porter, Mrs. C. M. Shaney, Mrs. J. K. Ballenger, Mrs. G. C. Brown, H. C. Allen, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Talley, Mrs. Barry, and Mrs. Dalton.

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Dec. 12, 1937

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Community Club President

MRS. W. K. DALTON

Mrs. Dalton was recently elected president of the West Asheville Community club at a meeting held at Rhododendron clubhouse. Mrs. Dalton succeeds Mrs. Edward P. Barry. Mrs. Curtis Baldwin was elected first vice-president and Mrs. A. Wall Anderson, second vice-president.

SOCIAL NEWS
Women's Activities—Personal Mention

Mrs. W. K. Dalton Is Again Head Of Community Club

Mrs. W. K. Dalton was re-elected president of the West Asheville Community club at a meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Rhododendron clubhouse, West Asheville. In addition to an election there were two speakers, Mrs. John S. Forrest, president of the second district of the state federation of women's clubs, and Rabbi Alexander Kline, of the Beth-Ha-Tephilah temple.

Other officers of the club are Mrs. Curtis Baldwin, first vice-president; Mrs. Clay Sams, second vice-president; Miss Hattie Rollins, third vice-president; Mrs. Lee Davis, recording secretary; and Mrs. J. Reid Key, treasurer. Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Key are re-elected officers.

Mrs. Forrest spoke to the members on "Safety" and reminded them that this was safety week. She called attention to the convention of the federated clubs to be held in April at Wilmington and urged a large attendance.

Rabbi Kline's talk was on "The Ten Greatest Churches of the World". In his discussion, he mentioned the temple of Solomon at Jerusalem, the great Parthenon temple at Athens, St. Sophia at Constantinople, Westminster Abbey at London, Notre Dame de Paris, France, The Rheims cathedral, St. Peters cathedral at Rome, and St. Pauls at London. The speaker described something of the greatness of the structure and the beauty of these old and famous cathedrals.

Mrs. W. E. Thayer, program chairman, had charge of the events of the program. Mrs. Willis Cunningham played two piano selections during the afternoon. Mrs. Edward P. Barry, art chairman, announced the district exhibit to be held March 19 at the city hall art room.

Mrs. Dalton appointed Mrs. J. Reid Key and Mrs. John Ehle to be in charge of the sale of seals for the crippled children.

At the conclusion of the meeting the hostesses, Mrs. James A. Goforth, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Roy Reid, and Mrs. R. E. Grissom, served refreshments.

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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, 1938

WEST ASHEVILLE CLUBS DISCUSS CONTEST PLANS

Weede And Weir Speak At Meet Of 3 Civic Organizations

Approximately 100 persons attended a meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Rhododendron clubhouse in West Asheville for the purpose of stimulating interest in the beautification contest being sponsored by three West Asheville civic clubs.

Fred L Weede, manager of the Asheville chamber of commerce and Weldon Weir director of public works were the principal speakers. They stressed the necessity of beautifying the West Asheville section both for the purpose of making a favorable impression on visitors and of creating an attractive environment for those who live here.

Mrs Dalton Presides

Mrs W K Dalton general chairman of the beautification campaign, presided at the meeting. She commented briefly on the importance of the co-operation of West Asheville clubs, as well as individuals, in making the contest a success.

Presidents of four West Asheville Garden clubs were introduced and spoke briefly. They were: Mrs. W. O Talley, Brucemont Garden club; Mrs. Bertha Wenzlick, Dorchester Avenue Garden club; Mrs. R. G. Lewis, Han-Tana Garden club; and Mrs. G. A. Wall, Garden Circle Garden club.

Mrs. W. E. Ryon, chairman of the prize committee for the contest, explained judging, prize awards and other aspects of the contest.

Two original poems apropos of gardens and beautification were read by Mrs. Edward Barry.

Contest Closes April 15

The contest which is open to individuals and neighborhoods in West Asheville, will extend through April 15, but prizes will not be awarded until the first of September, during a garden show to be sponsored by the beautification committee.

Members of the beautification committee who were selected from the three clubs sponsoring the contest are Mrs Wall Anderson, Mrs Edward T Barry, Mrs Clay Sams, Mrs. Lee Davis, Mrs Curtis Baldwin, Mrs. Beaman Pinner, Mrs R L Nahiklian, L F Jarrett, W E Ryon, and O V Himes.

The clubs participating are the Men's club, the Junior Rhododendron club and the Community club.

West Asheville Flower Show Set For Saturday

The first annual West Asheville flower show will be held from noon until 9 p. m., next Saturday in the building formerly occupied by Barker's department store, corner of Haywood road and Hanover street, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. William K. Dalton, general chairman in charge of arrangements for the show.

Held as a climax to the beautification campaign held in that section during the spring and summer, the show is being sponsored by the three West Asheville civic clubs—the Community, Business Men's and Junior Rhododendron clubs.

Approximately $100 in prizes will be offered to individuals and groups having the most attractive displays at the show. A prize will also be given the garden club having the best cut flowers and plants on display. This prize is being given by the 10 garden clubs in West Asheville.

Much interest has been shown in beautification and flower growing in West Asheville as the result of the campaign. Residents of 20 streets have participated in the contest. Judging was completed during the past week.

Professional flower growers have been invited to enter displays in the show. Non-professional growers are invited to enter exhibits and to compete for the many prizes, ribbons and other winning awards. A special children's section will be included among the displays.

Mrs. Dalton is being assisted in the work by the following committees from the three clubs: Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, Mrs. Edward Barry, Mrs. Curtis Baldwin and Mrs Lee Davis, Community club; W. E Ryon, Lee E. Jarrett and O. V. Himes, Business Men's club, and Mrs. George Mitchell, Mrs. Beaman Pinner and Miss Evelyn Many, Junior Rhododendron club.

Any information pertaining to the show may be obtained from any member of the various committees. A small admission will be charged.

Asheville Citizen September 4, 1938

FLOWER SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS ARE ANNOUNCED

The classifications for the flower show of the West Asheville Community club, West Asheville club and Junior Rhododendron club, to be held from noon to 9 p. m., Saturday at the corner of Haywood road and Hanover street, were announced yesterday.

During the summer approximately 20 streets have participated in an improvement contest. Prizes totaling $100 will be awarded to participants in this contest.

Entries will be received until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Judging will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

The classifications for the show are:

Group one, annuals, aster, scabiosa, nasturtium and open class; group two, biennials, snapdragon, delphinium, pansy and open class; group three, perennials, phlox, ageratum and open class; group four, dahlias, best specimen bloom and mixed arrangement; group five, gladioli, one-color and mixed colors.

Group six, marigolds, giant and dwarf; group seven, zennias, giant and dwarf; group eight, roses, best vase and best single bloom; group nine, flower arrangement, one-color arrangement, two-color arrangement, mixed flower arrangement, dining table arrangement, miniature arrangement, corsage, and wall vase arrangement; group 10, wild flower arrangement, one-flower arrangement and mixed flower arrangement; group eleven, potted plants, ferns, plants other than ferns, and hanging baskets.

Group 12, vegetable arrangement, best tray, basket or bowl; group 13, children's class, groups for those 12 and under, and for those 13 to 18 years of age.

Asheville Citizen September 8, 1938

Historic West Asheville Garden Clubs

1. Brucemont Circle Garden Club
2. Blue Ridge Garden Club
3. Brevard Road Garden Club
4. Dorchester Avenue Garden Club
5. Garden Circle Garden Club
6. Han-Tana Garden Club (Hanover and Montana)
7. Hubbard Avenue Garden Club
8. Logan Avenue Garden Club
9. Vermont Avenue Garden Club
10. Westwood Garden Club

Brucemont Junior Garden Club
Dogwood Junior Garden Club

First Annual West Asheville Flower Show: Sept. 11, 1938
In old Barker's Dept. store building, corner of Haywood Rd. & Hanover St.
Chairman: Mrs. W. K. Dalton

Second Annual West Asheville Flower Show: Sept. 16, 1939
Trinity Methodist Church, Haywood Rd.
Chairman: Mrs. W.K. Dalton

HELP LAUNCH DRIVE—Some of the city and community leaders who helped launch West Asheville's second annual beautification campaign are shown above at Rhododendron gardens clubhouse yesterday afternoon. Left to right they are: City Manager Pat M. Burdette, W. E. Ryon, president of the West Asheville (men's) club; Vice-Mayor Lyons Lee, Mrs. W. K. Dalton, president of the West Asheville Community (women's) club and chairman of the inter-club committee in charge of the campaign; Mrs. Harold Glenn, president of the Junior Rhododendron club; and O. V. Himes, a member of the campaign committee for the men's club.

Launch West Asheville Beautification Contest

West Asheville's second annual beautification campaign was launched at a meeting at Rhododendron gardens yesterday afternoon with approximately 50 persons in attendance.

Persons present included representatives of the three civic clubs in that section—the West Asheville Community (women's) club, the Junior Rhododendron club and the West Asheville (men's) club—as well as members of the various garden clubs.

Among those making short talks were Mrs. W. E. Logan, Mrs. C. J. Ebbs, Mrs. Harold Glenn, president of the Junior Rhododendron club; W. E. Ryon, president of the men's club; O. V. Himes, of the men's club Vice-Mayor Lyons Lee, and City Manager Pat M. Burdette. Others also made brief remarks.

The campaign is to promote and encourage interest in the improvement and beautification of West Asheville.

Mrs. Logan expressed thanks to members of the garden clubs and the people of West Asheville generally for co-operating in last year's campaign, and to city officials for their assistance.

Mrs. Ebbs discussed improvement of Haywood road. She pointed out that it is one of the clubs' main projects and one that interests all. Groups join to beautify their own streets, she said, but Haywood road belongs

improvement of the section, and offered the city's co-operation in this year's undertaking.

Mrs. W. K. Dalton, president of the West Asheville Community club and chairman of the inter-club committee in charge of the campaign, presided.

Entry blanks for those wishing to take part in a contest sponsored by the clubs in connection with the campaign are now ready for distribution, Mrs. Dalton said.

As a climax to the campaign a flower show will be held in the fall at which time prizes will be awarded in the contest.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES,

., SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1942

VANCE SCHOOL PTA SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Programs Are Presented At Other Meetings In City And County.

Officers for the coming year were elected at the Vance school Parent-Teacher association meeting yesterday, and programs were presented by students at several other meetings held in schools in the city and county systems.

At the Vance elementary school P. T. A. meeting, Mrs. W. K. Dalton was named president for the coming year. Other officers are: second vice-president, Mrs. A. G. Jarrett; third vice-president, Mrs. Rudolph Gibbs; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Guy White; program chairman, Mrs. T. H. Johnson; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Capps; treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Moore; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. A. Groce, and historian, Mrs. Clarence Miller. The first vice-president has not yet been named.

Conduct Program

Members of the first, second and third grades were in charge of the entertainment program. Second grade students led the devotionals with the presentation of the crucifixion in story form. First grade girls sang two songs, "Jack In the Pulpit" and "Early Spring." and members of the third grade presented a patriotic pageant. Miss Eleanor Galphin directed the pageant. Also on the program were the harmonica, tonnette, and rhythm bands of the school.

Mrs. Robert Atkins, president.

VANCE P. T. A. HEAD

MRS. W. K. DALTON

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1943

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

MRS. W. K. DALTON

One of the compensations for knowing people is that every so often you run across a person who is enjoying life to the fullest. Such a person cannot escape under a bushel if he or she tried; their works are unmistakably clear. Such a person is Mrs. W. K. Dalton.

Mrs. Dalton seems to be a person who has always enjoyed life. If she were asked to explain this capacity, doubtless she would muse a few moments, and perhaps say it was because there is so much in life to bring real satisfaction. In this, she would be correct. But we suspect the real reason is that she has always sought the active and purposeful life. Anyway, she has ever chosen the useful role and has found happiness in the playing.

It is difficult, however, to say which activity brings to her the greatest delight, since she finds her interests as interesting as they are varied.

Also difficult is to know just where to begin in dealing with her activities. But there must be a beginning, regardless of the order in which the phases are treated.

Mrs. Dalton served as president of the Community Club for two terms, and during that time she also was chairman of the second district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs. That she should be especially interested in the art program of any organization she is connected with is quite natural and understandable as we shall see a little later on.

Also while filling the Community Club chair, she organized the West Asheville Beautification campaign, which was sponsored by all of the three West Asheville clubs, and was chairman of the project for two years. As many recall, this project was one of the finest of its kind ever inaugurated in the city.

Mrs. Dalton is still active in the Community club, serving as historian of the organization.

For two years, 1940-1942, Mrs. Dalton was president of the Hall Fletcher Junior High school P. T. A., and is historian also of this organization. Her aptitude as a chronicler is another thing which seems to receive special recognition. She was historian last year for the Asheville Council of Parent Teacher associations.

Last year she headed the Vance P. T. A. and will be Madame President of that organization again the coming year.

Active in Red Cross work, she served as chairman of the West Asheville division for that great agent of relief and mercy for a number of years and is now on the board of the Buncombe County chapter.

In civilian defense activities, Mrs. Dalton is now serving as chairman of the West Asheville Citizens Service corps, which comprise six of the city's twenty-four zones. The Victory Garden project receives her attention, too. She and Mr. Dalton, in their spare time, are culturing garden plots near their home on Brucemont circle.

Also active in the needlework guild movement, she went to Philadelphia in 1941 to represent West Asheville at the annual convention of that national sewing body.

Mrs. Dalton is a member of Calvary Baptist church, where she has served as circle leader and general treasurer of the Women's Missionary society. She is a member of the Sodalitan class at Calvary, where she is also interested, and especially so, in cradle roll work, having worked as cradle roll visitor for a number of years. Her interest in religious matters, as in the case of a good many people, dates back to her early life, another fact which in a moment or so we shall more fully discuss.

Born and reared in the town of Waterloo, S. C., Mrs. Dalton is the former Miss Minnie Madden Winn, one of six children of H. David and Lucy Eugenia Madden Winn.

Besides Mrs. Dalton, three other of the children are still living: Mrs. Rex W. Lanford, who resides at the family home site in Waterloo; Mrs. C. D. Keller of Greenwood, S. C., and Erskine B. Winn, shoe merchant and president of the Greenwood Merchants' association.

The father, who was a pioneer merchant and civic leader, died in 1912. Two years later, young Miss Minnie graduated from Waterloo High school and the following fall entered Greenville Women's college. Her first year's education, however, was interrupted by five months' illness of typhoid fever, which like to have took the young woman's life. (She gratefully recalls, but doubtless with a knock on the proverbial wood, that she hasn't been ill since.)

Fully recovered and determined to make up for lost time, she resumed her college studies the following year, the end of which finding her having finished the course.

Then the mother moved to Greenwod so that one of the brothers might go to Lander college. The other, Erskine, entered the old Bally Military Institute.

Miss Minnie also studied two years at Lander, specializing in art, a study which she had begun at the women's institution in Greenville.

While at Lander, she won a scholarship in art to Cooper Union, a large art school of New York City.

After entering marital life, Mrs. Dalton spent much time in painting until home and children began to demand more of her time. She expects to take up painting again when the children have grown up and she is not so busy. As for the latter condition, we wonder when that will ever be, but we do hope for Mrs. Dalton the opportunity to be free to splash upon the canvas again.

Always interested in religious and civic activities she was leader in B. Y. P. U. work in Greenwood and taught Sunday school for five consecutive years at the First Baptist church there.

Also while in Greenwood, she organized the John O. Wilson chapter, Children of the Confederacy. The organization meeting took place in her home and she was leader of the chapter for several years. When the chapter was set up, Dr. Wilson, Confederate veteran, and for whom the chapter was named, was president of Lander college. At the time Mrs. Dalton was a member of the Robert A. Waller chapter, U. D. C. in Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton were married in 1921 in Greenwood. Mr. Dalton has been associated with the bookkeeping department of the Asheville Citizen-Times for a good many years. Mr. Dalton became connected with the accounting department of the old Asheville Times almost immediately upon coming to Asheville.

The Daltons' first child, William, now 19, was born in Greenwood. He is now an aviation cadet stationed at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C. He entered the service last February while a Freshman at Clemson college.

The other three children were born here. Marilyn, age 15, will enter Lee Edwards Senior high this fall; Charles, 13, is a senior at Hall Fletcher, and Windal, 10, is a student at Vance.

This is the family that has kept Mrs. Dalton busy and, we guess, with no dull moments.

The Daltons moved to Asheville in the summer of 1926, and before the year was spent had built their home at 187 Brucemont circle, where they have resided ever since. They selected the site because they thought Brucemont circle the prettiest spot in Asheville. They still think so. Furthermore, they wanted others to think so, also—so with their neighbors they diligently worked, and with success, through the years to enhance the beauty of that residential horse shoe.

In 1935 with the assistance of a neighbor, Mrs. W. D. Talley, who now resides in Tennessee, Mrs. Dalton was instrumental in organizing the Brucemont Garden club, which, as is known, is one of the leading garden groups in the city. Since then Mrs. Dalton has served as president, vice-president, treasurer, and in practically all official capacities of the organization, and is now 1st vice-president of the garden group.

A past vice-president of the Asheville council of Garden clubs, Mrs. Dalton has just finished two years as secretary to the council. At present she is a member of the Garden Center committee and has served as judge in a number of flower and art exhibits. Indeed, her love for flowers is well known, and her aestheticism is matched only by her keen sense of clive duty.

Yes, here is one who finds so much in life to enjoy, because, perhaps, she finds so much to do and is able to do it. And we suspect that if she has any secret ambition — other than to paint again—it is that she may be able to continue in contributing to community welfare.

We are reminded of the old saying, "What you are speaks so loud I cannot hear what you say." That would apply to Mrs. Dalton. Further, what Mrs. Dalton is, speaks more eloquently than what we have to say here.

West Asheville News July 23, 1943

THE BRUCEMONT GARDEN CLUB held its annual birthday party yesterday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. Clarence Shaver, 124 Brucemont Circle. Mrs. Edward P. Barry, seated at left, first president of the club, and Mrs. W. K. Dalton, present president and co-founder, presided at the tea table. Also shown in the picture are Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. A. G. Jarrett, Mrs. Don C. Young, Mrs. Richard Zimmerman, Mrs. A. E. Radloff, Mrs. James Finch, Mrs. John May, Mrs. C. R. Pinkston, Mrs. Shelby Horton, Mrs. Frank Mulvaney, Mrs. George Lowe and Mary Ella Lowe.

Asheville Citizen February 10, 1950

MEMORIAL TREES ARE PLANTED AT HALL FLETCHER

In observance of Arbor Day and in honor of Dr. Hall Fletcher, for whom Hall Fletcher junior high school was named, and C. B. Anderson, former principal, two trees were planted on the school grounds yesterday by the Parent-Teacher association.

Visitors at the school and the entire student body attended the ceremonies. Led by Wayne Fisher, a student of the school, a bugle call to colors was played while the audience stood to attention. Under direction of Miss Alma Kirstein, the Glee club sang "Trees."

Mrs. Carl Gossett introduced Mrs. W. K. Dalton, president of the association, who presented the school with the trees on behalf of the P. T. A. Miss Jane Smathers, granddaughter of Dr. Fletcher, made the acceptance speech, and the Rev. Paul N. Gresham, a relative of Mr. Anderson, accepted the trees. The ceremony yesterday was first in the P. T. A. movement to improve the school grounds.

Asheville Citizen March 22, 1941

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CLUB of West Asheville installed their officers for 1952-53 yesterday.& The new leaders are, L to R, Mrs. J. W. Anderson, fourth vice president; Mrs. Tom E. Anderson, president; Mrs. Edgar Todd, third vice president; Mrs. J. A. Goforth, second vice president; Mrs. H. B. Almon, historian and retiring president; Mrs. Harry Atkins, treasurer; and Mrs. W. K. Dalton, parliamentarian. Mrs. John May is fifth vice president, Mrs. Charles Garren, first vice president; and Mrs. Leo Bagwell, secretary. (Citizen Photo)

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Friday, June 13, 1952

Brucemont Club Hears Mrs. Hodges

Mrs. W. C. Shaver was hostess at a meeting of the Brucemont Garden Club last night in her home on Brucemont Circle.

Members discussed various phases of garden club arrangements and Mrs. A. G. Jarrett reported on the recent flower show sponsored by the Asheville Council of Garden Clubs. It was announced that several members had won prizes during the past month at the Garden Center in Sears Roebuck Company.

Mrs. O. C. Hodges of the Dorchester Garden Club was guest speaker. She spoke on flower arrangements and demonstrated her talk. Mrs. W. S. Brank, also of the Dorchester Club, was a guest.

Plans were announced for the annual picnic to be held at Rhododendron Park July 10. Members were asked to bring articles for the West Asheville Red Cross room to the home of Mrs. Jarrett not later than Wednesday.

Mrs. Jay Trull and Mrs. Frank Mulvaney assisted the hostess during the social hour. Mrs. W. K. Dalton, president, presided.

SEARLE LEONARD FOX HEPBURN DALTON HATCHER

NEW COUNCIL LEADERS—New officers of the Asheville Council of Garden Clubs were installed at a meeting this morning in the YWCA. Mrs. George Searle, outgoing secretary, installed the following: Mrs. George T. Leonard, president; Mrs. W. Bruce Fox, historian and scrapbook chairman; Miss Orrall Hepburn, secretary; Mrs. W. K. Dalton, parliamentarian; Mrs. W. L. Hatcher, treasurer.

—John Anderson Photo

MRS. W. K. DALTON (left) of Asheville received the gavel from Mrs. John R. Jones of Sylva at the department meeting of Gold Star Mothers held Wednesday in the American Legion Memorial Building in Brevard. Mrs. Dalton was elected president during the morning business meeting, along with other officers who represented five chapters in the state. The major address was given by Gen. John E. Sloan of Weaverville.

State Officers Elected

Mrs. Dalton Heads Gold Star Mothers

BREVARD, April 18—Mrs. W. K. Dalton, of Asheville, was elected president of the North Carolina Department of American Gold Star Mothers at the annual convention held in Brevard Wednesday.

She succeeds Mrs. John R. Jones, of Sylva, who presided at the all-day session in the American Legion Memorial building.

Maj. Gen. J. E. Sloan of Weaverville, cited lessons from history to impress the point that too many Americans take liberty for granted, and that it is something which has to be fought for to be maintained.

He told the audience the Gold Star Mothers is an outstanding group that appreciates the sacrifices which have been forced on Americans even after winning two world wars.

Gen. Sloan said Americans must be kept alert to the forces outside as well as inside the United States which are seeking to destroy the American system of government. All Americans, he said, must be ready to serve, as the necessity arises.

New department officers elected with Mrs. Dalton were Mrs. Alice W. Paxton, Brevard, first vice president; Mrs. R. S. Crawford, Asheville, second vice president; Mrs. Frank Allman, Sylva, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Mae Choate, Asheville, chaplain; Mrs. E. V. Fowler, Brevard, sergeant-at-arms; and H. McFee, custodian of records; Mrs. G. T. Hampton, historian, and Mrs. Nora E. Ballew, parliamentarian, all of Asheville.

Asheville Citizen April 19, 1956

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C.
Monday, June 29, 1964

WOMAN OF THE WEEK

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., is holding the 27th national convention through Wednesday in the Battery Park Hotel. One of the N. C. state department officers, the recording secretary, is Mrs. W. K. Dalton. She was the first president of Buncombe County Chapter, the first in North Carolina, and served two years as state president.

Since coming to Asheville from Greenwood, S. C., in 1926 Mrs. Dalton has been interested in many civic, cultural and religious activities. She and Mr. Dalton, who retired in 1956 as controlled and treasurer of the Asheville Citizen Times Company, live at 76 Brucemont Circle.

They are the parents of three sons and a daughter. Lt. William A. Dalton was co-pilot of a B-17 which was lost on his 19th mission over Germany in 1945. Lt. Comdr. Charles W. Dalton is serving on the aircraft carrier, U. S. S. Essex and Capt. Windal K. Dalton is an instructor at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. The former Miss Marilyn Dalton is Mrs. Roy O. Jones of Atlanta, Ga. There are five grandchildren.

Mrs. Dalton is an artist, having studied four years at Greenville (S. C.) Woman's College, now Furman University and at Lander College in Greenwood. She has exhibited in many art shows and served as a judge.

She was co-organizer in 1937 of the Brucemont Garden Club, was twice its president and is now civic chairman. She has been an officer of Asheville Council of Garden Clubs and is an area chairman of the current city beautification campaign.

Formerly she was on the board of directors of Buncombe County Chapter, American Red Cross and has been West Asheville chairman for RC, Civil Defense and Easter Seal drives. For six years she acted as hospitality and membership chairman of the YWCA. Other activities were heading Vance and Hall Fletcher PTAs, the Community Club of Asheville, one of the oldest federated clubs in the city, and being art chairman of District 2, N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

At Calvary Baptist Church she has taught the Sodalitan Class for 10 years and headed the WMU three years. And politics has not escaped her attention, she has been Democratic registrar of Precinct 14 for 15 years. (Staff Photo by Bert Shipman)

Club's 50th Anniversary

The Community Club of Asheville observed its 50th anniversary at its recent meeting in West Asheville Community Center with 10 past presidents attending. Shown are, (L-R): Mrs. Leo Bagwell, president; Mrs. Harry Atkins, a past president and program chairman; Mrs. W. K. Dalton, past president and historian; and Mrs. D. I. Gross, charter member. Other past presidents attending included: Mrs. Curtis W. Baldwin, Mrs. J. A. Goforth, Mrs. H. B. Almon, Mrs. J. C. Grice, Mrs. L. F. Locke, Mrs. V. A. Forsyth. Mrs. Ernest Briggs of Burnsville, president of District II, North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke and Mrs. Dalton gave the 50 year history of the club. Mrs. Atkins was program chairman and hostesses were club officers. Trophies, pictures, year books and newspaper articles were on display. The club was organized April 20, 1923, with 115 charter members and Mrs. Charles B. Anderson, its first president. It was federated in 1927. In 1964 its clubhouse was torn down to make way for a new highway, I-26, and later the property was sold to Aston Park Hospital for a new location of the hospital. The main project of the club is to furnish a room for the new hospital. Over its 50 year history, the club has worked for the betterment of the City of Asheville and will continue this effort, according to the president. (Staff Photo by Dick Mauldin)

Asheville Citizen April 13, 1973

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES

Minnie Dalton

Minnie Dalton, 95, formerly of Asheville, died Wednesday in a Winston-Salem care center.

She was the wife of William K. Dalton, who retired in 1956 as controller and treasurer of the Asheville Citizen and Times.

She had lived in Greenwood, S.C., before moving to Asheville in 1926. She worked in several civic, cultural and religious activities. She was the first president of the Buncombe County Chapter of American Gold-Star Mothers Inc., the first in North Carolina, and served two years as state president.

She was an artist, having studied four years at Greenville, S.C., Women's College, now Furman University, and Lander College in Greenwood. Her work was exhibited in many art shows, and she also served as a judge.

She was co-organizer in 1937 of the Brucemont Garden Club; she had served twice as president and was civic chairman of the club. She was an officer of the Asheville Council of Garden Clubs and past area chairman of city beautification campaigns.

She was a former member of the board of directors of Buncombe County Chapter of the American Red Cross, West Asheville chairman for the Red Cross, Civil Defense and Easter Seal drives. For six years, she was hospitality and membership chairman of the YMCA. She also headed Vance and Hall Fletcher PTA's, the Community Club of Asheville, and was art chairman for District 2 of N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs. She was Democratic registrar of Precinct 14 for 15 years.

Surviving are two sons, retired Navy Cmdr. Charles W. Dalton of Madison Heights, Va., and retired Air Force Lt. Col. Windal K. Dalton of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter, Marilyn Jones of Atlanta; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Calvary Baptist Church, where she was a member and teacher of the Sadolitan Class for 19 years. The Revs. Buddy Corbin and John Knight will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Groce Funeral Home.

Asheville Citizen December 14, 1991

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1939

Logan Avenue Wins Beautification Prize In West Asheville

Awards Are Made At Annual Flower Show Of Community; O. V. Himes Is Winner Of Home Improvement Contest

Logan avenue won first prize of $25 for the West Asheville street making the greatest improvement in beautification during the spring and summer, it was announced last night at the close of the second annual West Asheville Flower show.

The show came as the climax of the second year of a five-year beautification campaign in West Asheville. The campaign and the show are sponsored by the three West Asheville clubs, the Community, the Men's, and the Junior Rhododendron clubs. Mrs. W. K. Dalton was chairman in charge of the show.

Second prize, of $10, for street improvement went to Brucemont circle, the judges remarking that Brucemont is the best kept street in the West Asheville section of the city.

Himes Wins Prize

For the greatest improvement in the grounds of a home, first prize of $15 went to O. V. Himes of Logan avenue, and the second prize of $10 to Mrs. Cornelius Leach of Louisiana avenue.

The flower show, held in the West Asheville Methodist church Sunday school rooms yesterday from 2 to 9 p. m., brought out a variety of blossoms which experts termed unusually fine, while the exhibits of the garden clubs were said to have shown exceptional originality and artistry.

First prize of $5 for the best garden club exhibit was awarded to the Logan Avenue club for its miniature garden—white house set well back from the street, reached by a flagstone walk, with flowers (real ones) bordering the green lawn, while white pines served as background and border for the whole.

Also Wins Loving Cup

The loving cup offered by the Council of Garden Clubs for outstanding achivement also went to the Logan Avenue Garden club. It will remain the club's property until the spring flower show, when it will again be awarded for outstanding achievement. It will become the permanent property of a club winning it three times.

The Blue Ridge club won second place in the garden club exhibit, and the Brucemont club, third. Honorable mention was accorded the exhibits of the Hantana and Westwood clubs.

Mrs. Maude E. Plemmons and Mrs. E. B. Roberts tied for the sweepstakes prize, offered to the individual scoring most points in the various groups.

In each of the various flower groups, a blue ribbon and a prize was awarded the first place winner; a red ribbon and a prize, the second place winner; and a white ribbon, the winner of third place. Winners of first, second, and third places follow:

Annuals: Mrs. Maude E. Plemmons, first; Mrs. R. E. Reynolds, second; and Mrs. E. Clyde Moore, third.

Biennials: Mrs. E. B. Roberts, first; and Mrs. R. E. Reynolds, second.

Perennials: E. P. Fleming, first and second; and Clarence Justice, third.

Dahlias — best single specimen: Mrs. C. K. Hamilton, first; Vermont Garden club, second; and Mrs. Maude E. Pelmmons, third.

Dahlias—best three blooms: Mrs. Maude E. Plemmons, first; and J. C. Watkins, second.

Dahlias—best collection (not more than 10): Mrs. Maude E. Plemmons, first; Mrs. R. E. Penland, second; had Vermont Garden club, third.

Marigolds—giant: Brevard Road Garden club, first; Mrs. W. K. Dalton, second; and Mrs. C. M. Lewis, third.

Marigolds—dwarf: Mrs. J. G. Siler, Jr., first; Mrs. R. E. Penland, second; and Mrs. C. A. Hawkins, third.

Zinnias—giant: Mrs. Maude E. Plemmons, first; Mrs. E. B. Roberts, second; and Brevard Road Garden club, third.

Zinnias—dwarf: Mrs. E. B. Roberts, first; Mrs. W. S. Brank, second; and Mrs. R. E. Penland, third.

Roses—best single bloom: Dr. G. W. Murphy, first; Mrs. R. J. Lewis, second; and Mrs. C. D. W. Colby, third.

Other Winners

Roses—best three blooms: Dr. G. W. Murphy, first; and Mrs. C. D. W. Colby, second.

Roses—best collection: Dr. G. W. Murphy, first; Miss Sara Orr, second; and Mrs. R. J. Lewis, third.

Flower arrangement—two colors: Mrs. Alice Baird, first; Frank J. Shuford, second; and Mrs. Clyde Hawkins, third.

Flower arrangements—mixed: Mrs. J. G. Siler, Jr., first; Mrs. Harold Watkins, second; and Mrs. R. E. Reynolds, third.

Dinner table arrangement: Henry Compton, first; Mrs. Harold Watkins, second; and Mrs. R. E. Reynolds, third.

Miniature arrangement: Marilyn Dalton, first; Mrs. R. J. Lewis, second; and Mary Ann Mulvaney, third.

Corsage: Mrs. R. E. Reynolds, first.

Wild flower arrangement—best one flower: Edwin Reynolds, first; and Patricia Watkins, second.

Wild flower arrangement—best collection: Billy Dalton, first.

Potted plants—fern: Mrs. W. K. Dalton, first and second; and Mrs. E. S. Justice, third.

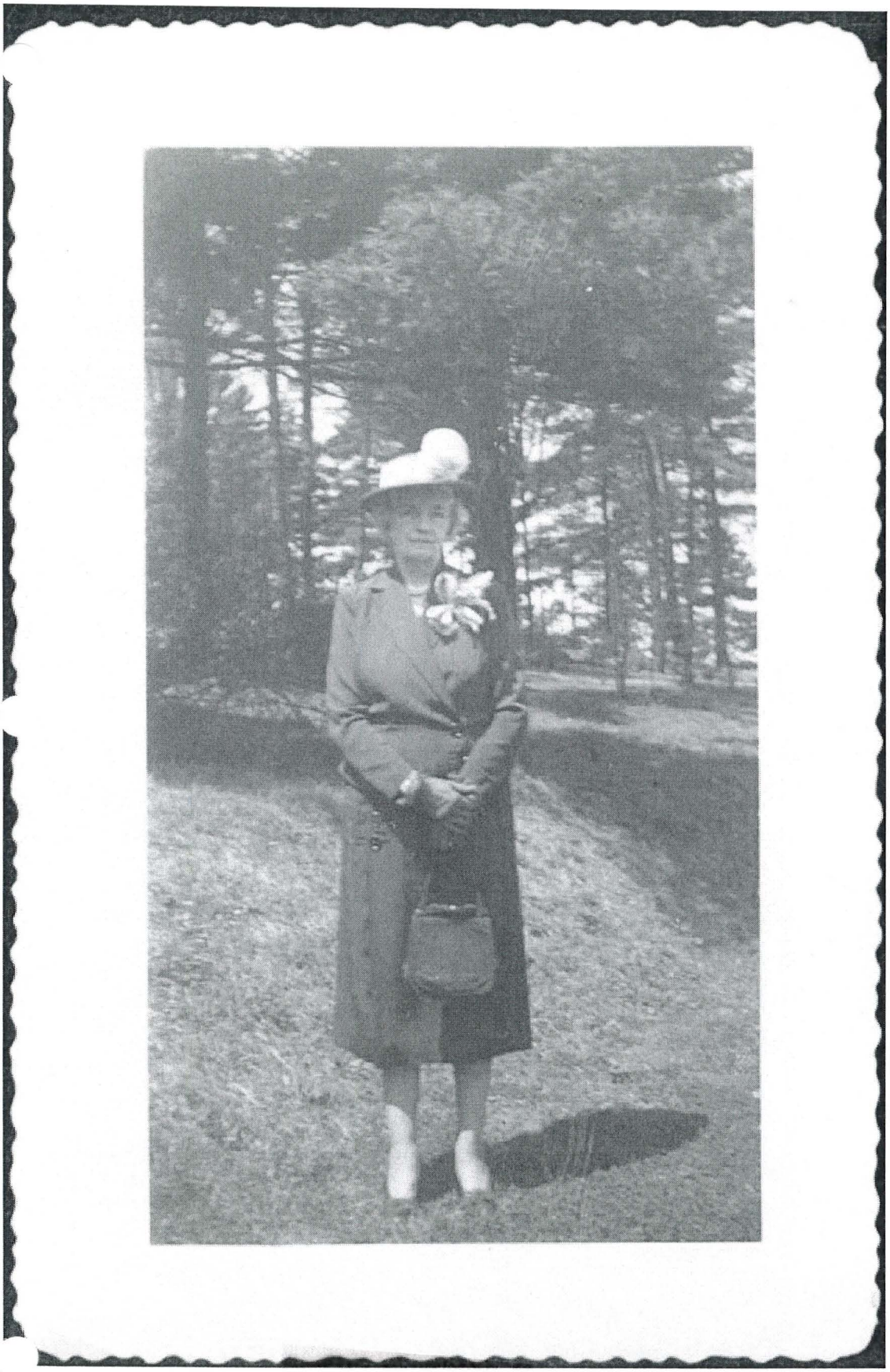
Potted plants other than ferns: Mrs. E. B. Roberts, first; Mrs. E. Clyde Moore, second; Mrs. W. L. Cole, third; and Mrs. E. S. Justice, honorable mention.

Unusual plants and flowers: Mrs. E. P. Barry, first; Mrs. C. A. Hawkins, second; and Mrs. E. Clyde Moore, third.

Vegetable arrangement: Mrs. W. E. Logan, first.

Junior exhibit: Patricia Watkins, first.

The chamber of commerce and the Council of Garden Clubs each donated $15 toward the prize money fund, and the remainder was raised



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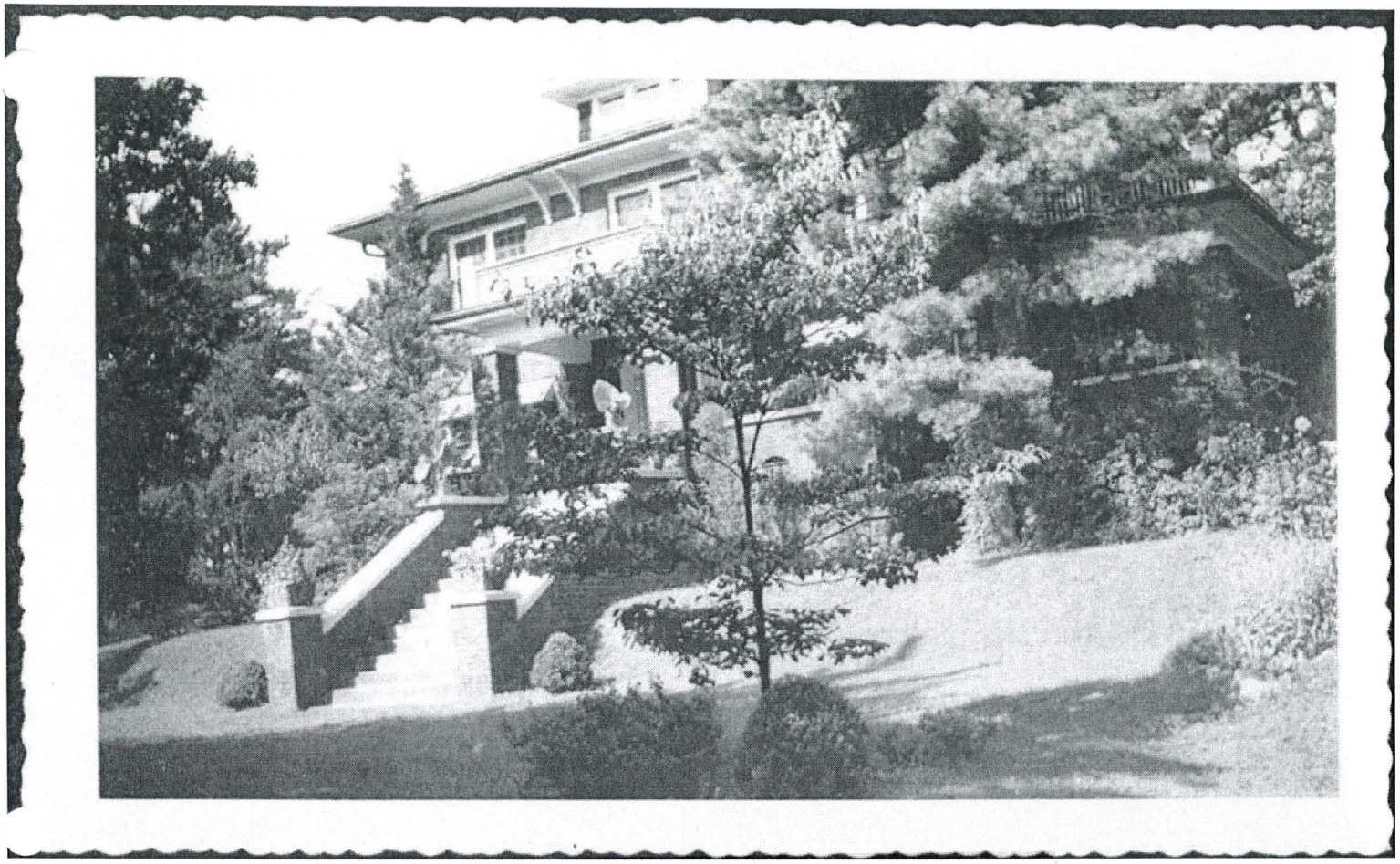

Mrs. W.K. Dalton's home, 76 Brucemont Circle

W. K. Dalton Dies; Retired C-T Official

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William K. Dalton of 76 Brucemont Circle, retired treasurer of the Asheville Citizen-Times Co., with which he was associated for more than 30 years, died this morning in a Winston-Salem Hospital after a period of declining health. He was 78.

Mr. Dalton, a native of Greenwood, S. C., joined the Asheville Times in 1926 as an auditor. He was named controller when the Times and the Citizen merged in 1930.

He became assistant treasurer in March of 1950 and treasurer and a member of the board of directors in 1953. Following his retirement in 1956, he continued to lend assistance to the company in an advisory capacity. He was also assistant treasurer of Citizen Express Co.

Before coming to Asheville in May of 1925, Mr. Dalton was connected with the Peoples Bank of Greenwood, S. C., and was also associated with a brother, J. C. Dalton, in the Oregon Clothing Co. He was employed in an auditing firm here before joining The Times.

Mr. Dalton was a son of the late Caleb K. and Fannie Rush Dalton.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he formerly served on the board of deacons.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie Madden Winn Dalton; a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Jones of Atlanta; two sons, Charles W. Dalton of Norfolk, Va., and Windal K. Dalton of San Antonio, Tex.; four sisters, Mrs. Allie Burnett, Mrs. Janie Rush and Mrs. Agnes Hollingsworth of Greenwood, and Mrs. Lois Rush of Troy, S. C.; two brothers, Jack of Asheville and Chris Dalton of Greenwood, S. C.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under direction of Groce Funeral Home.

W. K. Dalton Rites To Be Held Tuesday

A - CITIZEN

SEP 23 1961

Services for William K. Dalton, 78, of 76 Brucemont Circle, retired treasurer of the Asheville Citizen-Times Co. who died Saturday in Winston-Salem, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Groce Funeral Home.

The Rev. John H. Knight, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be John Q. Schell, Joseph A. Brandl Jr., Roy L. Kellogg, Edward A. Berry, Ralph Hollars, Douglas Pearson, Russell Monroe, Pieter Mulder.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. A. Ted Hill, Dr. James S. Baker, Dr. T. Gilbert Harpe, John W. Spicer, Hug M. Felder, E. B. Roberts, C. L. Clem, G. Carl Brown, R. Stanford Webb, J. Kelly Sisk, and employes of the Asheville Citizen-Times Co., and Radio Station WWNC.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie Madden Winn Dalton; a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Jones of Atlanta, Ga.; two sons, Lt. Comdr. Charles W. Dalton of the U.S. Navy, of Norfolk, Va., and Captain Windal K. Dalton of the U.S. Air Force, of San Antonio, Tex.

Also, four sisters, Mrs. Allie Burnett, Mrs. Janie Rush and Mrs. Agnes Hollingsworth of Greenwood, S. C., and Mrs. Lois Rush of Troy, S. C.; two brothers, Jack Dalton of Asheville and Chris Dalton of Greenwood, S. C.; and five grandchildren.

Heads Club

WALTER J. DAMTOFT

DAMTOFT NAMED CLUB PRESIDENT

Other Officers Elected By West Asheville Club At Meeting

Walter J. Damtoft, Champion Fibre company official, was elected president of the West Asheville club for 1934 at the weekly meeting last night at the West Asheville Methodist church. He succeeds John Easton.

Other new officers are: O. E. Starnes, vice president; B. A. Darrosse, secretary; and A. E. Dunn, treasurer.

Newly elected directors are G. G. Morgan, M. W. Hamrick, S. J. Fortune, F. J. Austin, and Don C Young.

The club went on record as favoring the immediate erection of a high toll bridge across the French Broad river to connect West Asheville with Patton avenue. Don C. Young was requested to draw up resolutions to that effect and submit them to the city council and other public agencies endeavoring to have such a bridge approved by the public works administration.

W. E. Barker reported that the six pigs which the club gave to farm boys were thriving and that the pig committee expected to give a similar number away next April.

Asheville Citizen-Times December 13, 1933

Local Girl Has Role In Movie

AC-T SN 6-6-90

By SUSAN GAMBRELL
Staff Writer

The casting director wanted someone they could play down, someone who could look, well, unpopular with her peers. It was a major role in the Lifetime cable network production of "Sudie and Simpson," based on Stone Mountain, Ga., author Sara Flanigan's 1986 novel, "Sudie."

The film dramatizes the 1940s-era tale of a 10-year-old white girl from a small Southern town and a black man who lives as a hermit in the woods.

Oscar winning actor Louis Gossett Jr. was cast as Simpson. Sara Gilbert, a star on "Roseanne," had the role of Sudie.

For the third leading role, that of Sudie's best friend, Mary Agnes, a West Asheville girl was chosen from a host of actresses from all over the country.

Paige Danahy, a 12-year-old student at Hall Fletcher Middle School who is active in local and regional theater, just completed filming last week and is excited about her film debut as Mary Agnes. Her parents, Valerie and Casey Danahy, are exuberant.

The road to stardom began when Catherine Brown, owner of Carolina Media Arts and Talent in Asheville, got a call from Chez casting.

"They wanted a young girl, one who could look younger than her age," said Brown, who is also Paige's agent. "The part she auditioned for is not the part she got. She got a much bigger role, the third lead in the movie."

Brown said when the casting agent described what he wanted, Paige immediately came to mind.

DANAHY

She had met Paige on the set of "Peace Child," a CATS Young Company production, in October 1989.

"She's very mature," Brown said of Paige. "She memorizes very well and follows directions well. She can do a lot more than just stage. She's been taking on-camera classes with Michael David McGuire at Backstage Studio in Mars Hill."

Brown took Paige and two other girls from this area to Atlanta for the try-outs. They called Paige back a second time, and the shooting began almost immediately.

"I came home and packed her things," said Mrs. Danahy, excitement in her voice. "We were there from April 30 through May 24, almost a month."

Paige had a private tutor for her school work, and she and her mother stayed in a hotel with the crew, which included Oscar-winning makeup artist Lynn Barber, who won an Academy Award this year for her work in "Driving Miss Daisy."

The hardest part now is the wait. The film won't be out until November or December.

"We're going to tape it, that's for sure," Mrs. Danahy said. "I'm real excited for her. Her dad's as proud as a peacock."

In the meantime, Paige said she's caught the acting bug and would love another movie role. Her picture has gone in for an NBC Movie of the Week, but she hasn't heard anything yet.

"I hope to keep doing this," she said. "If acting doesn't work, I'd like to be a lawyer."

Asheville Citizen, June 6, 1990

BALLOON FLIGHTS TO FEATURE FAIR

"Dare Devil Jack," Famous Aeronaut, to Make Daily Ascensions Here.

Announcement is made today by Secretary D. Harris of the Western North Carolina Fair association that "Dare Devil Jack," a well known aeronaut of this country, will make daily balloon ascensions at the fair, which opens here next Tuesday morning, October 13, for four days. This of course, will be another of the big free attractions and promises to draw very largely during the four days of the exposition.

William E. Engelke and E. A. Medearis, pyrotechnical experts in the employ of Martin's Fireworks company, arrived here Sunday and are making arrangements for the big fireworks displays that will be shown at Riverside park each evening during the fair next week. The Martin people were at the Beaverdam fair in Wisconsin last week, and this week are in Milwaukee. Reports from all places where the exhibitions have been put on are to the effect that the attraction is drawing mammoth crowds, 45,000 people witnessing the fireworks the last day in Beaverdam.

Asheville Gazette News October 7, 1914

Mrs. Olive Dargan's Latest Novel To Be Published Sept. 11

"A Stone Came Rolling Home," a novel by Olive Tilford Dargan, noted author who resides at 58 Balsam avenue, West Asheville, will appear September 11, it was learned yesterday from Mrs. Dargan who has just returned from New York City where she conferred with her publishers in regard to the publication of the book.

This is the first novel which Mrs. Dargan has written since "Call Home the Heart," which created widespread interest. "Call Home the Heart" appeared in February, 1932, under the pen name of Fielding Burke. "A Stone Came Rolling" will be published under the same pen name, Mrs. Dargan said.

Bly Emerson, a mill owner, is the leading character in "A Stone Came Rolling." The book is mainly concerned with the struggles of the mill owner to keep his business going. A few of the characters of "Call Home the Heart" appear in "A Stone Came Rolling." Included among these are Ishma Waycaster and her husband, Britt.

Langmans, Green and Company of New York will publish "A Stone Came Rolling."

Mrs. Dargan was named to the national committee of the Writers' congress which met recently in New York. Waldo Frank is chairman of the committee. The congress is now holding an international meeting in Paris.

During the greater part of the summer Mrs. Dargan will be occupied in collecting pictures of mountain people and subjects for a reprint of her book, "Highland Annals," which appeared in 1924. She plans to go into the mountains and take the pictures herself. Additional stories will be added to the reprint of "Highland Annals."

Except for a few weeks in the latter part of August when she plans to visit friends at Rye, Long Island, Mrs. Dargan will remain in Asheville and Western North Carolina this summer.

MRS. OLIVE T. DARGAN

Mrs. Dargan, was invited to be a member of the faculty of the Banners Elk School of English to be conducted for six weeks beginning July 25 at Banners Elk, but did not accept. However she plans to read some of her poems during sessions of the school which is in charge of Dr. Edwin Osgood Grover of Rollins college, Winter Park, Fla. She had been invited to take the place of Miss Jessie Rittenhouse, noted poet and author, on the faculty. The purpose of the school, which will have noted writers on the faculty, is to develop and gratify an interest in creative writing. Julia Peterkin will also read at some of the sessions.

Mrs. Dargan was in New York for two months.

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OLIVE DARGAN'S NOVELS WRITTEN IN RUSTIC HOME

Authoress Has Workshop In Picturesque House Here

"Well, we have come to see Mrs. Daniel Boone!"

Friends of Olive Tilford Dargan, noted authoress and poet, jokingly greeted her in this manner when she first bought her rustic home on Balsam avenue in West Asheville. Then, the little mountain home, which has an interesting story of its own, had just passed into the hands of the new owner and was in need of repairs.

Was Pioneer Log Cabin

Bluebonnet lodge, as the writer has named her home, is a charming house at the end of Balsam avenue. The original portion of the home was a pioneer one-room log cabin which is said to be the oldest house yet standing within the city limits.

The one-room cabin came into prominence some years ago Rutherford P. Hayes, son of the nineteenth president of the United States, converted it into a comfortable rustic home for his aunt, who lived here awhile. The president's son, who came to Asheville early in 1900 for his health, remained here about 20 years.

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Surrounded By Greenery

Bluebonnet lodge is surrounded by a wealth of greenery, including trumpet vines over the chimney, clematis, boxwoods, rhododendron, kalmia and masses of forsythia which practically conceal the rear of the house. Most of the expansive lawn is shaded by large pine trees, and not far away from the home beside a wooded path one finds the spring from which the pioneer occupants of the cabin obtained their water. On the grounds are pear and apple trees, the latter being especially popular with small boys in the neighborhood. The youngsters know that they may have the apples that fall on the ground and they also know that the good-natured writer will turn her back so that they may get others. The writer has a charming out-of-doors studio which she converted from the stable on the grounds.

It is in this setting that Mrs. Dargan has her workshop. It was here she produced "Call Home the Heart" popular novel of three years ago, and "A Stone Came Rolling," her newest book which will come out this fall with Longman, Green and Company as publishers.

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Historical marker honors author

Many considered Olive Tilford Dargan 'the best portraitist of the Southern Appalachian people'

By Susan G. Reinhardt
STAFF WRITER

In 1925, a tiny, curly-haired woman less than 5 feet tall moved into a log house in West Asheville, on wooded farmland, that is now the site of a shopping area surrounding the post office on Patton Avenue.

Olive Tilford Dargan was born on a farm in Kentucky and blessed with an eager mind and intelligence. Widowed and middle-aged, she moved into the cabin, lugged her typewriter to a room upstairs, set it by a window from which she spent more than 40 years viewing the mountains, absorbing inspiration for her novels, volumes of poetry, short story collections and plays.

Hers was a legacy of work honored by many, a treasury of words that strived to find a voice for the oppressed, the working class, and make sense of a world that to Dargan often seemed senseless, misguided.

What Dargan left Asheville, and the rest of the world, was her heart, bound in the leather and paper that wrapped her

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FILE PHOTO

Olive Tilford Dargan in a photo taken in 1946.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

WHO: Olive Tilford Dargan, well-known author who spent more than 40 years living in West Asheville, in a log home once owned by the son of former President Rutherford B. Hayes.

WHAT: Will be honored this spring with an historical marker to be placed near the site of her home at Haywood Road and Balsam Avenue.

BACKGROUND: Born in 1869 in Litchfield, Ky., daughter of school teachers. She attended Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. She discovered Western North Carolina during a camping trip and said as a child she would one day live in the mountains.

Dargan entered Radcliffe College at 24 and studied economics and politics. There she met Louis Pegram Dargan, a Harvard senior from Darlington, S.C. and the man she married in 1898. He drowned in 1915 on a voyage to Cuba and Dargan sought refuge in the mountains, first living on a farm near Bryson City, then moving to the cabin in West Asheville.

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words, her soul.

Dargan, the daughter of school teachers and a precocious child who at 14 took charge of an entire school teaching students from age 6 to 20, found peace and inspiration in the log cabin at 58 Balsam Avenue. It was located on an estate once owned by Rutherford Platt Hayes, son of former President Rutherford B. Hayes, who had maintained the home for an aunt.

And though the cabin has long been gone, the land now home to commercial development on the fringe of Patton Avenue, Dargan will soon be immortalized in her old neighborhood.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Catherine Morris, who lives in the Falconhurst community, (name of Hayes' former estate), has been working to unearth some of West Asheville's most historical and notable people. She was notified last month that an historical marker in honor of the beloved poet and writer would be erected this spring.

"You should have seen me jumping up and down," said Morris, upon hearing the the news from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. To qualify for a marker, Morris said, isn't easy. The subject must be considered of statewide importance, not just for local or regional accomplishments.

According to Rob Neufeld, local historian, Dargan is of national and world-wide significance, considered by many the best portraitist of the Southern Appalachian people.

"She combines a very honest, interesting-type view of people with true poetry," he said, "and she had a real sympathy for the oppressed people. It was a very unusual combination."

Dargan was deeply concerned with social problems, the ramifications of big business, mergers and the effects on the employer and employees. Her most significant novel, "Call Home the Heart," dealt with a mountain family whose venturesome daughter left the hills to go into the industrial world. The focus of the book was upon the mill strike in Gastonia, and not only was it the recipient of the Maxim Gorky award in 1932, but also a means to forward Dargan's beliefs.

It was followed by "A Stone Came Rolling," considered by many a novel of even greater merit, and "Sons of a Stranger (1947), which focused on men and women and mining in the early 1900s.

In this area, Dargan is perhaps best known by "Highland Annals," an account of the Southern mountaineers, published in 1925, a collection of sketches of the life in the Nantahala Mountains. The critics praised the work and Dargan received an honorary Doctor of Literature degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

During her life she received the Thomas Wolfe, Roanoke-Chowan and Oscar Arnold Young awards. In 1959, Dargan was honored as one of the nation's greatest poets by the Poetry Society in New York City.

Yet despite her distinguished and celebrated mind, Olive Dargan was a woman who dodged the limelight, preferring instead the attention be focused on the people about whom she wrote.

INSPIRATION: Gazing at the purple mountains, the setting beyond her window filled with blooms and trees, flowering shrubs and boxwoods, Dargan wrote about a society she saw as unjust. She was a modest woman who declined for years being noted in "Who's Who in America." Finally she gave in.

"If I have done anything of record," she said in the 1930s, "time will take care of it after I am dead, and if I haven't, time will take care of that too."

She preferred not hobnobbing with other literary greats, but instead using her genius to become a literary artist, hoping her works would be widely read so that those who entered her poetry and prose would discover the horrors, the crimes, the injustices and the shame in some human conditions.

This is what drove Dargan, who at 12 asked her father, "What's wrong with the world?"

Her desire was to bring awareness through works she left behind.

And now, after her death in 1968 at the age of 99, Dargan is being remembered again.

"This has excited the local historians," Neufeld said. "All of a sudden a tremendous aspect of local history was revealed, unburied."

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Reprint of regional classic deserves reader applause

FROM MY HIGHEST HILL
By Olive Tilford Dargan
Published by University of Tennessee Press
$22.50 paperback, 336 pages, 50 illustrations

By Geoffrey Cantrell
REGIONAL EDITOR

Long out of print, "From My Highest Hill, Carolina Mountain Folks" finds new life as Western North Carolina concludes the 20th century, and time diminishes memories of what life here was once like.

First published in 1925 as "Highland Annals" and revised under its current title in 1941, the book was reissued by the University of Tennessee Press in October and can be found in local bookstores. The author, Olive Tilford Dargan, died at 99 years old in 1968.

"From My Highest Hill" is set in Almond, a small mountain community in western Swain County, where Dargan made her home after the turn of the century.

The novel attempts to dispel the "hillbilly" stereotype: lanky, lazy, inbred and suspicious of outsiders. Dargan does this through rich, involved characters who live, love, face the occasional crisis and maintain steadfast dignity. Dargan populates the book with people of resolve and determination – anything but stereotypical images of mountain folk.

Perhaps this was because Dargan wrote of what she knew. Not unlike Asheville's Thomas Wolfe, she tells her own story and that of her neighbors through thinly veiled fiction. Only the names have been changed – to protect the innocent – with a notable exception.

One of her neighbors, Jess Rose, was well known as a straightforward and honest man. Rose apparently was insistent that his name be used, and that a photograph of him be identified as such.

His portrait is one of 50 photographs illustrating "From My Highest Hill" all taken by Bayard Wootten, then a well-known, albeit rare, woman photographer, whose work is finding renewed recognition.

Dialogue is recreated with an accuracy not seen in other works, including Horace Kephart's "Our Southern Highlanders."

Today a four-lane highway is being built through Almond. But reading "From My Highest Hill" isn't merely an exercise in nostalgia. The story is fresh, the characters are believable. There is no author's ego at stake in this reissue, and UT Press is to be congratulated for the reprint.

Olive Tilford Dargan populates "From My Highest Hill" with people of resolve and determination – anything but stereotypical images of mountain folk.

Photo: Pack Memorial Library

Olive Tilford Dargan

(1869 -1968)

Fiction, Plays, and Poetry
Asheville, North Carolina

Olive Tilford Dargan was born on a farm in Kentucky on January 11, 1869. Ten years later the family moved to the Missouri Ozarks, where her parents founded a school. At age fourteen, Olive became their assistant, teaching forty students in a one-room school ranging in ages from six to twenty. At seventeen, she won a scholarship to Peabody College and, upon graduation, taught in Arkansas and Texas before attending Radcliffe.

At Radcliffe she met Pegram Dargan, a South Carolina poet then a senior at Harvard. After a year's teaching in Nova Scotia, she returned to Boston and renewed her friendship with Dargan. When she moved to Blue Ridge, Georgia, to write, the poet followed her there, and they subsequently married and settled down in New York City.

It was there that Olive Tilford Dargan began her literary career in 1904 with the publication of poetic dramas and lyric poetry. While in college, she had gone on a camping trip to the mountains of North Carolina and had vowed to have a home there one day, a dream that was fulfilled in 1906 when the Dargans bought Horizon Farm on the Nantahala River in Swain County. Having dependable tenants allowed them to travel extensively, and Olive spent much of her time in England. There she completed a non-fiction work, *The Welsh Pony*, followed by her first book of mountain poetry, *Path Flower and Other Verses*.

When her husband drowned off the coast of Cuba in 1915, Dargan returned to the North Carolina mountains and spent most of her time there until the farmhouse burned in 1923. During this period, she published three distinctly different collections of poetry. *The Cycle's Rim* (1916), a collection of sonnets dedicated to her late husband, won a $500 prize from the Southern Society of New York. *Lute and Furrow* (1922) contained lyrical verse inspired by her love for the mountains, as does *The Spotted Hawk* (1958), which won the Roanoke-Chowan Poetry Award.

After moving to Asheville in 1925 she wrote the collection of short stories many consider her best work, *Highland Annals*, and three novels under the pen name Fielding Burke, as well as a final book of verse and a last short story collection. Dargan is widely considered to be one of the best authors ever to come

out of the Appalachian South. Few have surpassed her in the description of mountain beauty or in her sympathy for the less fortunate.

Two of her novels revolve around the role of mountain migrants in the Gastonia Mill strike, and the third, *Sons of the Stranger* (1947), takes place in Colorado during a coal mine strike in which the National Guard machine-guns a tent city full of evicted miners. *Call Home the Heart* (1932) is the first of these novels, and generally considered the most powerful. Although published 58 years after her first book, Dargan's last, *Innocent Bigamy and Other Stories*, still revealed enormous talent. One of her most treasured accolades was an honorary degree bestowed upon her in 1925 by the University of North Carolina. She died on January 22, 1968, eleven days after her 99th birthday.

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from

Highland Annals
New York: Scribners, 1925

VIII
"A Proper Funeral"

We were on our way to see Uncle Nathe Ponder buried. Serena was as happy as she could be with decency, considering our solemn destination. She had not been away from home for several months, and her joyous reaction could be suppressed only intermittently. But, at any time, her laughter was pleasantly low of key, as if she were softly trying it out before subjecting you to the full flow that never came.

And Serena was infectious. I had set out with my mind meditatively intrenched on the going down of men into the grave; the passing of man himself, of earth, of suns, of systems, with no full-grown hope of any immortal salvage; but Serena, pulsingly aware in a significant world, soon restored me to stature as a member of a community bent on giving due honor to one whose days among them had been spent with the vividness that amounts to virtue among a people who look to life for their drama instead of the stage and the morning papers.

We had left home early because of Len's prediction that we should have to walk after reaching Red Hog Gap, the entrance to Silver Valley. "But we'll be in two miles o' the graveyard then," he said, "an' can pick it up in no time." Uncle Nathe's farm lay in Silver Valley township only four miles, by crow's wing, northwest of mine, but the descent over cliffs and crags was hazardous and we had set off in exactly the opposite direction, walking the two miles down to Beebread, where Arnold Weaver was waiting on the new highway with his car - the first automobile to become a local pride in our part of the mountains. We soon sailed over the few miles of highway and reached Scatter, the next railroad-station below Beebread, where we turned into the narrow mountain road leading to Uncle Nathe's country. Here we began to come upon people who were walking to the funeral, and it was here that our car, through Len's cordiality, became so firmly packed. He extended invitations until the seats, the floor, and the running-boards would hold no more. "You're payin' fer the whole car," he said, "an' might as well git yer money's worth."

We were bouncing heavily along over the rutty road when ahead of us we saw a young man whose brisk step was certainly not of the highlands. There were various unsuccessful conjectures as to his identity, and suddenly Len called out: "Hey, Arn, stop yer shooter! It's Ann Lindsay's boy!"

"He'd have to set 'tween yer big toe an' the long un," said Arn. "I ain't goin' to stop no more."

"But he's come all the way from C'lumby to be at Uncle Nathe's buryin'."

"He didn't walk only from Scatter."

"I'll jump out an' let him set in my place."

"You ain't got any place. You're settin' on the tip aidge o' nothin'."

But Arn stopped the car. "Here, Bake," said Len, "I'm gittin' out, an' you hop in. Reckon you know me?"

"Len Merlin!" cried the stranger. "You caught that fox yet?"

"No, he's waitin' fer ye."

"Can't get him this trip. Got to hurry back. Go on, Arn, with your baggage. I'm walking to rest myself. Been on the train since last night. I'll see you all over the hill."

His refusal of the "seat" was positive, and we moved on, but not far. We were climbing the hill leading to Red Hog Gap and Len's prediction came true. The car refused to take the last lap over the hill, though we gave it an opportunity to do its best, by dropping out and scattering as readily as overripe plums from a suddenly shaken bough. With good cheer we began our walk to the graveyard. When nearly there we were overtaken by Bake Lindsay, and Len picked up their broken conversation.

"What yer hurryin' to git back fer ? You ain't been in sence when?"

"Not since I was married," said Lindsay, "and that's five years. I started soon as I heard about Uncle Nathe."

"Is he really a nephew of Mr. Ponder ?" I asked of the woman walking nearest to me, for with the whole country calling him "uncle," the blood-kin were left without distinction.

"No, he ain't no nephew," she said in a tone that I had learned to recognize as a shut trail in Unakasia. The story was not for me, an outsider. Even Len and Serena had turned a gently impassive front to my very reasonable interest in Uncle Nathe's family history. But Serena now stepped up and said intimately: "Jest wait, Mis' Dolly. We'll go to dinner with Aunt Lizy Haynes. Uncle Nathe's half-brother, Ranz, is stayin' there, an he's shore to let loose after the buryin'. When Uncle Ranz lets loose it's something else, I'm tryin' to tell ye. They won't be any more questions to ast when he

gits through." Then she moved over to Bake. "It's fine, yore comin' in, Bake," she said.

"Of course I wanted to be at the funeral, but," he explained honestly, "I've come mainly to get mother."

"She goin' back with you ?" cried half a dozen voices.

"She's promised to. I've been trying to get her to come out to me and Jenny ever since we've been married." Then his voice seemed to struggle a little. "Before we tied up, Jenny gave me her word that she'd be good to mother, and I know she'll keep it."

"You got any young-uns?" asked Len, and Bake said he had a little boy. They had named him Nathan.

"That tickled Uncle Nathe, I reckon," said the woman who had answered me the moment before. Then she hastened to cover her indiscretion. "'Course y'all have been on his place a long time, an' he's been mighty good to ye."

"He's been good to ever'body," said another.

"I reckon he has," said Bake, and we entered the graveyard. It was to be a Masonic funeral. Uncle Nathe's popularity would have drawn a large attendance, but the presence of the Fraternity made the occasion an event in Silver Valley's history. Nathan Ponder had been the only Freemason in his township, a member of the distant lodge in Carson, and for years he had not been in active attendance there, but he had left a request to be buried by the brethren, and they had gallantly responded.

"That's Elmer Jenkins," whispered Serena of a man who was prominent in the ceremony. "He's a lawyer, come up from South C'liny 'bout a year ago, 'count of his wife's health, an' settled in Carson."

"Looks like," said another voice, "that they could 'a' got along 'thout a furriner to tell 'em what to do."

"He's high up in the lodge," said Uncle Ranz Ponder, the half-brother of Uncle Nathe, "an' he seems mighty frien'ly."

The old and impressive service was solemnly conducted to the end, and there was a general breaking-up, amid a conflict of invitations for everybody to go home with everybody else for dinner.

"We'll go with Aunt Lizy," said Serena. "They's a lot been astin' me, but they ain't none of 'em pulled the buttons off my clo's tryin' to take me with 'em, an' I know we'll be full welcome at Aunt Lizy's. Uncle Ranz, he's her cousin, he'll be there, like I said."

So Mrs. Haynes's invitation was accepted. Serena and I were to stay until the next day but Len and the daughter, Lonie, were to return that evening to look after the children, the cows, and the chickens.

The brethren who had come out from Carson returned to town, with the exception of Lawyer Jenkins, who, probably was thinking of profitable affiliations with the remote but fertile valley. I observed him reading the headstones around the new-made grave, and it seemed to me that he was afflicted with a growing concern. He turned, with a question, to the man nearest him, who happened to be Len.

"Am I to understand that our good brother was married four times?"

"You shore air," said Len. "There lays four of as good wives as a man ever had. Them tombstones don't tell no lies. They's all 'fore my time, savin' Aunt Lindy, his last 'un, but I've hearn enough to know what they wuz."

"But four? Isn't it a little unusual?"

"Well, maybe it is, but Uncle Nathe wuzn't no hand to set at home by hissef."

At that moment, to Len's apparent relief, Aunt Lizy came up, and we found that Mr. Jenkins also had accepted her invitation. He walked with her husband Uncle Dan'l Haynes, and I gathered from drifting fragments of their conversation that Mr. Jenkins was still on the trail of Uncle Nathe's connubial history.

At the dinner-table he pleased all of the guests by introducing the topic from which they were politely holding back. "I have been learning from our kind host," he said, eying with favor his selected piece of fried chicken, "what this loss means to the community."

"Yes," some one responded, "it knocks all of us, losin' Nathe does."

"There is some property too, I believe. I trust there is harmony among the heirs."

"They're all behavin' fine," said Aunt Lizy, with some heartiness.

"Our brother was married several times, I understand. Did - er - all of his wives leave issue ?"

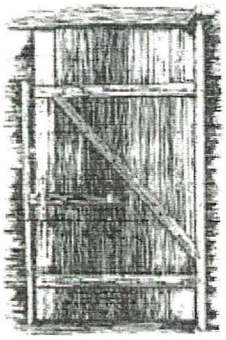
"Young-uns? No, Aunt Lindy never had any, ner Lu Siler, but Callie had a little feller that died - Rufe, they called him. An' Ponnie, his fust wife, left four, all livin' yit. They git along together fust-rate."

"I wonder what Ponnie would 'a' said," reflected Uncle Dan'l, "ef somebody had told her Nathe wouldn't be buried alongside o' her."

"Well," said Uncle Ranz, "I'd ruther not hear what Ponnie would 'a' said."

"I say it ought to 'a' been Lindy he wuz laid by," asserted Aunt Lizy. "She lived with him the longest an' worked the hardest."

"She didn't think a grain more o' him than Lu Siler did," returned Uncle Dan'l.



Proletarian Writers of the 1930s

| Fielding Burke | Grace Lumpkin | Myra Page |

Fielding Burke [Olive Tilford Dargan]

By Jennifer Vencill

Just four years after the conclusion of the Civil War, in 1869, Grayson County, Kentucky, served as the birthplace of Olive Tilford Dargan to her abolitionist parents, Elisha Francis Tilford and Rebecca Day Tilford. Dargan followed in her father's footsteps and became an educator, but it is not for this employment that she is remembered (Davidson and Martin 233). Instead, Dargan is noted for her long and varied literary career that included published novels, short stories, poems, anecdotes, and dramas.

Educated first in her father's academy in Arkansas then at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee, Dargan held teaching positions in Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and Canada. This career ended quickly, though, for when Dargan went to Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to continue her education, she met her future husband Pegram Dargan. In 1898 the man from North Carolina and the girl from Kentucky were married. The two, both aspiring writers, moved to New York to pursue new careers. The couple moved again in 1906, this time to Almond, North Carolina, because of Pegram's health (Davidson and Martin 233). By this time, however, Dargan had begun her career as a lyrical dramatist, as two of her collections, *Semiramis and Other Plays* (1904) and *Lords and Lovers and Other Dramas* (1906), had been published. Relocating again, Dargan lived in London from 1911 until 1914, during which time another of her dramas and her first collection of lyric poetry, *Path Flower and Other Verses*, were published. Unfortunately the drama, *The Mortal Gods*, dealing with the oppression of the working class in modern industrial society, was not well received by critics (Mainiero 457). Dargan returned to the Appalachians in 1915 following her husband's death by drowning, where she lived and wrote in Almond and Asheville, North Carolina, for the remainder of her life.

The Cycle's Rim (1916) was Dargan's first work published after her return to the south. This collection of fifty-three sonnets, written as a memorial to one drowned at sea, received much praise and was considered to be of the quality of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's *Sonnets from the Portuguese* (Mainiero 457). Following the publishing of *Flutter of the Gold Leaf, and other Plays* (1922) with Dr. Frederic Peterson and *Lute and Furrow* (1922), Dargan was awarded an honorary doctorate in literature from the University of North Carolina (*Who Was Who* 169).

Highland Annals, published in 1924, marked a shift in Dargan's writing away from poetry and drama. The work, which was reprinted with photographs in 1941 as *From My Highest Hill*, revealed Dargan's tendencies toward the left wing of the political continuum (Davidson and Martin 234). The seemingly autobiographical sketches reveal the imperfections of the mountain people, including the vulnerability of the poor white woman and the threat of the exploitation of the cotton mill, while exhibiting the traditional features of southern local color writing. These characteristics include exhibitions of an appreciation of nature, use of extravagant humor, use of local language, and use of tall tales (Mainiero 457).

Despite twenty years worth of published work, Dargan's most influential contributions to the world of literature had yet to come. Dargan's left-wing political orientation was again revealed in *Call Home the Heart*, the tale of a North Carolina mountain girl, Ishma Waycaster. Ishma, in an attempt to gain freedom from the obligations piled upon her by her family, husband, and mountain life, flees with a lover to an urban, industrial area (Kunitz and Haycraft 348). It is here that Ishma witnesses the exploitation of textile workers and attempts to organize a labor union. She educates herself in and embraces the theories of Marxist socialism, but as a result is accused of being a communist. When it appears to Ishma that she has been defeated, she returns home to her husband and mountain life. Based on the 1929 mill strikes in Gastonia and Marion, North Carolina--also the subject of a novel by Sherwood Anderson--*Call Home the Heart* was published in 1932 under the pseudonym Fielding Burke (Davidson and Martin 234). Ishma's story is continued in a sequel published in 1935 entitled *A Stone Came Rolling*, again under the name Fielding Burke. In the continuation, Ishma's tendencies toward revolution are reaffirmed following the death of her husband (May 132). The two novels are considered more than political vehicles due to the complexity of Ishma's character and relationships (Davidson and Martin 234).

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Review: The Heart of Revolution: The Ra Life and Novels of **Olive Dargan**

Kathy Cantley Ackerman. *The Heart of Revolution: The Radical Life an of **Olive Dargan**.* **Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2004. 23 Hardback. $29.95.**

If only for her longevity, **Olive** Tilford **Dargan** is a significant figure in Am letters. Born in 1869, she lived just one year short of a century and enjoy fifty-eight year publishing career. Her first book, *Semiramis and Other Pl* published by Scribners in 1904. Her final book, *Innocent Bigamy and Ot Stories*, was issued by John F. Blair in 1962. Though not prolific she was versatile, claiming plays, poetry, short stories, and novels among her fifte volumes. In mid-career she adopted a pseudonym, Fielding Burke, which used for each of her three novels, all proletarian and polemical works. Pe both her longevity and versatility have mitigated against a deserved critic reputation. Today she is remembered primarily for one novel and one co of short stories.

The addition of Kathy Ackerman's thoroughly researched and gracefully study is welcomed as the first full length book about this extraordinary lit figure. As her title indicates, she limits her attention to the Fielding Burke *Call Home the Heart* (1932), *A Stone Came Rolling* (1935), and *Sons of Stranger* (1947). Her ambitious thesis is that **Dargan**'s work should be c in light of her "treatments of proletarianism, feminism, and race, with spe attention to the ways these issues intersect in the southern Appalachian

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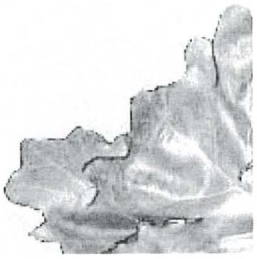
biographical section that begins the work, Ackerman tells the anecdote o **Dargan**'s working in Boston as a stenographer to a rubber manufacturer day he dictated two letters, one ordering the abrupt closing of a factory, t complaining about the upholstery of his yacht. Thus the inequalities of th capitalist industrial system were brought forcefully home to her. In 1904 **I** met Rose Pastor Stokes, a founding member of the American Communis who became one of her closest friends. Ackerman offers more than one suggestion as to why **Dargan** chose to use a non-gender specific pseud her three novels, but the most salient one is that they were so radical tha author feared reprisal in that politically charged era.

Though **Dargan**'s college education included a year at Radcliffe and her jobs were in Nova Scotia, Boston, and New York, it was her move to App that launched her writing career. In 1925 she published her most succes book, *Highland Annals* (later reissued as *From My Highest Hill*). That coll short stories is based on her experiences in rural Appalachia and is gene genial retelling of her relationship with the mountain folk she encountere when she moved from the country to the town, her writing became more She was living in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1929, the year of cotton mi in nearby Gastonia and Marion, the events that provided her with specific material to embody her political stances and move to a new genre, the n

One of the most impressive aspects of Ackerman's book is her use of unpublished letters found in several collections throughout the country. **D** correspondence with Rose Stokes reveals that she actually went to Gast visited with the strikers, something she was able to do because of Rose's influence. In April 1929, **Dargan** wrote Rose, "I'm stamped 'middle-class' . . . But the strikers like me and make me feel like blood-kin—bless their bones!" Ackerman has found so much correspondence, in fact, that an e **Dargan**'s letters would be a useful tool to Appalachian scholars.

Call Home the Heart is the literal center of Ackerman's study. She exami and to a lesser extent, the sequel, *A Stone Came Rolling*, in light of the proletarian movement in American letters, in comparison to other strike n the period and in the historical accounting of the events of the Gastonia s Ishma Waycaster, the protagonist of both novels, undergoes enormous c as she moves from her isolated mountain home of Cloudy Knob to the de populated and troubled Winbury. Ackerman devotes five of her nine chap the Gastonia novels, emphasizing **Dargan**'s treatment of feminism, race, activism, and romance as they are demonstrated in the contrasting and conflicting issues of Ishma's life. Because Ishma, presented generally sympathetically, shows her revulsion to a black woman in one gripping s race relations becomes a particularly difficult problem. Ackerman points **Dargan** felt that the labor organizers underestimated the depth of racism South. Feminist attitudes are also counter-poised against the prevailing patriarchal practices of the time and **Dargan**'s own celebration of the prir romantic love. It is to Ackerman's credit that she undertakes such a pleth complex issues in her study of the Gastonia novels.

The Heart of Revolution concludes with two other chapters, brief ones or *a Stranger* and on **Dargan**'s reactions to the critics. Though they seem a in comparison with the full treatment of the earlier chapters, they are nev useful. Whatever organizational flaws the book might have, it is an impor addition to scholarship on the proletarian novels of the thirties, the issues feminism and racism in literature, and especially to our understanding of Tilford **Dargan**, a refined Victorian lady writer who, having become a con sympathizer, fought against social and economic oppression and champi ideal of a classless society. She deserves the attention that Ackerman's encourage.



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Reprint of regional classic deserves reader applause

FROM MY HIGHEST HILL
By Olive Tilford Dargan
Published by University of Tennessee Press
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By Geoffrey Cantrell
REGIONAL EDITOR

Long out of print, "From My Highest Hill, Carolina Mountain Folks" finds new life as Western North Carolina concludes the 20th century, and time diminishes memories of what life here was once like.

First published in 1925 as "Highland Annals" and revised under its current title in 1941, the book was reissued by the University of Tennessee Press in October and can be found in local bookstores. The author, Olive Tilford Dargan, died at 99 years old in 1968.

"From My Highest Hill" is set in Almond, a small mountain community in western Swain County, where Dargan made her home after the turn of the century.

The novel attempts to dispel the "hillbilly" stereotype: lanky, lazy, inbred and suspicious of outsiders. Dargan does this through rich, involved characters who live, love, face the occasional crisis and maintain steadfast dignity. Dargan populates the book with people of resolve and determination – anything but stereotypical images of mountain folk.

Perhaps this was because Dargan wrote of what she knew. Not unlike Asheville's Thomas Wolfe, she tells her own story and that of her neighbors through thinly veiled fiction. Only the names have been changed – to protect the innocent – with a notable exception.

One of her neighbors, Jess Rose, was well known as a straightforward and honest man. Rose apparently was insistent that his name be used, and that a photograph of him be identified as such.

His portrait is one of 50 photographs illustrating "From My Highest Hill" all taken by Bayard Wootten, then a well-known, albeit rare, woman photographer, whose work is finding renewed recognition.

Dialogue is recreated with an accuracy not seen in other works, including Horace Kephart's "Our Southern Highlanders."

Today a four-lane highway is being built through Almond. But reading "From My Highest Hill" isn't merely an exercise in nostalgia. The story is fresh, the characters are believable. There is no author's ego at stake in this reissue, and UT Press is to be congratulated for the reprint.

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Olive Tilford Dargan

(1869 -1968)

Fiction, Plays, and Poetry
Asheville, North Carolina

Olive Tilford Dargan was born on a farm in Kentucky on January 11, 1869. Ten years later the family moved to the Missouri Ozarks, where her parents founded a school. At age fourteen, Olive became their assistant, teaching forty students in a one-room school ranging in ages from six to twenty. At seventeen, she won a scholarship to Peabody College and, upon graduation, taught in Arkansas and Texas before attending Radcliffe.

At Radcliffe she met Pegram Dargan, a South Carolina poet then a senior at Harvard. After a year's teaching in Nova Scotia, she returned to Boston and renewed her friendship with Dargan. When she moved to Blue Ridge, Georgia, to write, the poet followed her there, and they subsequently married and settled down in New York City.

It was there that Olive Tilford Dargan began her literary career in 1904 with the publication of poetic dramas and lyric poetry. While in college, she had gone on a camping trip to the mountains of North Carolina and had vowed to have a home there one day, a dream that was fulfilled in 1906 when the Dargans bought Horizon Farm on the Nantahala River in Swain County. Having dependable tenants allowed them to travel extensively, and Olive spent much of her time in England. There she completed a non-fiction work, *The Welsh Pony*, followed by her first book of mountain poetry, *Path Flower and Other Verses*.

When her husband drowned off the coast of Cuba in 1915, Dargan returned to the North Carolina mountains and spent most of her time there until the farmhouse burned in 1923. During this period, she published three distinctly different collections of poetry. *The Cycle's Rim* (1916), a collection of sonnets dedicated to her late husband, won a $500 prize from the Southern Society of New York. *Lute and Furrow* (1922) contained lyrical verse inspired by her love for the mountains, as does *The Spotted Hawk* (1958), which won the Roanoke-Chowan Poetry Award.

After moving to Asheville in 1925 she wrote the collection of short stories many consider her best work, *Highland Annals*, and three novels under the pen name Fielding Burke, as well as a final book of verse and a last short story collection. Dargan is widely considered to be one of the best authors ever to come

out of the Appalachian South. Few have surpassed her in the description of mountain beauty or in her sympathy for the less fortunate.

Two of her novels revolve around the role of mountain migrants in the Gastonia Mill strike, and the third, *Sons of the Stranger* (1947), takes place in Colorado during a coal mine strike in which the National Guard machine-guns a tent city full of evicted miners. *Call Home the Heart* (1932) is the first of these novels, and generally considered the most powerful. Although published 58 years after her first book, Dargan's last, *Innocent Bigamy and Other Stories*, still revealed enormous talent. One of her most treasured accolades was an honorary degree bestowed upon her in 1925 by the University of North Carolina. She died on January 22, 1968, eleven days after her 99th birthday.

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VIII
"A Proper Funeral"

We were on our way to see Uncle Nathe Ponder buried. Serena was as happy as she could be with decency, considering our solemn destination. She had not been away from home for several months, and her joyous reaction could be suppressed only intermittently. But, at any time, her laughter was pleasantly low of key, as if she were softly trying it out before subjecting you to the full flow that never came.

And Serena was infectious. I had set out with my mind meditatively intrenched on the going down of men into the grave; the passing of man himself, of earth, of suns, of systems, with no full-grown hope of any immortal salvage; but Serena, pulsingly aware in a significant world, soon restored me to stature as a member of a community bent on giving due honor to one whose days among them had been spent with the vividness that amounts to virtue among a people who look to life for their drama instead of the stage and the morning papers.

We had left home early because of Len's prediction that we should have to walk after reaching Red Hog Gap, the entrance to Silver Valley. "But we'll be in two miles o' the graveyard then," he said, "an' can pick it up in no time." Uncle Nathe's farm lay in Silver Valley township only four miles, by crow's wing, northwest of mine, but the descent over cliffs and crags was hazardous and we had set off in exactly the opposite direction, walking the two miles down to Beebread, where Arnold Weaver was waiting on the new highway with his car - the first automobile to become a local pride in our part of the mountains. We soon sailed over the few miles of highway and reached Scatter, the next railroad-station below Beebread, where we turned into the narrow mountain road leading to Uncle Nathe's country. Here we began to come upon people who were walking to the funeral, and it was here that our car, through Len's cordiality, became so firmly packed. He extended invitations until the seats, the floor, and the running-boards would hold no more. "You're payin' fer the whole car," he said, "an' might as well git yer money's worth."

We were bouncing heavily along over the rutty road when ahead of us we saw a young man whose brisk step was certainly not of the highlands. There were various unsuccessful conjectures as to his identity, and suddenly Len called out: "Hey, Arn, stop yer shooter! It's Ann Lindsay's boy!"

"He'd have to set 'tween yer big toe an' the long un," said Arn. "I ain't goin' to stop no more."

"But he's come all the way from C'lumby to be at Uncle Nathe's buryin'."

"He didn't walk only from Scatter."

"I'll jump out an' let him set in my place."

"You ain't got any place. You're settin' on the tip aidge o' nothin'."

But Arn stopped the car. "Here, Bake," said Len, "I'm gittin' out, an' you hop in. Reckon you know me?"

"Len Merlin!" cried the stranger. "You caught that fox yet?"

"No, he's waitin' fer ye."

"Can't get him this trip. Got to hurry back. Go on, Arn, with your baggage. I'm walking to rest myself. Been on the train since last night. I'll see you all over the hill."

His refusal of the "seat" was positive, and we moved on, but not far. We were climbing the hill leading to Red Hog Gap and Len's prediction came true. The car refused to take the last lap over the hill, though we gave it an opportunity to do its best, by dropping out and scattering as readily as overripe plums from a suddenly shaken bough. With good cheer we began our walk to the graveyard. When nearly there we were overtaken by Bake Lindsay, and Len picked up their broken conversation.

"What yer hurryin' to git back fer ? You ain't been in sence when?"

"Not since I was married," said Lindsay, "and that's five years. I started soon as I heard about Uncle Nathe."

"Is he really a nephew of Mr. Ponder ?" I asked of the woman walking nearest to me, for with the whole country calling him "uncle," the blood-kin were left without distinction.

"No, he ain't no nephew," she said in a tone that I had learned to recognize as a shut trail in Unakasia. The story was not for me, an outsider. Even Len and Serena had turned a gently impassive front to my very reasonable interest in Uncle Nathe's family history. But Serena now stepped up and said intimately: "Jest wait, Mis' Dolly. We'll go to dinner with Aunt Lizy Haynes. Uncle Nathe's half-brother, Ranz, is stayin' there, an he's shore to let loose after the buryin'. When Uncle Ranz lets loose it's something else, I'm tryin' to tell ye. They won't be any more questions to ast when he

gits through." Then she moved over to Bake. "It's fine, yore comin' in, Bake," she said.

"Of course I wanted to be at the funeral, but," he explained honestly, "I've come mainly to get mother."

"She goin' back with you ?" cried half a dozen voices.

"She's promised to. I've been trying to get her to come out to me and Jenny ever since we've been married." Then his voice seemed to struggle a little. "Before we tied up, Jenny gave me her word that she'd be good to mother, and I know she'll keep it."

"You got any young-uns?" asked Len, and Bake said he had a little boy. They had named him Nathan.

"That tickled Uncle Nathe, I reckon," said the woman who had answered me the moment before. Then she hastened to cover her indiscretion. "'Course y'all have been on his place a long time, an' he's been mighty good to ye."

"He's been good to ever'body," said another.

"I reckon he has," said Bake, and we entered the graveyard. It was to be a Masonic funeral. Uncle Nathe's popularity would have drawn a large attendance, but the presence of the Fraternity made the occasion an event in Silver Valley's history. Nathan Ponder had been the only Freemason in his township, a member of the distant lodge in Carson, and for years he had not been in active attendance there, but he had left a request to be buried by the brethren, and they had gallantly responded.

"That's Elmer Jenkins," whispered Serena of a man who was prominent in the ceremony. "He's a lawyer, come up from South C'liny 'bout a year ago, 'count of his wife's health, an' settled in Carson."

"Looks like," said another voice, "that they could 'a' got along 'thout a furriner to tell 'em what to do."

"He's high up in the lodge," said Uncle Ranz Ponder, the half-brother of Uncle Nathe, "an' he seems mighty frien'ly."

The old and impressive service was solemnly conducted to the end, and there was a general breaking-up, amid a conflict of invitations for everybody to go home with everybody else for dinner.

"We'll go with Aunt Lizy," said Serena. "They's a lot been astin' me, but they ain't none of 'em pulled the buttons off my clo's tryin' to take me with 'em, an' I know we'll be full welcome at Aunt Lizy's. Uncle Ranz, he's her cousin, he'll be there, like I said."

So Mrs. Haynes's invitation was accepted. Serena and I were to stay until the next day but Len and the daughter, Lonie, were to return that evening to look after the children, the cows, and the chickens.

The brethren who had come out from Carson returned to town, with the exception of Lawyer Jenkins, who, probably was thinking of profitable affiliations with the remote but fertile valley. I observed him reading the headstones around the new-made grave, and it seemed to me that he was afflicted with a growing concern. He turned, with a question, to the man nearest him, who happened to be Len.

"Am I to understand that our good brother was married four times?"

"You shore air," said Len. "There lays four of as good wives as a man ever had. Them tombstones don't tell no lies. They's all 'fore my time, savin' Aunt Lindy, his last 'un, but I've hearn enough to know what they wuz."

"But four? Isn't it a little unusual?"

"Well, maybe it is, but Uncle Nathe wuzn't no hand to set at home by hissef."

At that moment, to Len's apparent relief, Aunt Lizy came up, and we found that Mr. Jenkins also had accepted her invitation. He walked with her husband Uncle Dan'l Haynes, and I gathered from drifting fragments of their conversation that Mr. Jenkins was still on the trail of Uncle Nathe's connubial history.

At the dinner-table he pleased all of the guests by introducing the topic from which they were politely holding back. "I have been learning from our kind host," he said, eying with favor his selected piece of fried chicken, "what this loss means to the community."

"Yes," some one responded, "it knocks all of us, losin' Nathe does."

"There is some property too, I believe. I trust there is harmony among the heirs."

"They're all behavin' fine," said Aunt Lizy, with some heartiness.

"Our brother was married several times, I understand. Did - er - all of his wives leave issue ?"

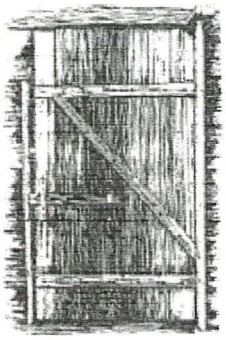
"Young-uns? No, Aunt Lindy never had any, ner Lu Siler, but Callie had a little feller that died - Rufe, they called him. An' Ponnie, his fust wife, left four, all livin' yit. They git along together fust-rate."

"I wonder what Ponnie would 'a' said," reflected Uncle Dan'l, "ef somebody had told her Nathe wouldn't be buried alongside o' her."

"Well," said Uncle Ranz, "I'd ruther not hear what Ponnie would 'a' said."

"I say it ought to 'a' been Lindy he wuz laid by," asserted Aunt Lizy. "She lived with him the longest an' worked the hardest."

"She didn't think a grain more o' him than Lu Siler did," returned Uncle Dan'l.



Proletarian Writers of the 1930s

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Fielding Burke [Olive Tilford Dargan]

By Jennifer Vencill

Just four years after the conclusion of the Civil War, in 1869, Grayson County, Kentucky, served as the birthplace of Olive Tilford Dargan to her abolitionist parents, Elisha Francis Tilford and Rebecca Day Tilford. Dargan followed in her father's footsteps and became an educator, but it is not for this employment that she is remembered (Davidson and Martin 233). Instead, Dargan is noted for her long and varied literary career that included published novels, short stories, poems, anecdotes, and dramas.

Educated first in her father's academy in Arkansas then at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee, Dargan held teaching positions in Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and Canada. This career ended quickly, though, for when Dargan went to Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to continue her education, she met her future husband Pegram Dargan. In 1898 the man from North Carolina and the girl from Kentucky were married. The two, both aspiring writers, moved to New York to pursue new careers. The couple moved again in 1906, this time to Almond, North Carolina, because of Pegram's health (Davidson and Martin 233). By this time, however, Dargan had begun her career as a lyrical dramatist, as two of her collections, *Semiramis and Other Plays* (1904) and *Lords and Lovers and Other Dramas* (1906), had been published. Relocating again, Dargan lived in London from 1911 until 1914, during which time another of her dramas and her first collection of lyric poetry, *Path Flower and Other Verses*, were published. Unfortunately the drama, *The Mortal Gods*, dealing with the oppression of the working class in modern industrial society, was not well received by critics (Mainiero 457). Dargan returned to the Appalachians in 1915 following her husband's death by drowning, where she lived and wrote in Almond and Asheville, North Carolina, for the remainder of her life.

The Cycle's Rim (1916) was Dargan's first work published after her return to the south. This collection of fifty-three sonnets, written as a memorial to one drowned at sea, received much praise and was considered to be of the quality of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's *Sonnets from the Portuguese* (Mainiero 457). Following the publishing of *Flutter of the Gold Leaf, and other Plays* (1922) with Dr. Frederic Peterson and *Lute and Furrow* (1922), Dargan was awarded an honorary doctorate in literature from the University of North Carolina (*Who Was Who* 169).

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Review: The Heart of Revolution: The Ra Life and Novels of **Olive Dargan**

Kathy Cantley Ackerman. *The Heart of Revolution: The Radical Life an of **Olive Dargan**.* **Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2004. 23 Hardback. $29.95.**

If only for her longevity, **Olive** Tilford **Dargan** is a significant figure in Am letters. Born in 1869, she lived just one year short of a century and enjoy fifty-eight year publishing career. Her first book, *Semiramis and Other Pl* published by Scribners in 1904. Her final book, *Innocent Bigamy and Ot Stories*, was issued by John F. Blair in 1962. Though not prolific she was versatile, claiming plays, poetry, short stories, and novels among her fifte volumes. In mid-career she adopted a pseudonym, Fielding Burke, which used for each of her three novels, all proletarian and polemical works. Pe both her longevity and versatility have mitigated against a deserved critic reputation. Today she is remembered primarily for one novel and one co of short stories.

The addition of Kathy Ackerman's thoroughly researched and gracefully study is welcomed as the first full length book about this extraordinary lit figure. As her title indicates, she limits her attention to the Fielding Burke *Call Home the Heart* (1932), *A Stone Came Rolling* (1935), and *Sons of Stranger* (1947). Her ambitious thesis is that **Dargan**'s work should be c in light of her "treatments of proletarianism, feminism, and race, with spe attention to the ways these issues intersect in the southern Appalachian

The question of why Ackerman did not simply use Fielding Burke as the answered by one of her primary tenets: that **Dargan**'s radical inclinations long before she demonstrated them in the novels. For instance, in the

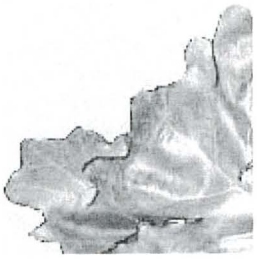
biographical section that begins the work, Ackerman tells the anecdote o **Dargan**'s working in Boston as a stenographer to a rubber manufacturer day he dictated two letters, one ordering the abrupt closing of a factory, t complaining about the upholstery of his yacht. Thus the inequalities of th capitalist industrial system were brought forcefully home to her. In 1904 **I** met Rose Pastor Stokes, a founding member of the American Communis who became one of her closest friends. Ackerman offers more than one suggestion as to why **Dargan** chose to use a non-gender specific pseud her three novels, but the most salient one is that they were so radical tha author feared reprisal in that politically charged era.

Though **Dargan**'s college education included a year at Radcliffe and her jobs were in Nova Scotia, Boston, and New York, it was her move to App that launched her writing career. In 1925 she published her most succes book, *Highland Annals* (later reissued as *From My Highest Hill*). That coll short stories is based on her experiences in rural Appalachia and is gene genial retelling of her relationship with the mountain folk she encountere when she moved from the country to the town, her writing became more She was living in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1929, the year of cotton mi in nearby Gastonia and Marion, the events that provided her with specific material to embody her political stances and move to a new genre, the n

One of the most impressive aspects of Ackerman's book is her use of unpublished letters found in several collections throughout the country. **D** correspondence with Rose Stokes reveals that she actually went to Gast visited with the strikers, something she was able to do because of Rose's influence. In April 1929, **Dargan** wrote Rose, "I'm stamped 'middle-class' . . . But the strikers like me and make me feel like blood-kin—bless their bones!" Ackerman has found so much correspondence, in fact, that an e **Dargan**'s letters would be a useful tool to Appalachian scholars.

Call Home the Heart is the literal center of Ackerman's study. She exami and to a lesser extent, the sequel, *A Stone Came Rolling*, in light of the proletarian movement in American letters, in comparison to other strike n the period and in the historical accounting of the events of the Gastonia s Ishma Waycaster, the protagonist of both novels, undergoes enormous c as she moves from her isolated mountain home of Cloudy Knob to the de populated and troubled Winbury. Ackerman devotes five of her nine chap the Gastonia novels, emphasizing **Dargan**'s treatment of feminism, race, activism, and romance as they are demonstrated in the contrasting and conflicting issues of Ishma's life. Because Ishma, presented generally sympathetically, shows her revulsion to a black woman in one gripping s race relations becomes a particularly difficult problem. Ackerman points **Dargan** felt that the labor organizers underestimated the depth of racism South. Feminist attitudes are also counter-poised against the prevailing patriarchal practices of the time and **Dargan**'s own celebration of the prir romantic love. It is to Ackerman's credit that she undertakes such a pleth complex issues in her study of the Gastonia novels.

The Heart of Revolution concludes with two other chapters, brief ones or *a Stranger* and on **Dargan**'s reactions to the critics. Though they seem a in comparison with the full treatment of the earlier chapters, they are nev useful. Whatever organizational flaws the book might have, it is an impor addition to scholarship on the proletarian novels of the thirties, the issues feminism and racism in literature, and especially to our understanding of Tilford **Dargan**, a refined Victorian lady writer who, having become a con sympathizer, fought against social and economic oppression and champi ideal of a classless society. She deserves the attention that Ackerman's encourage.



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by George Brosi

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In 1879 the Tilford's moved to Doniphan, in the Missouri Ozarks, where they founded a school. Three years later they set up another school near Warm Springs, Arkansas. At the age of fourteen, **Olive** Tilford taught a satellite one-room school four miles from her parents, responsible for forty "children" ranging in age from six to twenty and including two nephews of the notorious outlaw, Hildebrand! At the age of seventeen, she won a scholarship to Peabody College by getting the highest score in Arkansas on a competitive examination. During the two years it took her to graduate from Peabody, she accompanied friends on a camping trip to North Carolina and vowed, "If I ever own a home of my own, it will be in these mountains."

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however, **Olive Dargan** returned to the farm in the North Carolina mountains and spent most of her time there until the farmhouse burned in 1923. During this period, she published three very different poetry collections.

Olive Tilford **Dargan** moved to Asheville, North Carolina, in 1925. It was there that she wrote the collection of short stories which many consider her best work, *Highland Annals*, and three proletarian novels under the pen name, Fielding Burke, as well as one final book of verse and one last short story collection. Two of her proletarian novels revolve around the role of mountain migrants in the Gastonia Mill strike, and the third takes place in Colorado during the notorious coal mine strike during which the National Guard attacked a tent city of evicted miners with machine guns. *Call Home the Heart* is the first of these novels, and generally considered the most powerful. The compelling lead character, Ish, is torn between three suitors each of whom represents an important dimension of life: art, politics, and survival. Although it was published 58 years after her first book, **Dargan's** last, *Innocent Bigamy and Other Stories*, still reveals both enormous talent in putting together words, inspired themes, and compelling plots. **Olive** Tilford **Dargan** died, at the age of 99, on January 22, 1968.

Olive Tilford **Dargan** was one of the very best authors ever to come out of the Appalachian South. Her writing is purposeful and meaningful. Few have surpassed her in the description of mountain beauty or in the ability to transmit a feel for human relationships.

An Olive Tilford Dargan Bibliography

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The Welsh Pony. England, 1913. Non-fiction, printed privately. Rare.

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 11-00 LOCAL NO.

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DECEASED

1. NAME OF DECEASED (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): Olive Tilford Dargan
2. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): January 22, 1968
3. SEX: Female
4. COLOR OR RACE: White
5. STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY): Kentucky
6. DATE OF BIRTH: 1-13-1868
7. AGE (IN YEARS LAST BIRTHDAY): 100
IF UNDER 1 YEAR: MONTHS / DAYS
IF UNDER 24 HOURS: HOURS / MIN.

PLACE OF DEATH
8a. COUNTY: Buncombe
8b. CITY OR TOWN: Asheville
8c. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER): 10 Gaines Ave.
8d. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO): No

USUAL RESIDENCE (WHERE DECEASED LIVED, IF INSTITUTION, RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION)
9a. STATE: N.C.
9b. COUNTY: Buncombe
9c. CITY OR TOWN: Ashevile
9d. STREET ADDRESS OR R.F.D. No.: 58 Balsam Ave.
9e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO): Yes

10. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY): Widowed
11. SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME):
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?: USA
13. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:
14a. USUAL OCCUPATION (KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED): Writer & Poet
14b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY:

PARENTS

15. FATHER'S NAME: Elizah Tilford
16. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: Rebecca Day

17. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mrs. Clarence P.Oliver, Austin, Texas

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CAUSE

PART I. DEATH CAUSED BY: ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), (c)

CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE(a), STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST

18. (a) IMMEDIATE CAUSE: Terminal hypostatic pneumonia
(b) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: Inactivity of snility
(c) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: Arteriosclerosis

APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a)
19a. Osteoaethritis and osteoporosis
19b. AUTOPSY? (YES OR NO): No
19c. IF YES WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH:

20a. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, OR UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY):
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 18)
20c. TIME OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR, HOUR, M.):
20d. INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO):
20e. PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY):
20f. CITY OR R.F.D. / COUNTY / STATE:

CERTIFICATION—PHYSICIAN: I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM 5-11- 19 67 TO 12-22- 19 68 AND LAST SAW HIM/HER ALIVE ON 1-14- 19 68 DEATH OCCURRED AT 11:25 A.M. ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE, AND IN MY OPINION, FROM THE CAUSES STATED.

CERTIFICATION—MEDICAL EXAMINER OR ACTING MEDICAL EXAMINER: ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR INVESTIGATION, IN MY OPINION, DEATH WAS DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED ABOVE. THE DECEDENT WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT _____ M. ON _____ 19__

Permn.

Date

23a. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFIER: Claude E.Steen,M.D.
23b. DEGREE OR TITLE / DATE SIGNED: 1-23-68
23c. ADDRESS: Asheville,N.C.

BURIAL

24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, OTHER (SPECIFY): Burial
24b. DATE: 1-24-68
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ADDRESS: Asheville
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LICENSE NO.: 2007
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West Asheville writer Dargan suffered for her sympathies

Visiting our past

Petite, empathetic and frail, author Olive Tilford Dargan bore the weight of her sympathies throughout her 99 years, dying in some obscurity in a nursing home in South Asheville in 1968. By the time she moved to a log cabin in West Asheville in 1925, having achieved high critical acclaim for her poems, plays and short stories, she was ready to embark on her first novel, "Call Home the Heart."

Rob Neufeld

"Call Home the Heart" followed her beloved mountain characters to mill work and labor strikes in Gastonia. The reputation that followed this kind of subject (novels about workers' issues were labeled proletarian then) dogged Dargan, who feared reprisals. She used a pen name, Fielding Burke, to protect herself, but an acquaintance who reviewed her book betrayed her and let her real name leak out.

She had said that if a friend revealed "what they must know I have taken great pains to conceal, I shall embarrass them with a public denial." When the unmasking occurred, Dargan merely flared, "I actually felt as if I wanted to meet him publicly and slap his (the reviewer's) face."

Never mind that the reviewer called "Call Home the Heart" stunning and that Jonathan Daniels in the Saturday Review of Literature said it was "the best novel yet written about the industrial conflict in contemporary America." Dargan was living in jittery times. Bubbles Marlowe, whose mother, Marie Dobbs Jones, had befriended Dargan in West Asheville, recalls how, at age 8, she had been accompanied to school by a "cowboy" whom Dargan had enlisted to protect her from kidnappers. Communism hadn't been the only scare blown out of proportion in the 1930s. The disappearance of Charles Lindbergh's son led even Marlowe's mother to look suspiciously at discarded mattresses, thinking they were clues to lurking criminals' hideouts.

In 1950, Dargan grew fearful again as Joseph McCarthy was rising in power. "Asheville is rapidly progressing backwards, with no one left in the vanguard to be talked to with safety," Dargan wrote a friend. A chaplain had been made to resign because he served as the secretary of the Peace Fellowship of Presbyterians.

Rob Neufeld photo

Author Olive Tilford Dargan's grave marker in Green Hills Cemetery in West Asheville reflects the obscurity into which her once highly acclaimed career has fallen.

"And not a voice has been heard in protest," Dargan commented, adding, "I myself adopted the discretion of an oyster."

The politics obscures Dargan's value and intentions as a writer. Dorcas Carland, a West Asheville News reporter related in 1942 that "Plato, in his Sicilian days ... did not seem so important as old gran'pap, the head of the farm clan" to Dargan. In 1935, Anthony Buttitta in the Raleigh News & Observer quoted Dargan as saying, "Art to me has always been the feel and transmission of human experience," and workers' struggles lie closer to real experience "than the 'flutter of an eyelid,' which has occupied bourgeois writers for years and is considered by standpat critics as art."

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Asheville Woman, 22, Will Get M. D. Degree

Miss Bertha M. Davis Will Realize Ambition At Early Age

"I want to be a doctor!"

Bertha M. Davis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis, 131 Brevard road, West Asheville, said it 12 years ago, when she was only 10. And she'll be Dr. Bertha M. Davis next June when she graduates from Medical College of Virginia at Richmond.

Her father was a dentist then—he has retired now—and he and Mrs. Davis tried to dissuade their youngest child from what they called "her notion."

But—"Lawyer, doctor, merchant, chief," Bertha would say. "I'm going to be a doctor."

Played "Physician"

Nothing her parents could say in favor of lawyers, merchants, trained nurses, locomotive engineers or stenographers altered Bertha's decision. When neighborhood youngsters "played house," she always was the "family physician."

Bertha's consuming ambition gave her keener interest in studying. She graduated from high school in Asheville, went to Carson-Newman college two years and attended University of North Carolina two years, getting a B. S. degree at the age of 18 as the youngest member of her class.

The two years at the state university were in pre-medical study. Miss Davis began her fourth year at the Richmond college this fall. She will receive an M. D. degree in general surgery and obstetrics.

Then she will go to the Sorbonne in Paris, France, for a year's study. She hasn't decided where she will locate after coming back to the States.

Despite her scholastic achievements—Miss Davis' grades always have been in the 90's—she is a "regular" girl. She was captain of her basketball squad in high school. She swims skillfully, is an expert horsewoman and an acrobatic dancer. She even manages to crowd in a game of golf now and then.

MISS BERTHA M. DAVIS

She has been the only girl in her class of 75 for the full four years at Richmond. Her mates thought enough of her to elect her vice president of the class, an Associated Press dispatch revealed Friday.

Miss—or Dr.—Davis is "just like the typical American girl," her married sisters say. The sisters are Mrs. G. D. Gardner, 18 Fairfax avenue, and Mrs. A. B. Stagg, Charlotte.

But she's going to make her sisters call her "doctor"—and then she'll be happy.

Asheville Citizen Oct. 4, 1931

WEST ASHEVILLE GROUP IS GIVEN DRILL HONORS

Frank Davis Leads Six-Man Unit In Trials At Fire Tower.

Drill teams of the West Asheville auxiliary firemen, headed by Frank Davis, and the Merrimon avenue unit, headed by W. D. McLean, took top honors last night in time trials held at the Merrimon avenue fire station.

Under simulated conditions, the West Asheville team made up of six men, laid out enough hose to reach into the third story of the fire tower at the station and had water running in 58 seconds.

The Merrimon avenue team laid hose into the third story, connected it to a "Y" coupler and had water running on the second and fourth floors in two minutes and forty-five seconds.

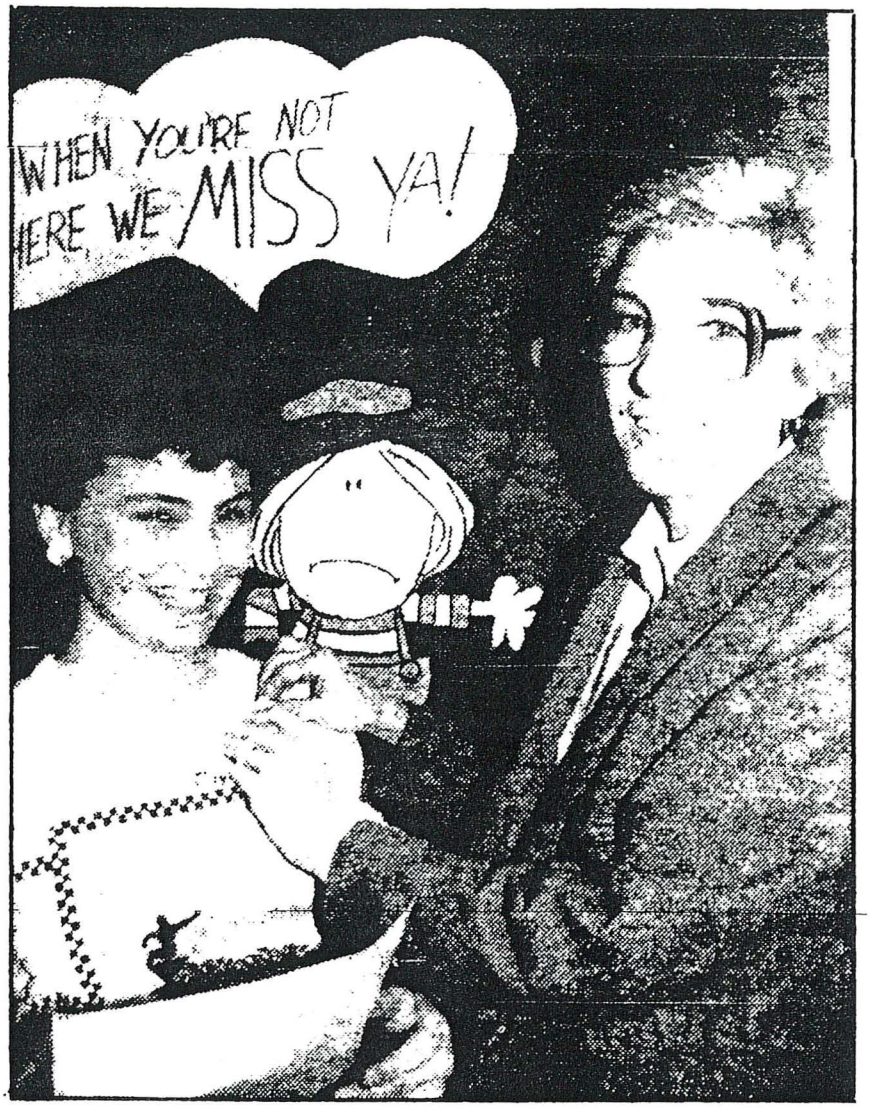
Present at last night's drill were approximately 15 members of the Beacon auxiliary firemen's unit who practiced under Chief Bailey from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock.

Other teams were led by George Graham, J. G. Neely, Charlie Starnes, Frank Barber, Frank Sherrill, Marshall Orr, Emmet Davis and S. Robins.

Asheville Times June 16, 1943

JUNE IS ROSES—Marcie Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Davis of 44 Vermont Ct.

Asheville Citizen December 27, 1959



AT HALL FLETCHER — Nancy Davis pins a badge identifying Hall Fletcher Middle School seventh-grader Brandy Dryman as a special assistant. Davis begins her day preparing an attendance bulletin for distribution to the staff. Keeping track of attendance is only part of the services of the three home/school coordinators in the city school system. (Photos by Freda Barry)

Asheville Citizen January 26, 1986

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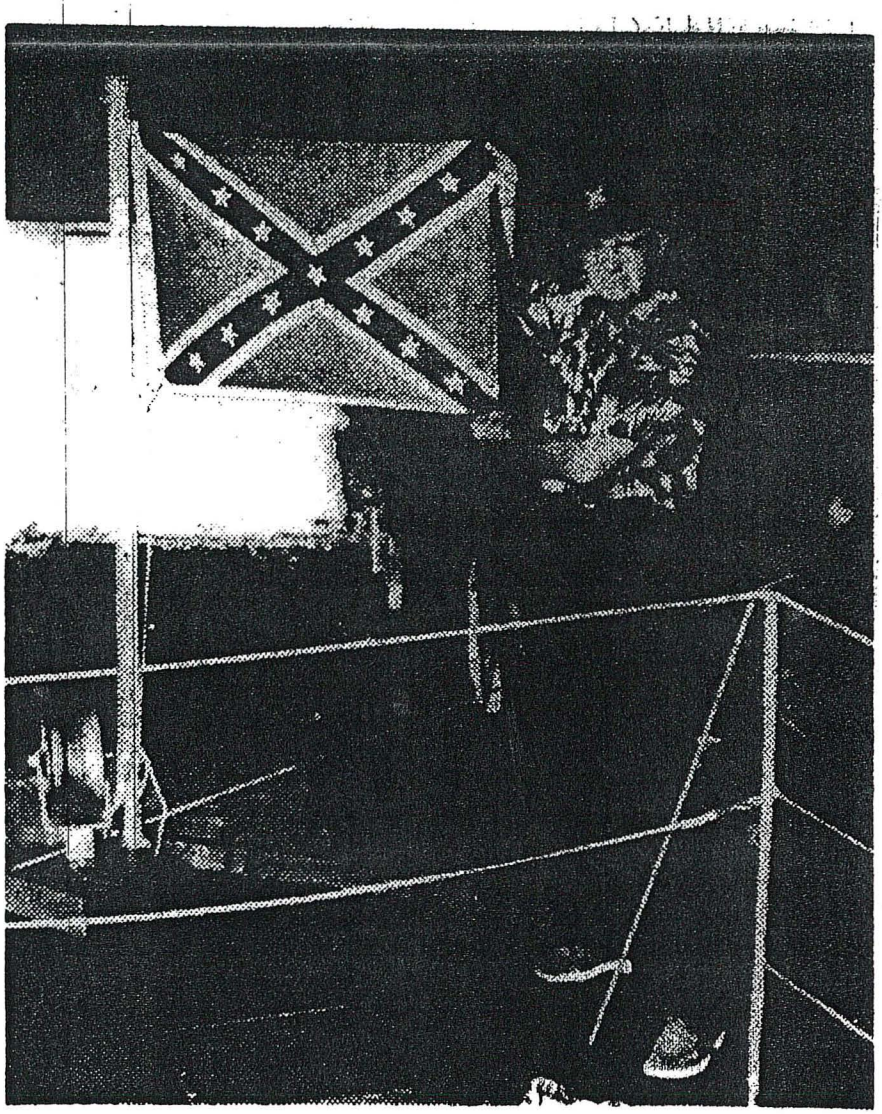
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1938

Will Dance

—Photo by Howard Studio.

Patricia Davis, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Davis of 95 Trotter place, who will be featured in a song and dance at the U. D. C. Baby Show September 17 at the David Millard school. Patricia was a prize winner at the North Carolina Dancing Masters' association contest held at Winston-Salem this year.

Bruce Emory Research



CAPT. NOYES RAND DAWLEY, a native of Charleston, W. Va., and a former student of Asheville's Bingham Military School, flies the Confederate flag on his fishing yacht, "Miss Honolulu," in Oahu, an isle in the Pacific. Dawley is a big game angler who shares his experiences with fishermen seeking marlin and tuna off Hawaii

Asheville Citizen September 9, 1951

R. M. DEAVER DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Father of Mrs. L. B. McBrayer and Mrs. W. E. Logan Passes Away at the Age of 74 Years.

The many friends of R. M. Deaver, of this city, will be pained to learn of his death which occurred yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. L. B. McBrayer, on Montford avenue. The deceased had been in ill health for a number of years and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Deaver is survived by a wife and two daughters: Mrs. L. B. McBrayer and Mrs. W. E. Logan, of this city. He was seventy-four years of age and was married fifty years ago to Miss Sarah A. Rollins, who is a sister of Major W. W. Rollins, of Asheville. Two sisters survive Mr. Deaver, — Mrs. Hester Rollins, of Asheville, and Mrs. Matt McElroy, of Mars Hill.

Mr. Deaver had been a resident of Asheville for a number of years and until his health failed about eight years ago, he was one of the city's most prominent business men. Before a railroad was built through this city, he was the proprietor of a large stage coach line and was the first person in the state to substitute busses for stage coaches. He spent some time in Washington after 1881, having purchased land in that city.

The deceased was a member of the West End Baptist church and was an enthusiastic church worker. The funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Dr. L. B. McBrayer, by Rev. C. B. Waller, Rev. G. P. Hamrick and Rev. R. D. Cross. The following will act as pall bearers: Mayor J. E. Rankin, Judge J. D. Murphy, W. W. Whittington, J. M. Ingle, R. C. Crowell and J. M. Stoner.

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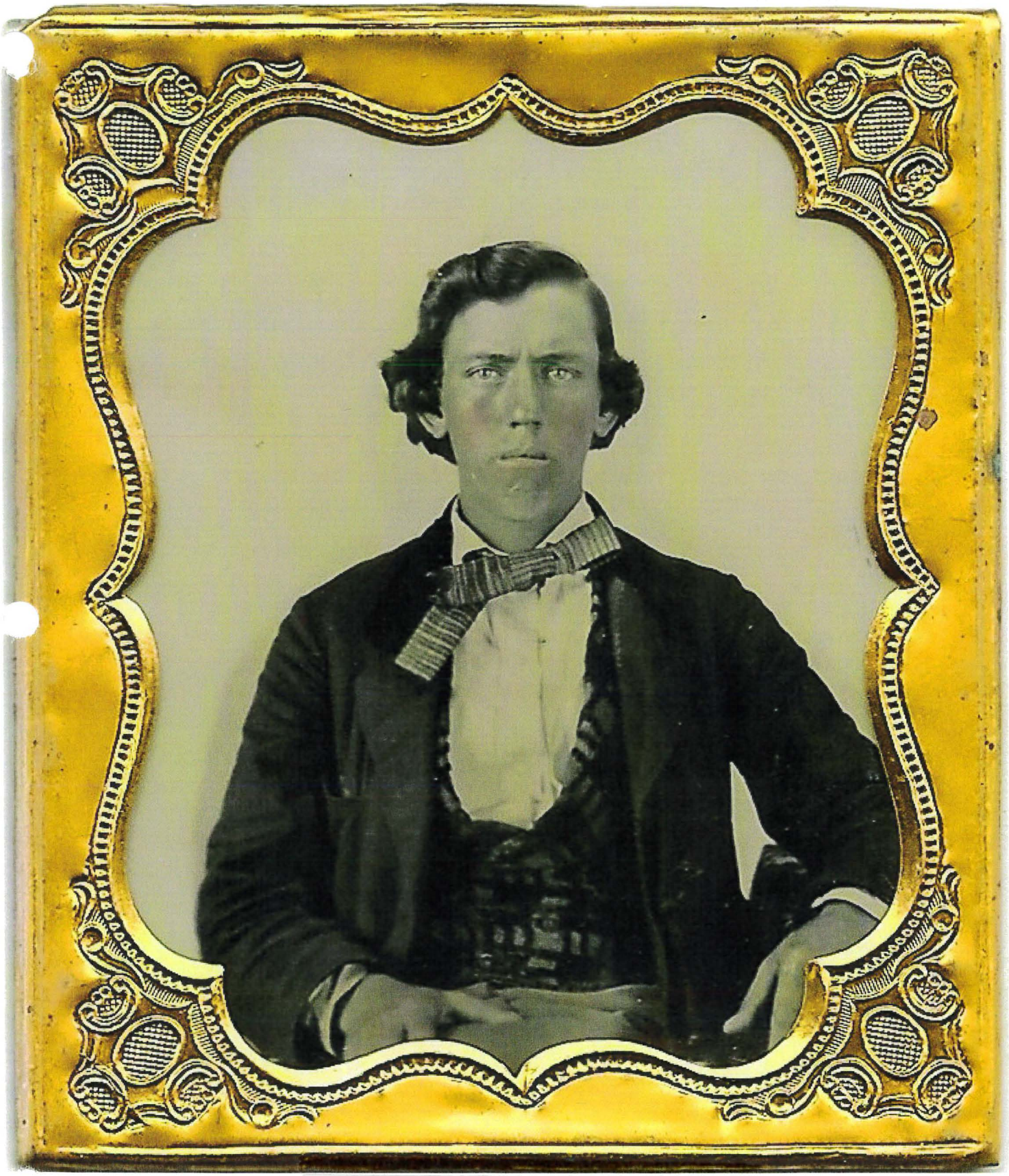

Reuben Manning Deaver (1838 – 1912)

Photo c. 1855; courtesy Gary Logan

Reuben Manning Deaver (1838 -1912)
Photo c. 1865 Photo via Gary Logan on pinterest.com

Reuben Manning Deaver

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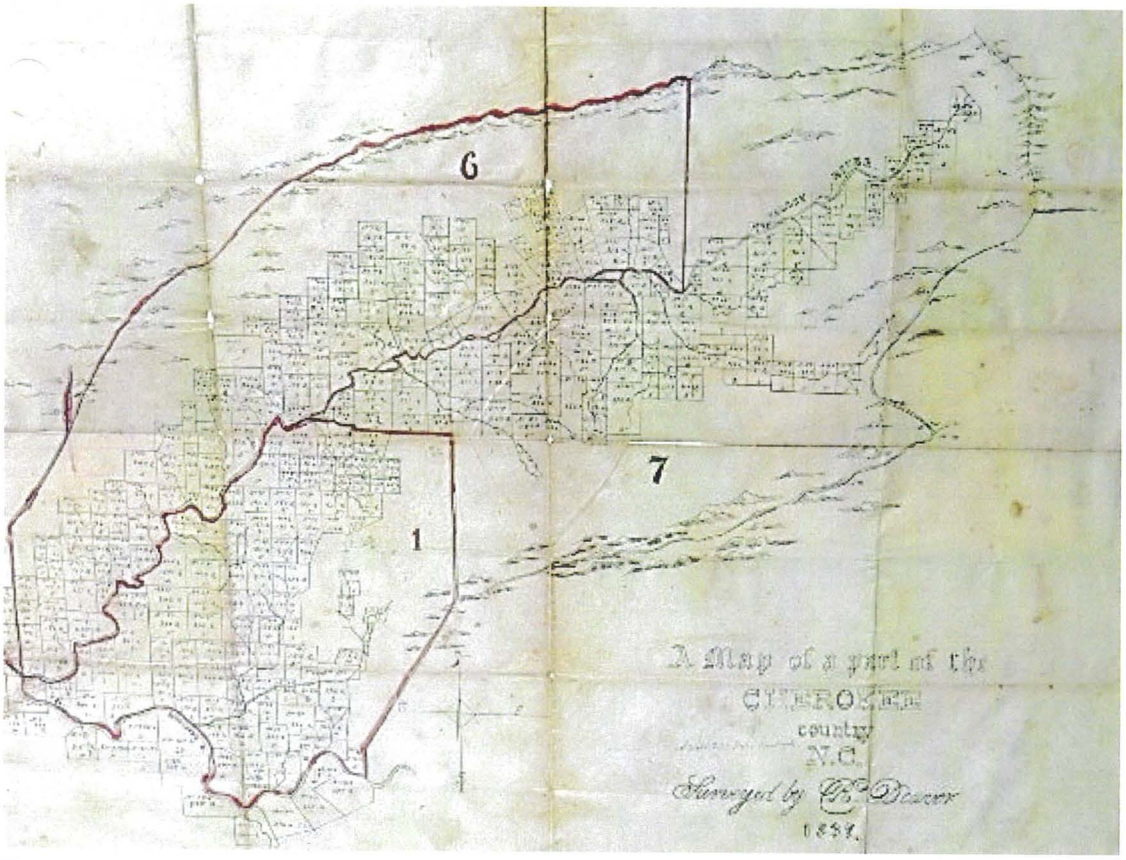
Headstone for Reuben Deaver and Sarah Rollins Deaver, Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, NC



Original Survey Map
This map of portions of Cherokee County was made by Reuben Deaver in 1837. He was one of the first surveyors of Cherokee County.

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WILLIAM DEAVER

Born 1763 on Susquehannah River in Maryland. Enlisted 1780 in Amherst County, VA under Lieut. Bartlett Eades and guarded Burgoyne Prisoners for three months. In 1781 he volunteered in Capt. James Dillard's Company and marched from Amherst Court House, VA and joined Gen. Greene's army at Troublesome Ironworks in North Carolina the day after the battle of Guilford. Later he enlisted under Col. Washington where he remained until Cornwallis took shipping. He was then discharged and went home. In July he enlisted under Cap. John Loving, Cap. James Montgomery and marched to Williamsburg, VA and there remained under Gen. Wayne until Gen. Washington arrived and then was marched to Little York and there remained siege until Lord Cornwallis surrendered and then was discharged and went home.

In 1800 he was living in Buncombe County, NC and in 1850 he was living at the home of his son Reubin Deaver in Buncombe County, NC. He died shortly after 1853 in Marshall County, Mississippi at the home of his son Elijah Deaver. In 18323 he was living in Buncombe County, age 70 years.

His pension papers were witnessed by Col. Robert Love and Robert Henry, soldiers of the Revolution. In 1840 he was age 77 years and living with son Reubin.

/s/ Wm Deaver

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MONEY IS TAKEN FROM STAFFS AT CHURCH IN CITY

Asheville police yesterday placed a candidate in the race for the title "meanest thief."

Friday night several brass voting staffs in St. Lawrence Catholic church, on Haywood street, were prized open and about $12 stolen.

The money had been placed in the staffs by members of the church as offerings. The loss was discovered yesterday morning when the church was opened.

Damage to the staffs was estimated to be in excess of $40.

TO BROADCAST RETURNS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (AP)—The Columbia Broadcasting System announced today it will broadcast the British election results Tuesday at 10 p. m., when the fate of Ramsay MacDonald's national government will be decided.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MRS. R. H. LEDFORD

Mrs. R. H. Ledford, 31, Oak Glen Park, Biltmore, died at Mission hospital at 11 o'clock last night after a major operation.

She was a native of Asheville, the daughter of the late K. M. Sales. She was an active member of Ridge Chapel Baptist church.

Survivors are her husband; her mother, Mrs. T. M. Sales; a sister, Mrs. J. A. Nesbit of Biltmore, and three brothers, Guy M. and Norris of Asheville and H. L. Sales of San Francisco. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

JESSE D. DEES

Funeral services for Jesse D. Dees, World War veteran, of 14 Michigan avenue, who died yesterday morning at Oteen hospital, will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Clayton-Hyer funeral home in West Asheville.

The Rev. F. M. Dowell, of West Asheville, will officiate. The body will be taken to Johnson City, Tenn., tomorrow for burial.

Members of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will assemble at the funeral home at 1:45 o'clock for the funeral. Mr. Des was a member of Locke Craig council.

Mr. Dees is survived by his widow, his mother, two children Doris and Jesse D. Dees, Jr., four brothers, Wright of Lake Alfred, Fla., Trimus for the funeral. Mr. Dees was a mem- two sisters, Mrs. Meadows of Auburndale and Mrs. Dukes of Pelham, Ga.

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We sincerely thank our many friends for their kindness during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

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STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County: Buncombe Registration District No. 115724 Certificate No. 10

Township: Asheville or Village: or

City: No. V.A. Hospital, Oteen St. Ward

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its Name instead of street and number)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. 2 mos. 16 ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

2. FULL NAME Dees, Jesse D., C - 696 273 - Cpl. Co. K. 1st Reg. Cas.

(a) Residence: No. 14 Michigan Ave., West Asheville, N.C. Ward

(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX: Male

4. COLOR OR RACE: White

5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word): Married

5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Mrs. Ruby Dees

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) June 22, 1897

7. AGE: Years 34 Months 4 Days 2 IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

OCCUPATION

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Farmer

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as cotton mill, saw mill, bank, etc.

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)

11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Ga.

FATHER

13. NAME Unknown

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Unknown

MOTHER

15. MAIDEN NAME Unknown

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17. INFORMANT Hospital records (Address)

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place Asheville, N.C. Date Oct. 24, 1931

19. UNDERTAKER Clayton & Hyer Funeral Directors (Address) West Asheville, N.C.

20. FILED Oct 1931 Mrs. Claude Morris REGISTRAR.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Oct. 27, 1931, 19

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug. 8, 1931, 19, to Oct. 24, 1931, 19. I last saw him alive on Oct. 24, 1931, 19, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 8:10 A. m.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:

	Date of onset
Septic infarct, right lung	Aug. 8, 1931
Pleurisy, suppurative, right	Unknown

(121)

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal causes:

Name of operation Appendectomy Date of Aug. 8, 1931

What last confirmed diagnosis? Was there an autopsy? Yes

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:

Accident, suicide, or homicide? Date of injury, 19

Where did injury occur? (Specify city or town, county, and State)

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Manner of injury

Nature of injury

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No

If w. injury

H. C. DODGE, Medical Officer in Charge, M. D.
(Signature)
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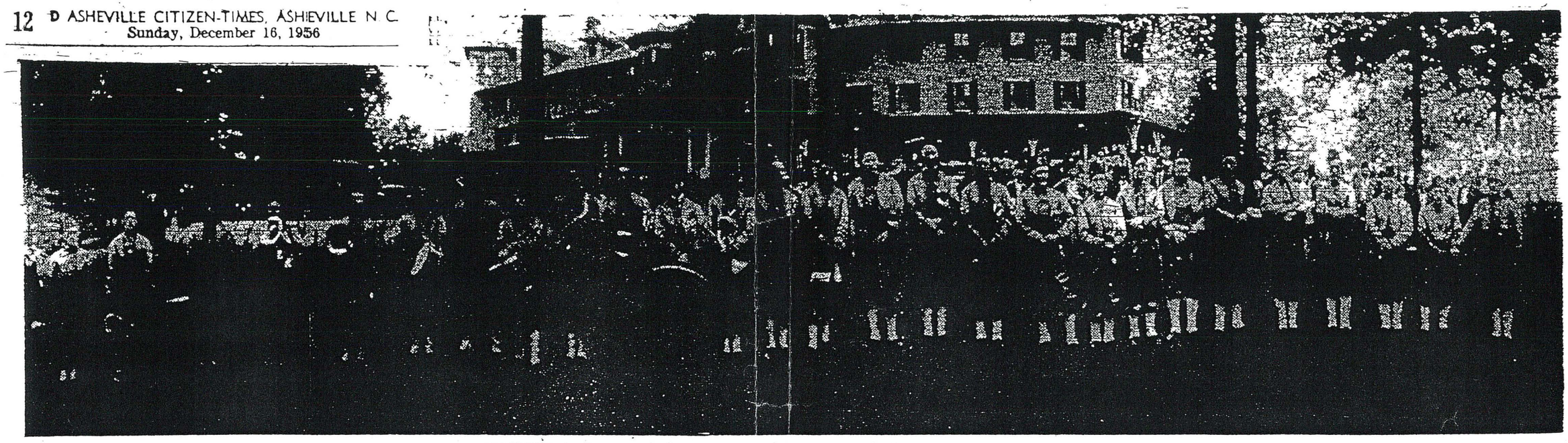

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'Dokie' Band Had Fabulous Reputation

By C. R. SUMNER

Of all the bands that held forth in Asheville during the early 1920s, none has a more fabulous reputation than the famous "Dokie" band directed by Joseph DeNardo.

It boasted many fine musicians, some of whom were individual artists of top rank, thus giving the unit a high entertainment factor. The Dokie band was extremely popular but it appeared only on formal occasions. This tended to whet the appetite of the public still more for this colorful, brilliantly costumed unit.

The band represented the D.O.K.K. lodge, play unit of the Knights of Pythias, one of the city's strongest fraternal orders. Thus, having the backing of its lodge it was not so cramped in the matter of budget and could afford top bracket uniforms. The oriental motif gave ample opportunity in the matter of flashy costumes.

It was natural that such a band would visit other cities for conventions and gatherings connected with the lodge and that it would appear in many parades. That is exactly what happened and the unit won much acclaim on these trips.

Rolls of the Dokie band are unhappily somewhat sketchy and memories are frail devices for filling in the missing members. Here is a list of those who were connected with the unit:

Joe DeNardo, director, Fred Stone, Phil Williamson, Don Mosseller, Bill Post, Joe Johnson, Harry Novic, Adolph Marquardt, Jerry Davis, John Pat Bramlet, Arthur Dunn, Carl Setzer, Charles B. Glass, John Stewart, C. O. Briggs, Carol English, Sid Waddell, Cy Young, Harold MacDougal, Carl Fea???, C. C. Hawkins, Frank Davis, Ben Cramer, Henry Waddell, Lang Ashton and Fred Black.

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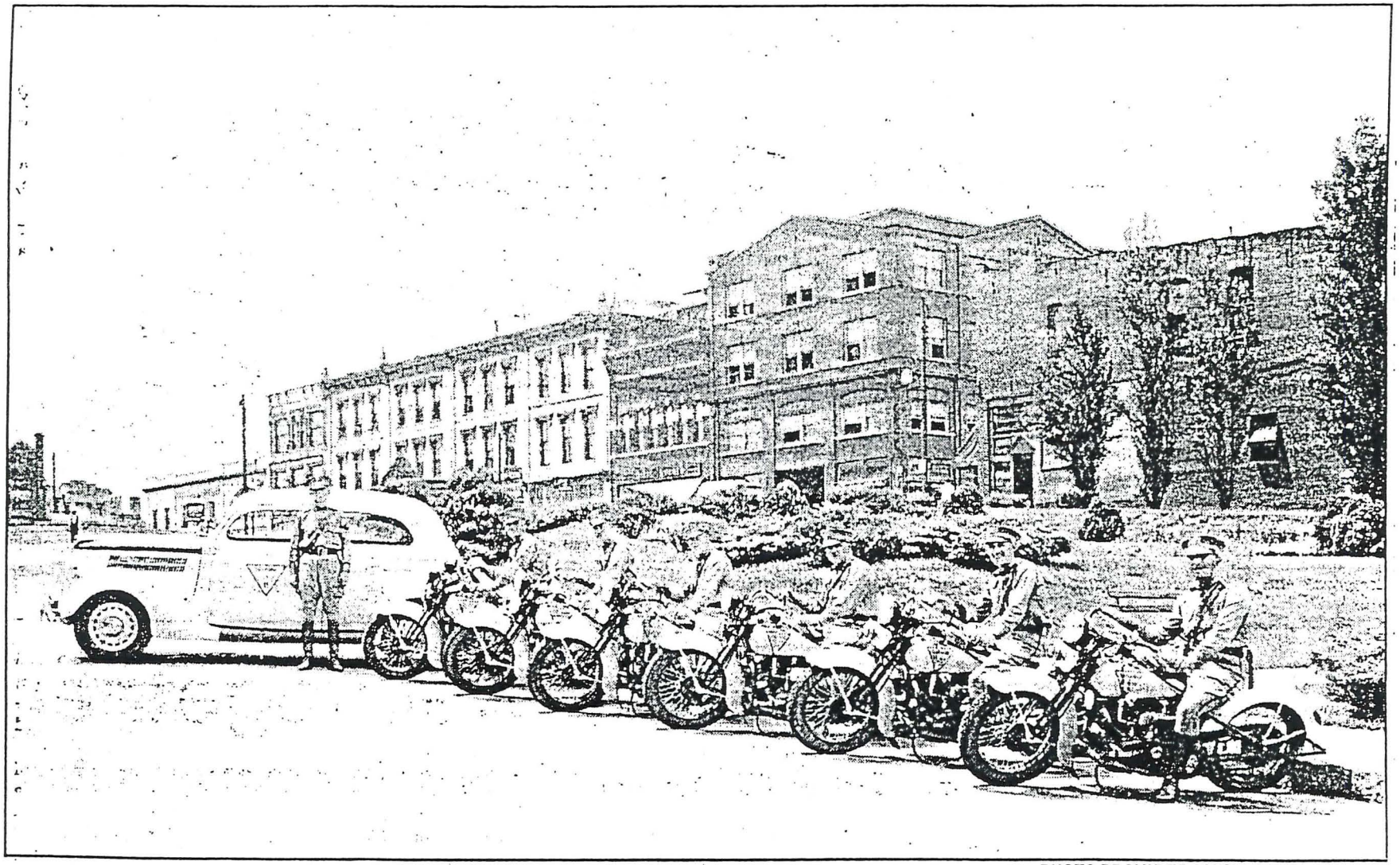


PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHARLES DERMID

Old time police officers

AT 9-9-87

Back in the 1930's, being an Asheville police officer wasn't an easy job. The hours were long, the downtown city streets were jammed with home folks and visitors, and police toiled without hope of pension. Still, this motorcycle force managed to look quite respectable. This photo was taken when Charles Dermid was still on a motorcycle, before he was named chief of police. See his story, 1A.

Asheville Times September 9, 1987

Charles Dermid remembers an Asheville of long ago

By Maggie Lauterer
Times Writer AT 9-9-87

It's hard to think about Asheville as it was when a young man with bright eyes and a clean-shaven face put on the badge of Asheville Police Chief for the first time.

Charles Dermid was 26 years old when he pinned his new badge on, the youngest police chief ever to take the responsiblity for law and order on the bustling streets of downtown Asheville.

And they were bustling back then. "You can't imagine how downtown Asheville was before the war," Dermid said, leaning back on the porch of his home in Woodfin last week as he recalled Asheville of 50 years ago. "Before the war, this town was crowded. There were no shopping centers, of course, and Patton Avenue was packed with people — packed!"

Dermid had moved to Asheville in 1913. As a teenager he began to work at the Recreation Park, 11 hours a day for $12.50 a week, with a $3 fee for board.

Dermid went on to Rollins College and then to Asheville Law School. "But the lawyers in this town were all starving then so I didn't even take the bar exam," he said. "They were looking for men for the police department. And they'd take anybody. Nobody wanted to do it. There was no pension plan, so they'd take old carpenters or bricklayers and make them policemen.

"Well, I joined the motorcyle department and did that until I had a bad accident and hurt my head pretty bad. That's why I didn't get drafted for the war."

When the police chief resigned, it was Charles Dermid who was appointed to take his place on February 5, 1937. The young man found he had his hands full.

"War was coming on," he remembered. "People were scared and a lot of them were unhappy with President Roosevelt, so when he came to town, we had to be extra careful."

Roosevelt came to Asheville twice, both times with his security in the hands of Dermid. "In 1939, he came to see his lady secretary (Marguerite LeHand), who was staying at St. Joseph Hospital. She had tuberculosis, you know. And then he went to see a member of his staff, Marvin McIntyre, who lived on Macon Avenue. Well, we didn't know when he'd be coming to McIntyre's house, so we had to have our men out there all day waiting for his car to pass."

When vice-presidential candidate Estes Kefauver came and made a speech on City-County Plaza, thousands of people turned out. I tried to think of every way of security I could. One of things I did was have two ten-foot ladders set up in the crowd and put photographers on them to take pictures. I figured that if anybody tried anything, we'd have pictures of them and one of our policeman could probably identify whoever it was."

Dermid's work apparently made an impression on the president's security men. He was asked to come to Roosevelt's inauguration in 1941 and help with security.

"I just about froze that day," he said, shaking his head. "We were told to not allow anybody to stand on a box. No photographs were to be taken, and if we saw anyone from our home town who had committed a felony, to take them into security. No one was allowed to go into top stories of buildings. There were uniformed men the entire length of the parade. But the parade was something. There were tanks rolling along, and it was the first time I ever saw a Flying Fortress."

When the U.S. became involved in World War II, one of the concerns were the Japanese left behind in the states. "They had all these Japanese diplomats they didn't want to leave unattended, so they brought them all here and lodged them in the Grove Park Inn. Our police force had to provide 24 hours surveillance for them. They weren't to leave the inn, couldn't go downtown, so the merchants downtown would take trucks of their merchandise up there and sell to the Japanese."

"Convoys came through here every day," Dermid recalled. "The Army hospital — Moore General Hospital — was out near Swannanoa, and here in town, the army took the fourth floor of the court house and had a communications wing and a weather wing."

With the Army came military police — 200 of them. One of Dermid's jobs was to keep the boys clean. When there was a break-out of venereal disease, Dermid's job was to find the female sources "and send them through the clinic."

"Here's a little story for you," Dermid said with a grin. "We had a new bunch of MP's come in. They put them up on a hotel at Broadway and College on the second floor. The boys came down with VD but we couldn't find the girls. Then we got a tip — the girls weren't on the streets — they were living on the third floor above the MP's."

But after the war, Asheville looked toward the future. In 1949, Dermid was appointed Director of Public Safety and later Director of Public Works. He remembers the decisions for growth in Asheville during that time — water lines running south; Patton, Biltmore, and Tunnel Roads widened to four lanes; and in 1959, when the county voted no, the city voting yes on a bond to build a modern airport.

During his employment by the city of Asheville, Dermid helped draw up the plans for giving pensions to city police and city employees, then later a pension plan for the state patrol.

Ironically, Dermid did not receive a pension from the city. In 1967, Dermid quit his city post to run for sheriff against Harry Clay. Dermid was defeated. He then took a job in the private sector.

Dermid's scrapbooks are filled with old black-and-white prints of Asheville through its development in the last 50 years and of the faces of men who brought about those changes. Among those men is the photographed image of a tall, dignified gentleman with a strong resemblance to slender young police chief of 1937.

They are the same. Charles Dermid.

Former Police Chief Charles Dermid then, and now

Asheville Times September 9, 1987

Charles W. Dermid, former police chief, longtime Asheville public servant, dies

By Barbara Blake
STAFF WRITER

Charles W. Dermid, who became Asheville's youngest police chief in 1937 and went on to be the city's public safety and public works directors, died Monday in an Asheville hospital. He was 84.

Dermid, whose career as a public servant spanned nearly 30 years, started his government service as a student in the late 1920s, working the Ferris wheel and merry-go-round at Recreation Park.

At age 20, he was named manager of Rec Park, but soon moved to the police department to join an elite motorcycle squad known as "speed cops." While working foot patrol in West Asheville, checking the doors of every store from Beecham's Curve to Brevard Road, he decided to enter what was then a local institution – Claude Love's Law School, housed in the then-new Jackson Building.

Dermid finished law school in 1935, when he was 25. At age 26, he was appointed by the mayor as chief of police when then-chief W.J. Everett became ill.

"The secret is that everybody at the APD was 60 or older, and nobody wanted the job," Dermid joked in a 1992 interview.

Charles Dermid

After serving as police chief for 10 years, he became director of public safety, overseeing the work of the Asheville police and fire departments. He later became director of public works, overseeing the paving of many roads and building of others, including Town Mountain Road. He retired in 1966.

During his years as police chief, he was in charge of security for two visits by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and was invited to Washington to help with security at Roosevelt's 1941 inauguration.

"Charlie had no enemies," said retired insurance executive E. Webb Ellis, who first met Dermid while both were working at Rec Park in the '20s.

"Everybody who knew Charlie Dermid liked him, and Charlie was good at everything he did," Ellis said. "He was a wonderful man and one of the best friends I ever had, and we maintained that friendship for every bit of 65 years."

Red Hoyle, long-time owner of Hoyle's office supplies in downtown Asheville, said he first met Dermid when Hoyle was "mascot" at the police and fire departments, at age 10 or 11.

"That was when the old fire department, City Hall and the City Market were all on the square," Hoyle said. "Charlie at that time was the head man under Weldon (Weir, long-time Asheville city manager) at the Recreation Department, and he hired us younguns up there at Rec Park in the summertime – I helped work on the merry-go-round.

"Charlie Dermid was real good to Red Hoyle back in those days – we worked as a team together, were a big family and all worked hard and loved each other," Hoyle said.

Asheville Citizen November 2, 1994

CHARLES W. DERMID

Charles W. Dermid, 84, of 35 Brookdale Road, died Monday, Oct. 31, 1994, in a local hospital.

A native of Henderson County, he was the son of the late Jefferson Davis and Anna Netherton Dermid and husband of Mary Aline Michael Dermid who died in 1981. He had been a resident of Asheville since 1913. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church where he was on the board of stewards for many years. He attended Asheville City Schools and was president of his senior class at Lee Edwards High School. He was a graduate of Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., where he attended on athletic scholarship. He was president of the freshman and sophomore classes and member of Theta Kappa Nu Fraternity. He graduated from Asheville University Law School. He completed several FBI regional schools and the Institute of Government School in Chapel Hill.

Charles Dermid

He began employment with the City of Asheville in 1925 as a clerk with the Tax Department. He then became a Parks Department employee and later manager of the City Parks. He entered the Asheville Police Department in 1935. He served the City of Asheville as Chief of Police from 1937 to 1946, Director of Public Safety from 1946 to 1950, Director of Public Safety and Assistant Director of Public Works from 1950 to 1953, and served as Director of Public Works from 1959 until his retirement in 1966. There were a few years when he was not a city employee. During those years, he was personnel manager of International Resistance Company from 1953 to 1957 and an executive with White Transportation Co. from 1957 to 1959, and Transcarolina Concrete Co. at the time the expressway was built around Asheville.

He accepted an invitation to assist the Metropolitan Police at President Roosevelt's inauguration in 1941.

He was a charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was active with the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, and the state committee for Organization of State Law Enforcement Benefit and Retirement Fund. He was chairman of the City Democratic precinct for 10 years and a member of the County Democratic Executive Committee for 10 years. He was the first vice-president of the North Carolina Police Executives Association.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his daughters and sons-in-law, Bette Dermid Owens and Philip H. Owens of Asheville, Mary Ann Dermid Byers and David F. Byers of Birmingham, Ala.; sisters, Lena Duckett of Greensboro, Harriett Carr of Greenville, S.C., Anne Bakke of Hendersonville, Frances Smith of Hialeah, Fla.; grandchildren, David Franklin Byers Jr., Charles Michael Byers, Mark Dermid Byers, Bradley Hartsell Byers, Audrey Aline Owens and Deborah Ann Owens; great-grandchildren, Hart, John, Laura, Michael, Sarah, Mark, Kathryn, Mary Caroline and Bradley.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Groce Funeral Home with the Revs. T. Clifford Spencer and Eddie Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Episcopal Churchyard.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and John Culberson, Frank Buckner Jr., and David Buckner.

The family will receive friends 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Asheville Citizen November 2, 1994

Dermid, At 80, Believes 'Life Is Better Today'

Veteran Magistrate Is Still Carrying On His Business

A few years after the Civil War a small boy occasionally was permitted to accompany his father on wagon trips from their home in Henderson county to Asheville. They, and other wagoners, camped in the mud on the site of what is now Pack square.

J. D. Dermid, the small boy of the late sixties, recalled this yesterday with a reminiscent smile. Those trips were bright adventures in the life of the boy, and the smile betrayed Mr. Dermid's pleasure in the recollection.

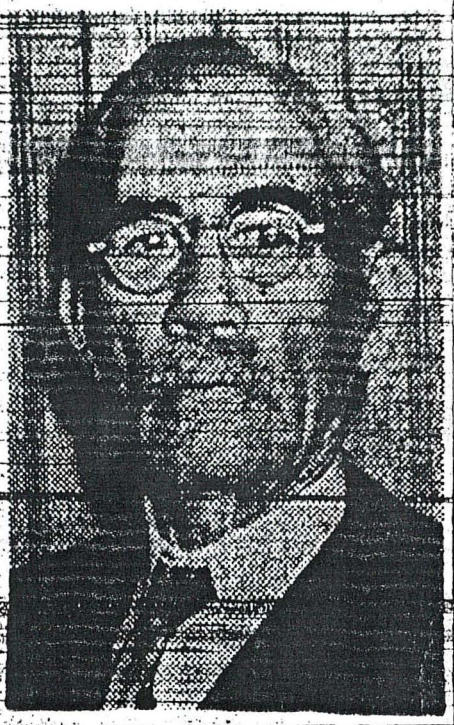
But both memory and smile were gone in an instant, and he turned the conversation to present-day topics. For to Mr. Dermid, at 80, the past is merely a memory; he lives in the present, and looks to the future.

"People Don't Change"

"Life is beter now", he told an interviewer yesterday. "It was pretty rough then." He mused a moment, and then: "It's really wonderful the advances we have made since I was a boy, the conveniences and the advantages we have. Certainly it is a better world today."

"What about the people? Are they better?" he was asked.

"No, I don't believe they are. Human nature doesn't change much, you know."



J. D. DERMID

Mr. Dermid is 80 today. But if he finds his years a burden, he doesn't betray the fact. Almost never ill in his four score years, he stands tall and erect. His manner at his office at Haywood road and Louisiana avenue where he may be found six days a week—is pleasant, but brisk and business-like. He milks a cow night and morning, as he has done for some 60 years; and each summer finds him making a large garden at his home at 21 Allen street in West Asheville.

Has Married 1,250 Couples

A magistrate in Asheville for a quarter of a century, Mr. Dermid [illegible] married [illegible] less than 1,250 couples. Nobody who comes to his office (and prospective brides and grooms used to come to his home as well, and at all hours of the night) is turned away because he is poor. If a negro wants to get married and has only [illegible] Mr. Dermid [illegible] the knot. All over West Asheville he is known as a man of uncommon common sense, and hundreds come to him yearly for advice. Sometimes they seek the professional advice of the magistrate and pay a nominal fee for it; quite as often what they need is the counsel of Mr. Dermid the man, and they get that gratis.

Mr. Dermid notes with particular pride the growth of West Asheville. It was while he was a member of the board of aldermen of West Asheville (then a separate municipality) that Haywood road was paved and Aycock school was built. And he points proudly to today's maze of paved streets in that section of the city, and to its schools. It also was during his tenure as an alderman that West Asheville voted to become a part of Asheville proper.

Asheville Citizen March 27, 1941

Started Career As Teacher

"When I was a member of the board, West Asheville had only 5,000 inhabitants. Now it has 16,000," he recalled.

Starting his career as a teacher, Mr. Dermid taught for three years, then served a term as Henderson county superintendent of public instruction. Giving up school work for business, he opened a mercantile business in Hendersonville and operated it for 25 years. During that period he served a term on the town's board aldermen.

It was about 25 years ago that he moved to Asheville. He and his family first lived on Orchard street, and he had his office on Pack square. Soon, however, he bought a two-acre tract where he now lives; today the street is well lined with houses, and Mr. Dermid's little farm long since has been cut into city lots.

He is the father of 12 children, 10 of whom are living. His sons are Charles, Asheville's chief of police, J. D., Jr., employe of the Carolina Power and Light company and Trust, of El Paso, Texas. The seven daughters are Misses Annie Laura and Frances, who make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Dermid on Allen street; Mrs. Harriet Carr, Mrs. Marie Hudson, and Mrs. Helena Duckett, all of Asheville; Mrs. Frank Buckner of Weaverville; and Mrs. Clara Johnson of Kingsport, Tenn.

Children Plan Party

The children who live here plan to visit their father today, and take presents in celebration of the occasion.

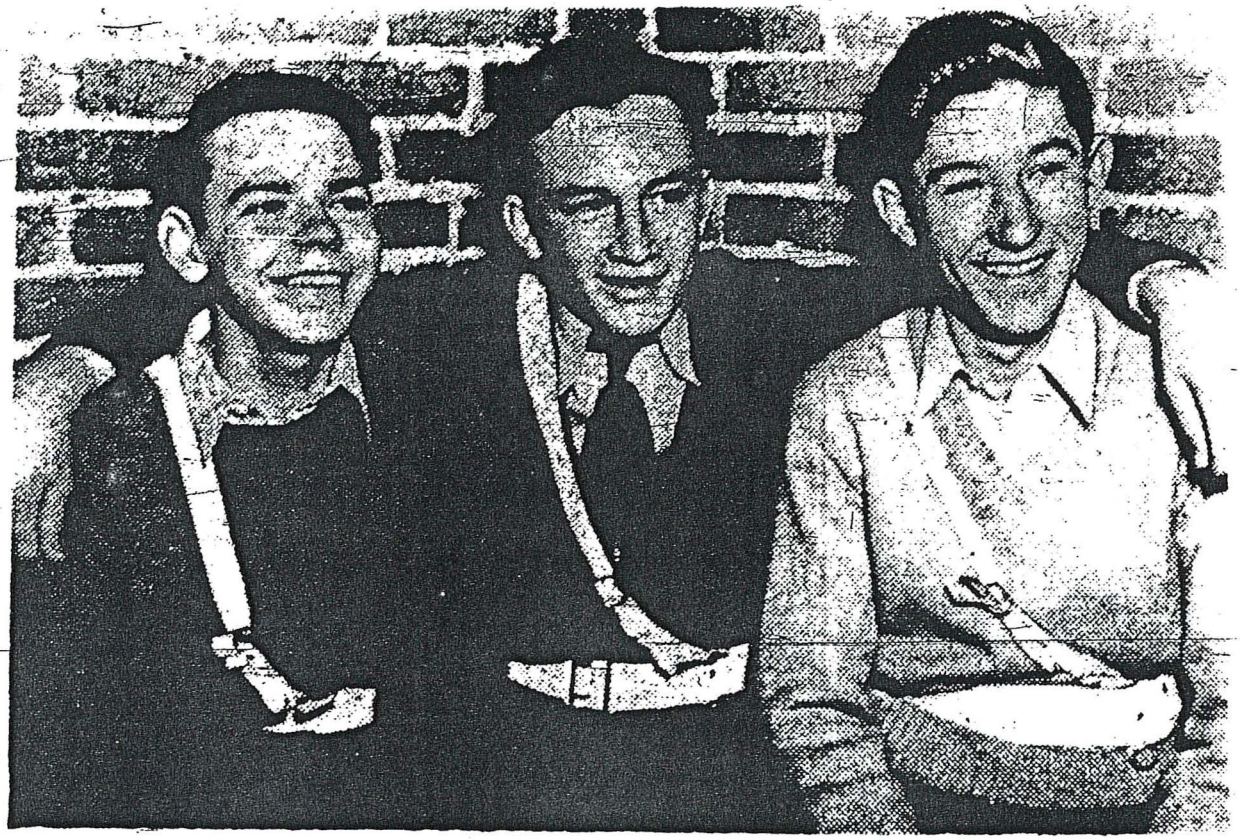
There'll be a pound cake at the Dermid home, too.

The interviewer learned that just as he left Mr. Dermid's magistrate's and real estate office. Having said good-bye, the newspaperman turned again to ask about any birthday celebration, and was told about the pound cake and asked to come out and sample it.

Just then a client entered, and newspaper interview, birthday, and pound cake were forgotten. There was business to be transacted. No youthful, top flight executive ever made a mental transition more quickly and completely.

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Safety Guardians Of High School Elect Officers



The safety of the boys and girls at Lee Edwards high school is vested in the trained hands of the safety patrol of the school. Officers of that body for the spring semester are shown above, left to right: John Laughridge, second lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Laughridge of 33 Caledonia road; James Wright, captain, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wright of 841 Haywood road; and Fred Dickinson, first lieutenant, son of Mrs. Fred Dickinson of 55 Hanover street. The boys of the safety patrol direct traffic in front of the school and time the departures of the busses for the safety of all.

Asheville Times January 14, 1942

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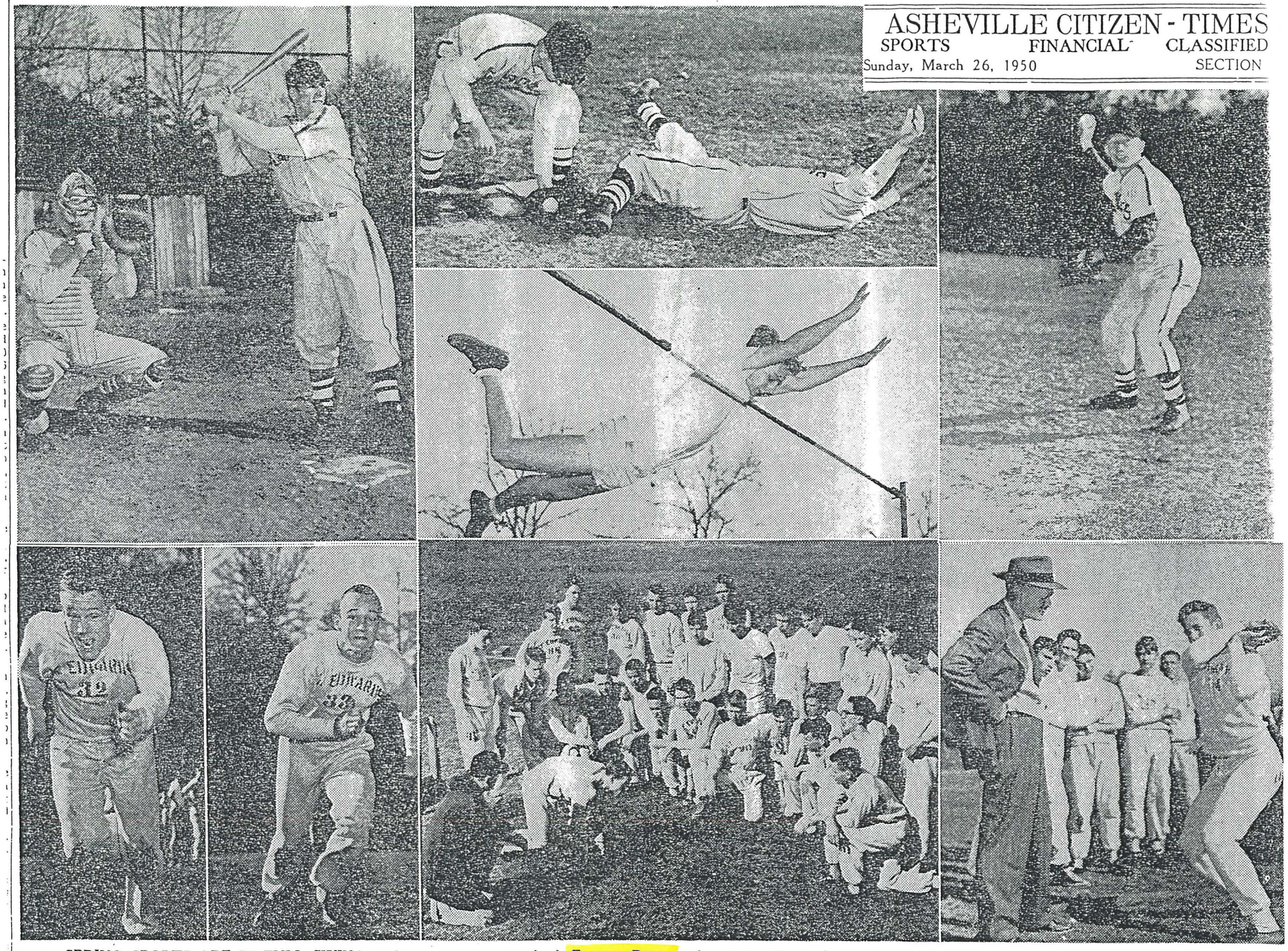

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Maroon Track, Baseball Teams Settle Down To Business

On Bible In Schools Dinner Program

These students of Hall Fletcher junior high school in West Asheville will present the devotionals at a dinner meeting of the interdenominational committee for Bible in the Public Schools at Central Methodist church Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The Rev. W. G. McFarland, now of Salisbury and formerly pastor of the Haywood Street Methodist church here, will be the principal speaker. His topic will be "Fortifying Youth for National Defense." All persons interested in Bible instruction in the city schools are invited, but reservations must be made today at Telephone No. 2865 or No. 7272. The students, members of the Bible classes at Hall Fletcher, are Miss Juanita Watts, Miss Dorothy Blackwell and Miss Betty Ann Dover.

Asheville Times January 12, 1942

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Winners In Garden Club Essay Contest

The boys and girls shown above studied the importance of the conservation of trees and then wrote winning essays in a contest sponsored by the conservation committee of the Asheville Garden club. They are, left to right, seated: Nancy Eller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Eller of 60 Brucemont circle, first prize at Aycock elementary school; Jack Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnston of 95 Cumberland avenue, second prize winner at Randolph elementary school; Jo Ann Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Zimmerman of 37 Michigan avenue, second prize at Aycock elementary school; standing, Robert Brackett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee Brackett of 4 Amboy street, second prize at Rankin elementary school; George Lance, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lance of 21 Brotherton street, first prize at Rankin; and Tommy Rezzuto, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rezzuto of 29 Blake street, second prize at Randolph elementary school. Other first and second prize winners unable to be present for the picture are Wayland Plemmons, first, and Mary Frances DeVore, second, at San Hill school, and Georgia Hensley, first at Vance Elementary school. Third prize winners of the schools are as follows: Pat Grice, Aycock; Helen Young, Rankin; Thomas Sumner, Randolph; and Granville Corn, Sand Hill. Cash prizes amounting to $12 will be given the winners at a meeting of the garden club Wednesday, February 18 at the George Vanderbilt hotel.

Asheville Times February 11, 1942

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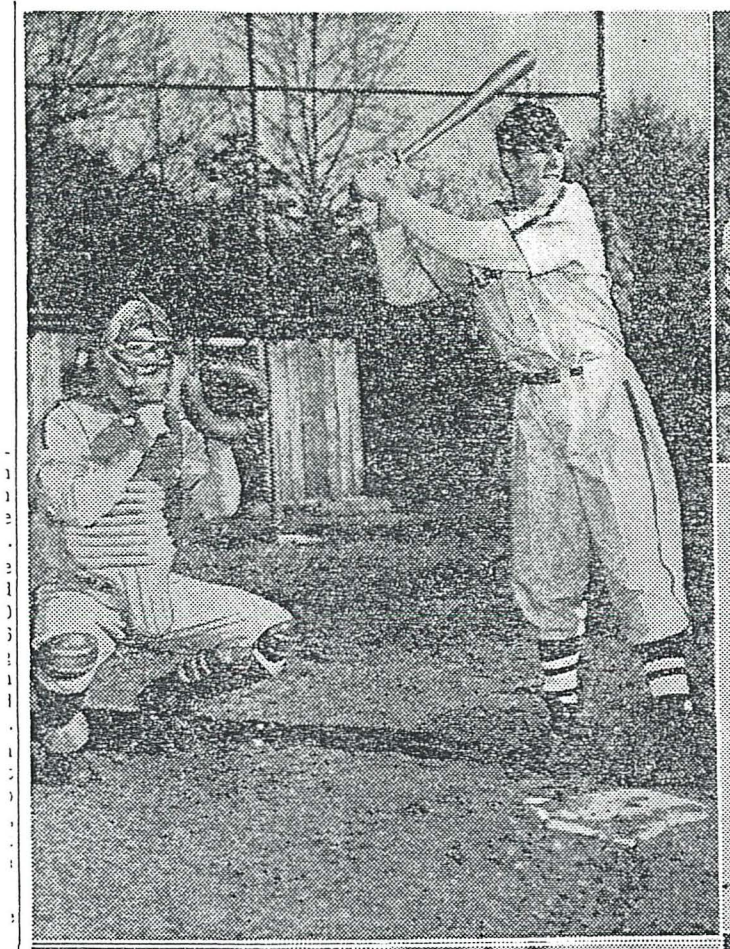

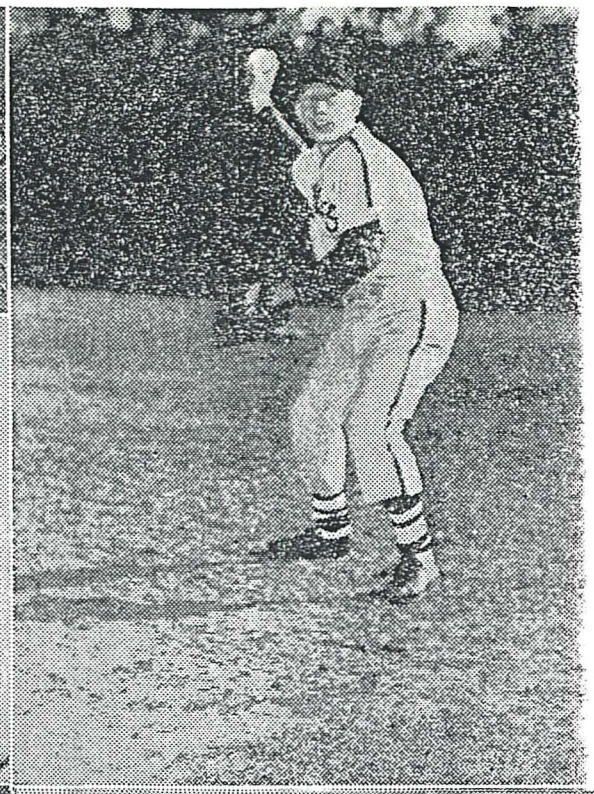
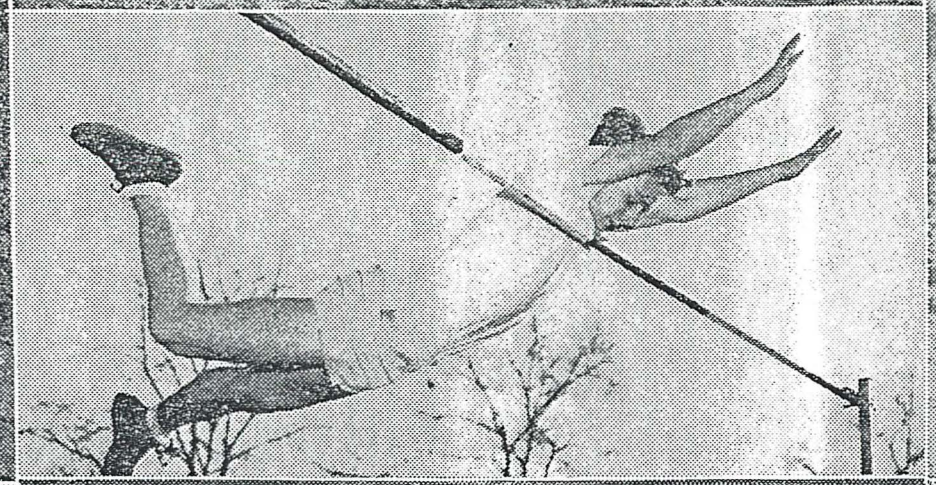

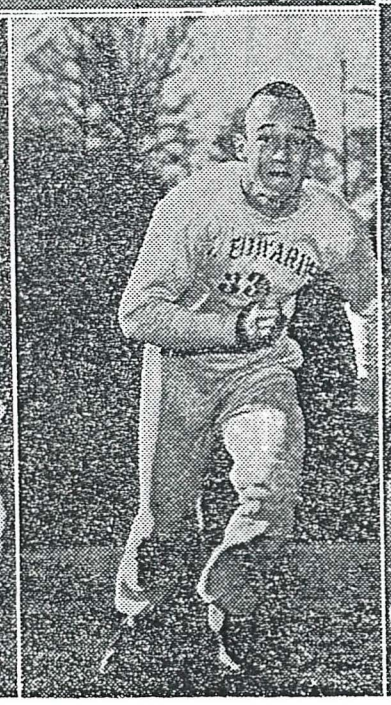

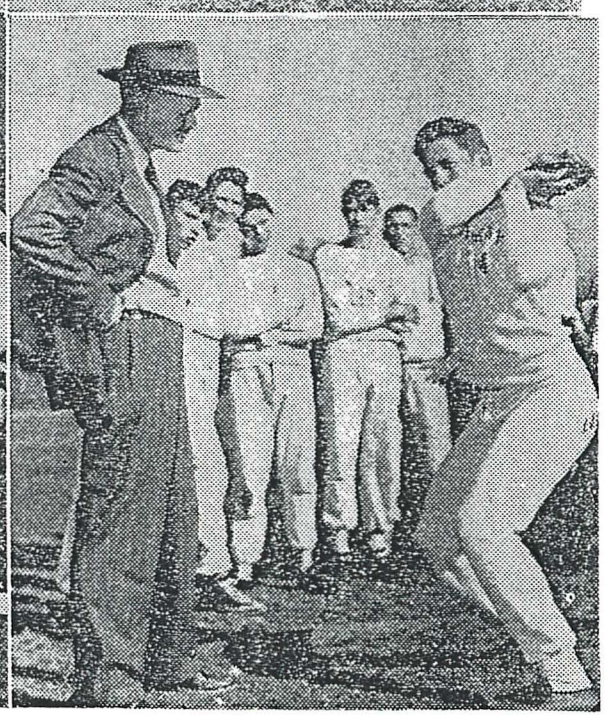

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NEW PRESIDENT — Emmett Deitz, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Deitz, 61 Brownwood avenue, was elected president of Hall Fletcher junior high school student body for the 1946-47 term yesterday. George Frady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frady, 155 Michigan avenue, was elected vice-president. The secretary and treasurer will be named by the student body after school starts next fall.

Asheville Times April 30, 1946

MAY, 1956

PATTON THOMAS

LINGO DEMAREE LANNING

FIRST SPADEFUL—C. C. Demaree, chairman of the building committee, turns the first spadeful of earth for the new educational building of West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Assisting at the ground-breaking ceremony this week were W. G. Lingo, chairman of the board of trustees; Sam Patton, a member of the building committee; J. W. Lanning, vice chairman of the board of deacons; and the Rev W. G. Thomas, pastor. The new building will cost $74,000. The new building will contain classrooms, nursery, kindergarten, a chapel, kitchen and fellowship hall Work began Wednesday.

Asheville Citizen May 1956

MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1928

JOSEPH DENARDO JOINS STATION

Well Known Musician Will Handle Musical Programs

In announcing the appointment yesterday of Joseph DeNardo to a position as Director of Music on the studio staff of Radio Station WWNC, G. O. Shepherd, Station director, expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the arrangement that thus brings into the broadcasting organization a man of Mr. DeNardo's ability. Associated with many successful musical organizations, Mr. DeNardo's latest musical venture was the formation of the Shrine Band of Asheville. This band, making its first public appearances during the Shrine Ceremonial last week, was given high praise by those who know and appreciate quality in band music. A trumpet player of exceptional ability and an instructor of practically all band instruments, Mr. DeNardo is exceptionally well qualified to assume the important duties that will be his as musical director for the radio station.

Under his jurisdiction a fine musical program will be built. Gradually a capable studio orchestra will be developed. This organization is already started, having charge of the twice-weekly Radio Dealer's Hour which is heard from 1 until 2 o'clock each Tuesday and Friday afternoon. DeNardo will have charge of special orchestration work required for the proper presentation of what are known as "continuity programs." His offices will be with the Station office, at number 815 Flatiron Building, and the station studios will serve as his workshop. Working with the station director and with those who are creating "atmosphere" programs, he will devise unusual and effective musical effects which are expected to place Asheville's own radio station high in the esteem of listeners everywhere.

Assistant Director

In addition to Mr. DeNardo's appointment, Mr. Shepherd announced also the selection of an Assistant Program Director. Mr. William Winter has been appointed to this position and is already in charge of certain periods on the broadcasting schedule. His appointment came as the direct result of his work with the WWNC Vodvil Music-Comedy trio, Hetz and Hetz and Ross. During his work with this group it was found that he had an excellent voice for announcing. Several weeks of training, and his appointment is the result.

Mrs. Alice E. N. Hutchison, connected with Shepherd Advertising, Inc., is working also with the radio staff, being interested particularly in the creation of interesting plot or "continuity" programs and in the writing of all announcements.

Following the practice established by the larger stations, Mr Shepherd said that very soon there will be no such a thing as "ad lib" or "spur of the moment" announcing from WWNC. Announcers will be chosen for the speaking voice and diction and then required to stick strictly to the manuscript that will be prepared for each program by writers handling that kind of work.

With organization work practically complete, Station WWNC is expected now to present new and attractive features. The schedule followed at present, with programs beginning at noon each day and then leaving a break of some two or three hours after two o'clock, will be changed gradually as new and worthwhile features are developed, until the station will be "on the air" from 10 in the morning right on through the evening. This will not be done hurriedly, or at the expense of program quality.

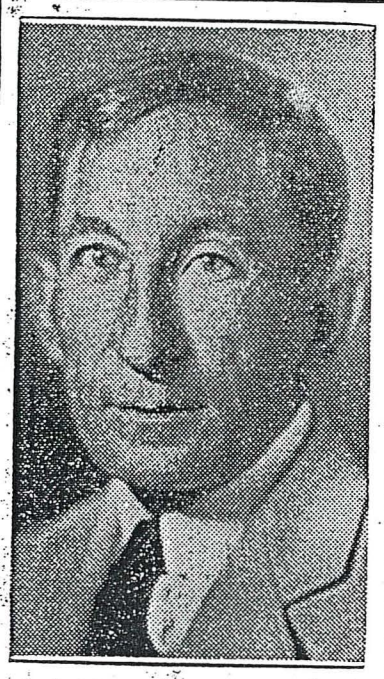
Asheville Citizen September 12, 1928

Joseph D'Nardo to Conduct Symphony In Concert Series

Greensboro Daily News 1/31/37

Orchestra Plans Two Evening Concerts and Number of Matinee Programs During February—Conductor As Trumpeter Played For King Albert.

Symphony Leader



JOSEPH DeNARDO.

Joseph DeNardo, "the trumpeter who played for the king," will conduct the North Carolina Symphony orchestra in two evening concerts and a number of matinee programs in Greensboro during February. Program for the first evening concert, February 5, and for the matinees is being announced today.

Mr. DeNardo, a native of Italy but citizen of the United States, for a number of years has made his home in Asheville, where he is a former member of the music faculty of the high school. He, as a member of "Old Hickory," the famous 30th division, played the trumpet for King Albert of Belgium during the world war. As a child he was a favorite of Giuseppe Verdi, foremost opera composer, and tells of having sat on the knee of the famous musician whose whiskers he delighted in pulling.

The following program has been announced for February 5 at 8:30 o'clock in Aycock auditorium of Woman's college:

"Overture to 'Russlan and Ludmilla'" (Glinka); Symphony No. 4 "Andante sostenuto, Moderato con anima," "Scherzo, Pizzicato ostinato," and Finale, Allegro con fuoco" (Tshcaikowsky); "Mississippi Suite" including "Father of Waters," "Huckleberry Finn," "Old Creole Days" and "Mardi Gras" (Grofe); "Valse Triste" (Sibelius) and "Minute Waltz" (Chopin) and "Die Meistersinger" (Wagner).

Matinee Series.

The schedule and program for the series of matinee concerts being given in the Greensboro public schools with the co-operation of the music teachers of the schools has been announced as follows:

February 2, Senior high, with Herbert Hazleman; February 3, Gillespie Junior high, with Miss Eula Tuttle; February 9, Central Junior high, with Miss Dorothy Armstrong; February 11, Curry, with Miss Grace Van Dyke More; February 18, J. Van Lindley Junior high, with Mrs. Sarah Little; February 23, Aycock auditorium of Woman's college, a recital for all public school children of Greensboro, with Mrs. C. M. Bachtell, supervisor of music in the city schools, assisting.

The Junior high school programs will include five parts, first the "Overture to William Tell" (Rossini); second, "Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (Unfinished), Allegro moderato and Andante con moto" (Schubert); third, "American Bolero" (Brown); fourth, "Song of the Bayou" (Bloom); "Juba Dance" (Dett) and "Two Guitars" (Horlick); and fifth, "Tales from the Vienna Woods" (Strauss).

A special program at senior high school February 10 at 2:30 p. m. will include "Overture to William Tell" (Rossini); "American Bolero" (Brown); "Fourth Movement" from the "New World Symphony" (Dvorak); "Song of the Bayou" (Bloom); "Juba Dance" (Dett); "Danse Moronique" (Hazelman) and "Blue Danube Waltz (Strauss). Mr. DeNardo will conduct the first two selections and Herbert Hazelmann, of the high school music faculty and composer of "Dance Moronique" will conduct the other numbers.

Back at College.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, February 16, the North Carolina symphony will play at Student's auditorium of Woman's college with special selections in commemoration of the anniversary of the American composer, MacDowell. The program will include "From an Indian Lodge," "Will o' the Wisp," "A Deserted Farm" and "Witches Dance" from the works of the American. Other selections will be "Overture to William Tell" (Rossini); "Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (Unfinished)" (Schubert); "Minuet from Don Giovanni" (Mozart); and "Natchez-on-the-Hill" (Powell).

A matinee program for all graded schools of the city will be given at Aycock auditorium of Woman's college February 23 as follows: "Overture to William Tell" (Rossini); "Peer Gynt Suite" including "Morning," "Ase's Death," "Anitra's Dance" and "In the Hall of the Mountain King" (Greig); "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" (Jessal); "Don Juan Minuet" (Mozart); "Pizzicato Polka" from "Sylva"; "Blue Danube Waltz" (Strauss) and "Grand March" from "Aida" (Verdi).

The second evening concert will be presented February 25 at Aycock auditorium in conjunction with the Greensboro civic ballet.

Asheville Citizen January 31, 1937

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N.C.
Sunday, May 18, 1952

Bio
De Nardo

THE ANNUAL SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL of Hall Fletcher Junior High School was presented Friday at 8 p. m. by the 120-voice choir and the band of the school. Directors for the concert were Mrs. Hugh T. Brank, choral director and Joe DeNardo, band director. Numbers included in the musical program were "The Star Spangled Banner," "Carolina In The Morning," "Joshua And The Battle of Jericho," "Dry Bones" and "The Battle Hymn Of The Republic."

JOSEPH DENARDO CHOSEN TO LEAD MUSIC PROJECT

Ash. Times - 3/24/38

Is Confirmed As Teacher, Musician For WPA Undertaking.

Joseph DeNardo, Asheville musician, has been confirmed as musician of a WPA community music project sponsored by the chamber of commerce here.

Erle Stapleton, state WPA music director, informed the chamber of commerce officials today that Mr. DeNardo's appointment has been confirmed.

Mr. DeNardo's work will consist of the group teaching of volunteer musicians, all public performances of the groups to be free. Mr. DeNardo already has an orchestra of 40 musicians under his training, and will direct a group of 102 boys comprising the drum and bugle corps of the Sons of the American Legion.

It is expected Mr. DeNardo will undertake the training of other groups so far as his time will permit, it was said at the chamber of commerce. Three other groups in and around Asheville are interested in similar set-ups, but they will have to be referred to Mr. Stapleton, it was explained.

Asheville Citizen March 24, 1938

Joe DeNardo To Be Honored For His Fine Work With School Bands In Asheville

Ash. Cit. 10-21-51

Joe DeNardo, who directs three high school bands, is going to be singled out Friday, October 26, between the halves at the Asheville-Salisbury football game in Memorial Stadium and asked to take a bow.

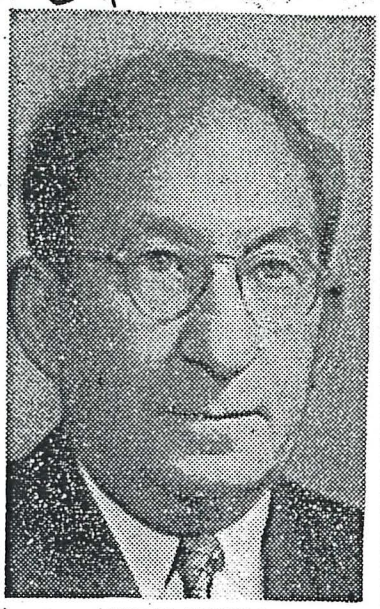
As everyone knows, DeNardo is a most modest fellow and the near miracles he has accomplished in training young musicians and whipping them into a snappy band have not changed him in the least.

Joe Sevier and members of the Student Council at Lee H. Edwards High School are behind the move to honor DeNardo for the fine work he has done with the students over a long period of years. he will probably be the most acutely unhappy man in the stadium when he steps out to take his bow because, as noted above, he is a modest sort of fellow. But the audience will love it, and what is more important, so will the students who are taking this opportunity to show their affection for him as their band leader. They are proud of what he has done for them and they want him and all the people in Asheville to know it.

A native of Italy, DeNardo completed his extensive musical education at the Conservatory of Naples. There he was a student of musical theory under Guelmo Luzzi and trumpet under Ferdinand Alessandra.

As a young man he came to the United States and when World War I got under way he was made leader of the 105th Engineers' Band. This unit was attached to the 30th Division and saw a lot of service.

After the war he came to Asheville and has lived here since, serving the community and various organizations at different times, but always with the same spirit of loyalty and tireless energy that still characterizes his work.



JOE DeNARDO

In 1922 he was married to Miss Tomsie Reeves, daughter of T. H. Reeves, for many years tax collector of Buncombe County. They have one daughter, May Jo, now Mrs. Richard Ford, who is herself a well-known musician and singer.

DeNardo has always had a lot of pleasure in teaching music to youngsters. As far back as 1933 he worked with the city school system here, continuing through 1935. During the depression years he headed a Federal Music project and was assistant director and then director of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

He also directed the Asheville Municipal Band several years ago, and also headed the DeNardo Orchestra, an organization that played for many functions over a period of years.

The musical features of the Asheville Rhododendron Festival, particularly the Rhododendron Pageant, were built around the DeNardo genius, the directors leaning heavily on him for appropriate music for this popular event.

When the high school bands in Asheville faced an emergency in leadership DeNardo took over the load on a temporary basis. His undeniable skill in working with students was so quickly displayed that he has been retained.

His associates sometimes affectionately refer to him as the "Little Man Who Wasn't There" because he was in three other places. For the past six years he has directed the destinies of the Lee H. Edwards High School band, the David Millard Junior High School Band and the Hall Fletcher Junior High School Band and all have flourished under his leadership.

His first love is for his boys and girls and the affection in which they hold him has been demonstrated from time to time. When he calls they turn out to play for every sort of function imaginable, always cheerfully and with fine spirit.

There are some signs in the wind that steps must be taken to curtail these multiple appearances of the bands because they eat so heavily into the meager funds available to the bands.

The minimum cost of a parade is about $100 and if a rain occurs this can easily climb toward $500. Since most of the work the band does is free, it is easy to see what a hardship this imposes on the business management of the bands.

Asheville Citizen October 21, 1951

Raleigh Man Appointed

Joseph DeNardo, Schools' 'Mr. Music,' Is Retiring

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Joseph DeNardo, "Mr Music" in Asheville city schools and the city at large for the past 27 years, will retire as director of the schools' music program June 30, it was announced Tuesday by the City School Board.

At the same time, the board announced appointment of Edward Darrell Benson of Raleigh to succeed DeNardo. Benson is a former music instructor with New Bern and Fuquay Springs schools and has served as instructor with the summer school of the East Carolina College Music Department since 1953.

Benson will report for duty here March 15 and will work with DeNardo until June 30, at which time Benson will assume full responsibility for the city schools' music program.

A native of Italy, where he studied at the Conservatory of Naples, DeNardo came to Asheville shortly after World War I. From his arrival, he became a dynamic force in the city's musical life and served as organizer and director of numerous public and private musical enterprises.

He was named music director for Asheville city high schools in 1933, and served as director of the band of Lee H. Edwards High School and David Millard and Hall Fletcher junior high schools.

He became director of the Asheville Municipal Band in 1938 and formed and directed the DeNardo Orchestra, also in the 1930s. In the same period, he served for some five years as director of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra and as assistant district supervisor of WPA music projects.

Other organizations he headed during his earlier career here included the Lions Club Band, American Business Club Saxaphone Orchestra, Kiwanis Club Band, Asheville Civic Orchestra and Sons of the Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.

He has been an instructor in composition, harmony and instrumental techniques, and is the author of a textbook on harmony.

DeNardo is a member of North Carolina Music Educators, N. C. Education Assn., National Education Assn., president of the Professional Musicians Assn. of Asheville of the American Federation of Musicians; a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

He lives with his wife, the former Miss Tomcie Reeves, at 45 Caledonia Rd. They have one daughter, Mrs. Richard Ford of Asheville, and four grandchildren.

The school board approved DeNardo's retirement request "with great regret." In a statement on the retirement, E. C. Funderburk, city school superintendent, said:

"It has been a genuine pleasure to have known and to have worked with Joe DeNardo. Everyone appreciates the warmth of his personality and his genuine love for people—for students in particular.

"All of us think of him not only as a co-worker and a fine professional person but also as a personal friend.

"Joe DeNardo has already become a legendary figure. We are grateful of his long years of devoted service. In the years ahead we hope to use him in some part-time capacity, if he is willing."

"We wish for him all possible happiness in his retirement."

Benson, a native of Brattleboro, N. C., attended Rocky Mount city schools. He received a B.S. degree in music from East Carolina College in 1950 and a master's degree in music from Columbia University in 1952.

He was director of instrumental music in New Bern city schools from 1950 to 1952. From 1952 to 1959 he was director of instrumental and choral music at Fuquay Springs, where he also served as assistant principal and boys' counselor. Since 1953 he has been brass instructor and dance band director at the summer school of the Music Department of East Carolina College.

Funderburk said of Benson's appointment, "We feel most fortunate in securing his services to succeed Mr. DeNardo as band director of Lee Edwards and music coordinator of Asheville city schools. His fine educational background plus a wealth of teaching experience at elementary, high school and college levels makes him a natural. He is recognized not only for his music teaching ability but also for his knowledge of administration."

Benson is married to the former Miss Nanearle Gaither of Statesville. They have one son.

DeNARDO . . . retiring

BENSON . . . taking over

Asheville Citizen March 2, 1960

BOB TERRELL—*Music Man*

Joe DeNardo's pet subject is a simple one. "I want music to be a part of our education," he said. "It is so much a part of our culture, why shouldn't it occupy the same level in education as law or medicine?" A. Citizen 5/26/77

BOB TERRELL

DeNardo is 88, still very active in the community's music life, and still concerned about those he taught for 30 years in the Asheville city schools.

To them, he is "Mr. Music," the man who taught them not only how to play a horn and to march in the band, but to appreciate music as well.

The Asheville High School band, an excellent unit of 115 pieces under the direction of Ernest Black, will dedicate its annual Spring Concert to DeNardo and the late Madison Lennon, who directed the bands at Stephens-Lee High School for 25 years.

Lennon died last year, but DeNardo is still alive and strongly kicking, despite his age. He will attend the concert Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Asheville High School auditorium.

"We hope," said Black, the current AHS band director, "that many alumni from both directors' bands will attend and honor their directors."

Change His Teeth

We caught up with DeNardo, Malcolm Gamble and I, sitting in the lobby of the Bank of Asheville, chatting with a pretty girl. He led us up to his small, bright studio above Cagle Music Co. on Patton Avenue, climbing the stairs at a good clip.

Malcolm shot his picture while I asked questions. DeNardo held a gold trumpet, his favorite instrument. "Blow the horn," Malcolm said, wanting to get a picture of him with the horn at his lips.

"Blow the horn?" DeNardo said. "Wait a minute. I'll have to change my teeth." He has eating teeth and horn-blowing teeth. He also wears contact lenses to magnify his vision after cataract operations.

"I'm sorry old age caught up with me," said the man who obviously enjoys life. "But I'm still at it." He still teaches music, tutoring about a dozen students in private instruction.

He loves to talk music, and his favorite subject is the way music is handled in schools.

"To my mind," he said, "the music programs in schools should be in the curriculum as a required subject and treated like any other study, like language, biology, or history, for credits for college entrance.

"I would have music taught like any other subject. Not band classes. Not orchestra classes. But music classes. Music taught before instrument. Those who are not talented will drop by the way, but those with talent will continue. This would improve our bands, and especially improve music on the college level.

"We don't treat music for its full value in our schools. We treat it as an extra curricular thing. We use music for entertainment, for halftime shows. But we would have better bands, better music, when music is taught per se, with no gimmicks."

The Value Of Music

The value of music, DeNardo said, is not only invaluable to our nation's culture, but to world culture as well.

"My favorite saying," he said, "is 'Music speaks in many tongues, but its language is universal.' We could take a thousand musicians to Russia and get a good hand, but take a thousand soldiers and see what happens."

DeNardo was born in San Buono, Italy, a village at the foot of the Apinines Mountains. He came to America with his family soon after the assassination of President McKinley in 1901.

Joe DeNardo, Music Man

Asheville Citizen May 26, 1977

"I learned music at an early age," he said. "When I was ten, I earned a scholarship to study music in Germany. But I learned more music in this country than over there. Here I was free to ask questions and get right answers. Over there, you'd ask a question and get hit with a stick."

He traveled about the country here playing his trumpet. "There were silent movies then," he said, "and every theater had an orchestra. I played in many of them. I earned my way to pay for my education by playing the trumpet." He opened the Plaza Theater here by conducting its first orchestra.

"Asheville was known as the Music Capital of the South before World War I," he said. "Civic clubs formed bands. There were five or six here. Opera companies came here. The music here was outstanding. We have outstanding talent here now, as good as anywhere, but it's hard to make a living at music here. That's another reason I want to see more emphasis on it in the schools."

His Source Of Strength

DeNardo started teaching music at Asheville High School when the Great Depression struck. "There was no money to pay teachers," he said, "and I went over there to help hold things together. The first year I got $14 for my work, and it came through the courtesy of the Rotary Club."

He left for a while to help hold the North Carolina Symphony together, but soon was back at Asheville High. Lee H. Edwards was principal then. "I remember the commencement exercise of 1933," DeNardo said. "Mr. Edwards told me it would be his last commencement. It was. He died that year. He was a nice man. But how did he know he was going to die?"

DeNardo taught music and directed the band at Asheville High and in other city schools until his retirement in 1961. How many children did he teach? "That's a good question," he said. "Let's do some thinking. I never had less than 60 kids. Sixty-five would be a good average. You can figure it from that."

DeNardo's wife, also an accomplished musician and a gracious woman, was shot to death last December when a young woman attempted to hold up the beauty salon in which Mrs. DeNardo worked.

I thought readers might like to know how Mr. DeNardo is getting along now.

"I'm getting along very well," he said. "We have to take things philosophically. I'm having to live on a different plane of existence, but the best thing to do is to follow what Jesus left with us: let the dead take care of the dead and the living take care of the living.

"I could sit down and feel sorry for myself," he concluded, "but I want to be active and make a contribution to the community. To say that I don't feel sorrow wouldn't be right. I do. But pity gets nothing. We'll let the Lord take care of that. That's where I get my strength."

Joseph DeNardo Dies At Age 91

Joseph DeNardo, 91, of Vanderbilt Apts., formerly of Caledonia Road, died Friday in an Asheville hospital.

A native of Italy, he had lived in Asheville most of his life.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Virgil R. Gray of Mars Hill; a brother, Vernon DeNardo of Brandenton, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Episcopal Church where he was a member. Father John Tuton and Father J. Barney Hawkins will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

He was a World War I Army veteran. He was a member of Mount Herman Lodge No. 118, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite, and had been a Mason for 60 years and a member of Scottish Rite Body for 50 years.

He was director of music for 27 years in the Asheville City Schools, where he was known as "Mr. Music." ACT 12/7/80

He conducted the 105th Engineers Band of the 1st National Guard in World War I.

He organized the first municipal band in Asheville in 1938 and formed and directed the DeNardo Orchestra in the 1930s. In that same period, he served for five years as director of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

He also directed the Lions Club Band, American Business Club Saxaphone Orchestra, Kiwanis Club Band, Asheville Civic Orchestra and Sons of the Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.

JOSEPH DeNARDO

He was an instructor in composition, harmony and instrumental techniques and wrote a textbook on harmony.

He was a member of North Carolina Music Educators, North Carolina Education Association, National Education Association, and president of the Professional Musicians Association of Asheville.

He studied music at the San Sebastian Conservatory in Naples and came with his parents to America when he was 12 years old.

His wife, Lucy Tom DeNardo, died in 1976.

Asheville Citizen December 7, 1980

Dermid Warns Carrier Bridge Load Violators

Complaints have been received that trucks weighing considerably more than the one-ton limit set for the old Carrier Bridge have been using the bridge while the new one is under construction, Charles W. Dermid, Director of Public Safety, said yesterday.

He called attention to the fact that the law governing violation of posted orders about bridge capacity are strict, placing upon the owners of such vehicles civil responsibility for any damage occasioned by such violation.

"I am sure that the owners of big trucks do not want to incur such a risk and that they will instruct their drivers accordingly," Dermid said.

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J. D. DERMID

DEATH CLAIMS J. D. DERMID, 86, AT HOME HERE

Ash. Cit. - 5/22/47

Retired Magistrate Was Native Of Henderson

J. D. Dermid, 86, retired magistrate and father of Charles W. Dermid, city director of public safety, died about 9:45 o'clock last night at his home, 21 Allen street, West Asheville, following a lengthy illness.

In addition to Charles Dermid, Mr. Dermid is survived by the widow, Mrs. Anna Netherton Dermid; another son, E. J. Dermid, of El Paso, Tex.; seven daughters, Mrs. L. H. Hudson, of Asheville; Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Kingsport, Tenn., Mrs. H. R. Duckett, Asheville, R. F. D. No. 4; Mrs. Frank Buckner, Weaverville; Mrs. Ernest Carr, Asheville; Miss Anne Dermid, Charlotte, and Mrs. John T. Smith, Asheville; a brother, L. T. Dermid, Hendersonville; a sister, Mrs. W. F. Dotson, also of Hendersonville; 15 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

A native of Henderson county, Mr. Dermid attended Judson college, Hendersonville, and later taught school in that county for four years. Still later he was merchant in Henderson county for approximately 15 years.

Served As Commissioner

Mr. Dermid served as a city commissioner of Hendersonville for a term and also one term as chairman of the Henderson county board of education. He was deputy tax collector there for eight years.

Mr. Dermid moved with his family to Asheville October 25, 1913, where he first took up residence on Orchard street. He moved to the present home on Allen street two years later.

He was elected a member of the board of aldermen of the town of West Asheville about 1916. Some time later West Asheville, a separate municipality, voted to become a part of Asheville.

A magistrate here for a quarter of a century, Mr. Dermid once estimated he had married not less than 1,250 couples. Pleasant, brisk, and business like, he was never known to turn away prospective bride and bridegrooms because they lacked the money in which to pay him for services rendered.

In Real Estate Business

Mr. Dermid maintained offices on Haywood road at the intersection of Louisiana avenue where he dealt in the real estate business and served as justice of the peace.

In West Asheville and Asheville as well, he was known as a man of uncommon sense and hundreds came to him yearly for advice. It was during his term of office as alderman that West Asheville voted to become a part of Asheville.

Mr. Dermid was a member of Calvary Baptist church from the time it was first established on Hanover street in West Asheville and took an active part in church affairs.

Funeral services, for which arrangements were incomplete last night, will be conducted at Calvary Baptist church with interment in Calvary Episcopal church cemetery at Fletcher.

Dunn and Groce funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Asheville Times March 7, 1946

HUGH P. DEVINE, FATALLY HURT IN FALL, DIES

Nightwatchman Discovered Injured At Dave Steel Co. Flagpole Base.

Cause of death of Hugh P. Devine, 40, of 57 Vermont avenue, second-shift nightwatchman at Dave Steel company, found critically injured at the base of the plant flagpole on East Haywood road about 11:30 o'clock last night, was reported by Dr. P. R. Terry, county coroner, as due to skull fractures caused by a fall at the flagpole.

Dr. Terry said the injured man was found by G. I. Calloway, third-shift watchman, after he reported for work. Joseph Dave, president of the company, reported Mr. Devine missing when he went to the plant about 9:45 o'clock last night. Mr. Devine was moved to a hospital, where he died at 4:25 o'clock this morning.

It was reported by relatives to Dr. Terry, the coroner said, that Mr. Devine was subject to epileptic attacks, but that these had been of a mild nature in recent months. It was reported at the police department that Mr. Devine was seen taking down the plant flag at sundown last evening and at the time the flag lines appeared to have become tangled.

Dr. Terry performed an autopsy at 5 o'clock this morning and said he found several skull fractures which, it was determined, were caused by the man's fall from the flagpole base on the building. It was believed Mr. Devine lost his footing and fell, or could have fallen due to an attack while taking down the flag.

Mr. Devine had been with the Dave Steel company some time. Dr. Terry pronounced death due to a cerebral hemorrhage. The police report shows that no foul play is suspected.

The body was taken this morning to the funeral home of Brownell-Dunn and Lovin. Funeral plans had not been made but members of the family said services and burial probably will be conducted Saturday.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Martha Devine, three sisters, the Misses Grace, Martha and Mary Devine, and two brothers, Henry and Morris Devine, all of Asheville.

Who Wouldn't Smile With These Pretty Dolls?

These young ladies are happy. In each of eight pairs of arms is cuddled one of the beautiful Rose Marie or Rose Mary dolls which have been presented to them by the circulation department of The Asheville Citizen for a few minutes pleasant work. They are. 1. Elanor Ingram, 4-yar-old daughtr of Mr. and Ms. S. O. Ingam, Arden; 2. Edith Dodson, nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dodson, 7 Allen street, West Asheville; 3. Mary Fay McGee, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. McGee, 21 East street; 4. Mary Bell Hunter, three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hunter, 163 Euclid avenue; 5. Margaret Rose Ensley, seven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ensley, 387 South French Broad avenue; 6. Eldeva Bagwell, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Bagwell, Brickton; 7. Virginia Bailey, ten, daughter of Mr and Mrs. John V. Bailey, 148 Sand Hill Road, West Asheville.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD JAME DeVORE, 272 Hazel Mill Road, not only doesn't count his chickens before they're hatched, but he doesn't count 'em until they've grown into healthy pullets. The Emma 4-H Club youth was one of the boys who were given 100 New Hampshire Red baby chicks six months ago. Out of that flock his ability as a poultryman saved and raised 88 into healthy birds, shown here with their master. That, according to the Buncombe County agent's office, is an excellent record for man or boy. If the average chick flock has a survival rate of 85 out of 100 it's doing very good. The West Asheville boy was one of 10 4-H Club youths selected to exhibit their birds in the annual Buncombe 4-H County Pullet Show and Sale. The event will be held September 13 at the City Auditorium, starting at 2 p. m. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Citizen September 6, 1951

Volunteers mark NeighborWorks Week by fixing home

SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

WEST ASHEVILLE — Neighborhood Housing Services of Asheville has been collaborating with other local nonprofits to assist Pearlie Mae Dixon, an 83-year-old Burton Street resident who has lived here for 55 years.

Since the beginning of the year, groups have been doing repairs and other jobs to bring her home up to livable standards. This week, her neighbors will clean out her basement to ready it for weatherization as part of a national effort called NeighborWorks Week.

Dixon contacted NHS at a local community meeting, asking for help to fix a gaping hole in the roof over her bathroom where birds had taken up residence. NHS is a local nonprofit whose mission is to provide affordable homeownership opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods. NHS has been working with the West Asheville Burton Street Community for the past year.

"I would have fixed it (the hole), but I'm just too old to fix the roof, and I am asking for help," Dixon said.

SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Pearlie Mae Dixon of West Asheville points toward her roof, which was repaired by volunteers from the Neighborhood of Asheville and other local nonprofit organizations.

Network of resources

NHS community outreach coordinator Barb Verni-Lau tapped into her network of nonprofit resources to repair the hole. After confirming that Dixon's income level qualified her for assistance, Verni-Lau contacted the emergency repair program at Mountain Housing Opportunities and the city of Asheville to have the hole repaired.

To continue the efforts, Verni-Lau contacted Community Action Opportunities Weatherization Services. Before the Community Action Program can weatherize Dixon's home, the basement has to be cleaned out; this is where the collective action of the community comes in — to ensure that the basement is clean and prepared for weatherization.

"This community collaboration gives Mrs. Dixon comprehensive services that no one agency can provide and community volunteers that neither of our agencies can provide," said Ben Watts, director of economic development for Community Action Opportunities.

> "This is one of the benefits of having a strong neighborhood association; we look out for one another and lend each other a hand when needed."
>
> TERESA McPHERSON, Burton community resident and NHS board member

Safety measures

The weatherization program will insulate the attic, floors, wall, pipes, water heater and stop air leaks. To ensure the air in the house is safe and healthy, volunteers will inspect Dixon's heating system and make the necessary tuneups to address carbon monoxide levels and combustion safety.

Burton Street's community effort begins at 9 a.m. Friday. Residents, volunteers from NHS, the Community Action Program and The Home Depot will work to clean out Dixon's basement and celebrate their work that evening with a community cookout at 6 p.m. at the Burton Street Community Peace Garden on Bryant Street.

"This is one of the benefits of having a strong neighborhood association; we look out for one another and lend each other a hand when needed," said Teresa McPherson, Burton community resident and NHS board member.

This community effort happens during the National Celebration of NeighborWorks Week this week. NHS and other chartered NeighborWorks organizations across the country will mobilize thousands of businesspeople, residents and government officials in a week of neighborhood change and awareness. They will rehabilitate and repair homes, paint and landscape properties, conduct neighborhood tours, recognize successful partnerships and host a number of events that educate, train and inform.

Helping families

In 2005, more than 18,000 families benefited from the week's activities nationwide.

"There is no way that I could do this on my own. This really shows a terrific help from my neighbors; it's reminiscent of what neighborhoods used to be when you could walk next door to borrow a cup of sugar and end up being invited in for dinner. This shows real community in Burton Street," Dixon said.

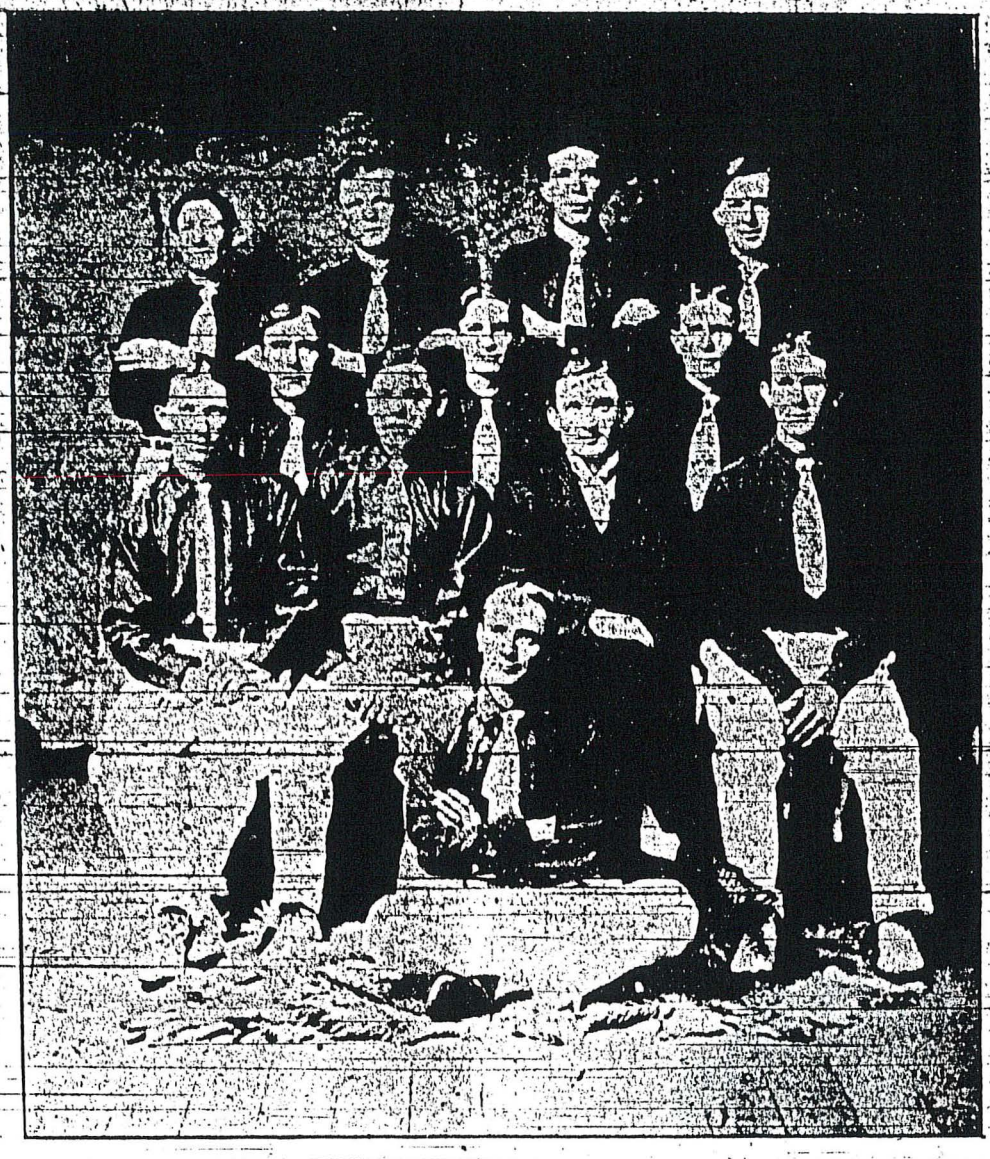
Lauri Newman, a Burton Street resident who has spearheaded the Peace Garden development, looks forward to this inaugural celebration at the Peace Garden.

"I think the celebration at the Peace Garden is the perfect ending to this cooperative effort for Mrs. Dixon; no longer will she share her residence with birds flying into her bathroom; now she can come here to enjoy watching the birds in the garden," she said.

For more information on NHS or how to participate in NeighborWorks Week, call Verni-Lau at 251-5054, Ext 26.

ASHEVILLE N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 10, 1906

Racing Team of Asheville Hook and Ladder Co.



Matthews, Herron; Stevens, Coon; Duckett, Wilson, Carter; Brown, T. H., Brown, G.E., Chief Bernard, Hildebrand; Captain Ward.

Asheville Gazette-News July 10, 1906

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 8, 1925

FIRE CHIEF SCORES SMALL WATER MAINS

Duckett Declares Serious Fire Narrowly Averted Yesterday Because of Lacking Pressure.

Smallness of water mains and scarcity of hydrant outlets during the fire which yesterday afternoon destroyed the house and contents of Mrs. Lizzie Mills, 135 Craven Street, valued at $2,000 brought about a condition which threatened a general holocaust which would possibly have wiped out a sizeable section of West Asheville, Fire Chief A. L. Duckett told a reporter for The Citizen last night.

The house could not have been saved, Chief Duckett said. No one was at home when the fire started and when the department reached the scene the blaze had gained too great headway. The delay caused in stretching lines of hose to the nearest hydrant, 800 feet away, and the feeble spurt of water that responded to firemen's efforts enabled the fire to spread and threaten two neighboring dwellings, the chief said.

The main in question is said to be two inches in diameter, on which was set a four-inch hydrant. The hose used measured two and half inches and the friction along the 800 feet used was so great as to nullify, practically, efforts to extinguish the fire. Mains in use through the city measure up to sixteen inches in some sections. Four inches, the chief stated, is considered much too small to be of any practical benefit.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1927

URGES PREVENTION

Chief A. L. Duckett.

DUCKETT URGES PREVENTION OF FIRES IN CITY

Fire Chief Heading Drive To Educate Public On Fire Hazards.

Continuing the fire prevention campaign in connection with National Fire Prevention week which the Asheville firemen have launched, Chief A. L. Duckett spoke Wednesday at David Millard high school at 10:15 o'clock on fire prevention methods and the necessity of eliminating fire hazards.

Chief Duckett will make a similar address Thursday at the David Millard high school at the same hour. He will speak at the Rotary club meeting Thursday noon and at the Kiwanis club meeting Friday noon.

Friday night a fire school for forest rangers will be conducted by Chief Duckett and M. A. Mattoon, supervisor of Pisgah National forest.

Fire losses, according to Stacey W. Wade, state insurance commissioner, in a bulletin just issued, have for the first time in the state's history this year been lessened over the previous years. This is because of the efficiency of fire departments of the state, the hearty cooperation of the public in fire prevention, and the state firemen's association, the bulletin said.

In his speeches, Chief Duckett is urging co-operation of the public in cutting down fire losses. Fire losses in Asheville, he said, are being reduced as a result of such co-operation.

Fire Chief A. L. Duckett and Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, representing the Asheville Community Chest, were principal speakers at the meeting of the Hall Fletcher Parent-Teacher association held at the school building Tuesday night. Chief Duckett spoke on fire prevention and Mrs. Gaskins spoke on community chest work.

Delegates to attend the state meeting of the parent-teacher associations, to be held at Charlotte, Nov. 8, 9 and 10, were named as follows: Mrs. W. A. Bell, Miss Rena Nichols and Mrs. George C. Osborn. A committee, with Mrs. H. A. Wells, chairman, was appointed to assist in providing costumes to be used in presentation of a play by high school students.

Mrs. J. G. Greenwood, president, presided at the meeting. A music program was rendered by Miss Irene, Miss Mary Louise and Miss Grace Logan.

Asheville Citizen October 12, 1927

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

DRIVE AGAINST FIRES STARTS; DUCKETT ACTIVE

Chief Keeps Firemen Busy Putting Up Fire Prevention Posters.

Fire Prevention week, observed throughout the country each year, as part of a vigorous campaign to stem fire losses, began Monday in Asheville. Firemen were busy during the morning, putting posters in shop windows and on street cars. Literature, dealing with the subject of fire prevention was distributed in the schools.

The main feature of the first day's program is an address to be broadcast from Station WWNC by Mayor Gallatin Roberts at 8:05 o'clock Monday night. The mayor's speech will be followed by a musical program in which the Central Methodist church quartet will take part.

Each night there will be a radio program, including an address and music.

The campaign will be waged chiefly in the schools, the civic clubs and in the industrial plants around Asheville. Each of the civic clubs has arranged a "fire prevention" program for its regular luncheon, and school principals have agreed to hold some sort of program in each school.

Booklets, dealing with the questions of school fires, were mailed Monday by the fire department to all members of the Parent-Teacher associations in Asheville.

Fire Chief Duckett, who is in charge of the week, announced he hoped to have seven days without a single fire in the city.

Asheville Times October 8, 1928

Little Helen Duckett Better; Returns Home

Little Miss Mary Helen Duckett, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Duckett, of 106 Brownwood avenue West Asheville, returned to her home yesterday afternoon after an illness of several days at the Mission hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis

Helen's father is chief of the Asheville fire department.

Asheville Citizen March 26, 1929

The Times' Official Christmas Newsboys–1929

From 1926 to 1956, a special Christmas edition of The Asheville Times was sold on the streets by leading business and professional men of the town. Proceeds benefited newsboys and later provided lunches for needy school children. The 1929 Christmas sales force is shown in this picture made in front of The Times' former offices on Pack Square. The photo is from Irving Fogartie's collection. Pictured are, front row, from left, Clarence Pinkerton, Dan Adams, James H. Hensley Jr., Talmadge DeBruhl, John Lee Hyatt, Judge Carl B. Hyatt, Jack Barrett, Roy Moody, Everett Sprouse, Jack Weaver, Richard Howell, Grover Rector, Carl Gossett, P. J. McCormick, J. E. Gibson. Second row, Ben Evans, Ned Wheeler, Fred L. Weede, Joe Sevier, D. L. Jackson, Irving F. Fogartie, Tom Bird, James J. Bailey, A. L. Duckett, Mayor Gallatin Roberts, Holmes Sawyer, J. W. Grimes, C. H. Bartlett, L. B. Rogers, J. O. McElroy, Joe Seay, E. M. Bearden, Harry W. Love and Dr. H. B. Trimble. Third row, Paul Winchester, Howard Frady, Dan W. Hill, Joe Little, R. A. Funk, J. D. Earle, Myrtis Trimble and Seth Perkinson.

FIRE CHIEF LON DUCKETT SAYS:

"The Increased Use of Electricity in the Home is One of the Chief Reasons for the Great Decrease in Asheville's Fire Loss Last Year"

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Residential Combination Service Rate

One of the lowest rates offered in the Carolinas for Combination Residential Lighting, Cooking and Heating Service.

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Asheville Citizen Sept. 10, 1931

An Open LETTER to People of Asheville on FIRE PREVENTION Week, Oct. 9-15

MAKE sure that your match is out before throwing it away.

Extinguish the last spark of your cigar or cigarette before throwing it away.

Take care lest dry waste or oily rags accumulate in some out-of-the-way corner of your home.

Build your rubbish bonfire where there is no danger of spreading.

Have your electrical wiring inspected regularly and repaired when necessary.

Avoid using kerosene, benzine or naptha for cleaning purposes.

Keep your heating system and chimney in perfect working order.

Do not leave your forest camp fire before it is totally extinguished.

Keep matches beyond the reach of your children and your children out of reach of fire.

Yours for preservation of property and prevention of damage by fire,

A. L. Duckett
CHIEF

ASHEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This Message Sponsored By The Carolina Power & Light Company, Believers In Fire Prevention.

Asheville Citizen September 26, 1932

ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1933

Fire Prevention Week To Open On October 8

Widespread Campaign Is Being Planned For Observance Here

A wide-spread campaign to educate the public more thoroughly on the importance of fire prevention and control, will be promoted in Asheville from October 8 to 14—National Fire Prevention Week.

Schools, civic clubs and the radio will be used to further the objectives of the event.

Chief A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, is in charge of the campaign here for the fire department and will work with committees from the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

Plan Essay Contest

An essay contest with five cash prizes will be conducted in the schools. The subject of the essays will be "How to Prevent Fires," and each must contain 200 words or less. All students from the fourth grade up are eligible to enter. The Asheville Fire and Casualty company is sponsoring the contest and the following prizes will be awarded: first, $15; second, $10; third, $5; fourth, $3 and fifth, $2. Last year more than 500 essays were submitted.

During the annual Asheville cooking school held recently at the Plaza theater, the fire department had several displays in the lobby of the theater. All fuse plugs that had been found "bridged" in Asheville homes were assembled and a contest conducted to guess how many plugs were in the pile.

Mrs. R. L. McMinn, 14 Central avenue; Mrs. E. F. Stepp, 44 Brevard road, Mrs. Arthur Kiser, 1,216 Haywood road; Miss Lila King, 17 Coleman avenue; Miss Dorothy Metcalf, 458 Pearson drive, and Mrs. D. L. Bishop, 183 Virginia avenue, were winners in this contest.

During the school fire prevention pamphlets were distributed to women attending the cooking demonstrations.

In order to carry the campaign into Asheville homes each student will be given home inspection blanks and these will be filled out and returned to the fire department. Similar blanks will be furnished owners of buildings and occupants of stores and offices in the city.

To Visit Schools

Officers of the fire department will visit the schools and will talk on general fire prevention work, fire drills and fire hazards. Plays on fire prevention will be given at many of the schools. Students will be instructed in the use of fire alarm boxes and shown how to turn in an alarm. A fire alarm box will be taken to the schools for the demonstration.

Fire prevention programs will be held at all civic clubs during the week and the fire department orchestra will broadcast over Station WWNC.

A dance will be held Thursday evening, October 5, at the central fire station, and proceeds will be used to defray expenses of the campaign here.

In 1932 Asheville won first place in the state in the contest put on by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and first place in the United States in the contest sponsored by the National Chamber of Commerce. The national body does not award a nation-wide prize, only prizes are to the individual states.

An electric sign, 34 feet long and two feet high, has been erected on top of the central fire station and reads "Fire Prevention Headquarters."

Asheville Citizen October 1, 1933

FIRE PREVENTION DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL TAKE A BIG PART

Thorough Inspection of Entire City Is Being Made—Representative of Insurance Company Is Here.

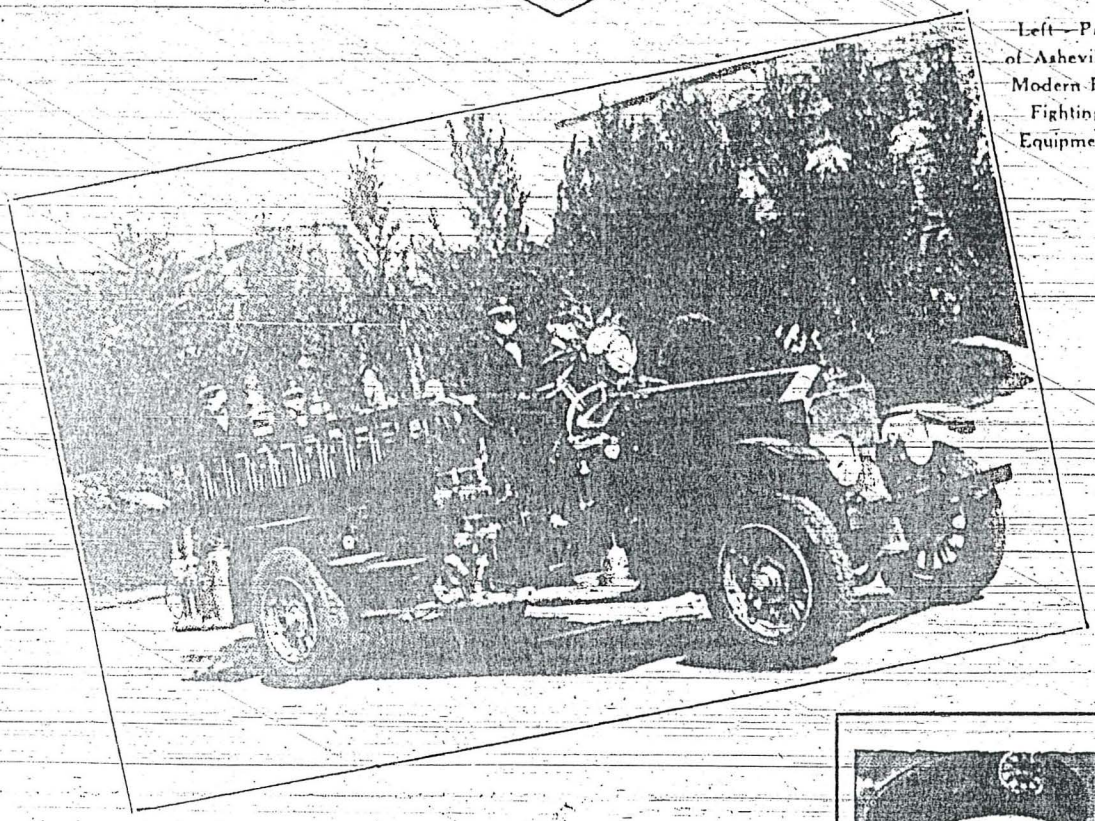
In accordance with a proclamation issued by Governor T. W. Bickett, designating October 9 as fire prevention day, Fire Chief A. L. Duckett has planned to observe the day here by an inspection of the business district, and securing the cooperation of the school children in a thorough inspection of the entire city.

A series of addresses are now being made in the schools by a representative of the state insurance commissioner and representatives of the local fire department, instructing the children in their duties in carrying out the program. They will be asked to thoroughly inspect all fire hazards around their own premises and in their neighborhood and make a report of their findings to the local fire department, whic hwill in turn make investigations which are recommended and make plans for needed improvements.

Representatives from the fire department are at present making a close inspection of all fire hazards in the business and wholesale districts and their findings and recommendations will be turned in on the ninth.

School children are eagerly looking forward to the day. Since the ninth falls on next Saturday it will not in any way interfere with the regular school work, and much good is expected to be accomplished through the efforts of the schools.

Asheville Citizen October 7, 1920



Left—Part of Asheville's Modern Fire Fighting Equipment

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF!

Asheville, through its Chamber of Commerce, is one of 600 cities entered in an annual national contest for competition in fire prevention. The accomplishments of each city is judged by the United States Chamber of Commerce. In this competition, Asheville, in class four in population, has won distinction as the following tabulation shows. The splendid work of the fire department, the carefulness of every citizen, and the observance of fire prevention week are the factors determining this honor.

1927---Honorable mention in nation, first in place in North Carolina.

1928---Fourth honor in nation, first place in North Carolina.

1929---Sixth honor in nation, first place in North Carolina.

1930---Fourth honor in nation, second place in North Carolina.

1931---Seventh honor in nation, first place in North Carolina.

1932---FIRST honor in nation, first place in North Carolina.

FIRE CHIEF
LON DUCKETT

	No. Runs	Loss	Per Capita Loss
1932	136	$32,180.00	[illegible]
1931	155	42,011.00	8.817
1930	190	49,150.00	.918

Asheville Citizen October 8, 1933

FIRE PREVENTION DAY WAS WELL OBSERVED

Colored Schools Visited Yesterday—Much Good Is Expected to Result From Program.

Fire prevention day program initiated Thursday by Fire Chief A. L. Duckett and other representatives of the fire department was carried out in the city schools throughout the latter part of the week and into the afternoon of yesterday.

A party composed of Mayor Roberts, J. H. Wood, Commissioner Fitzpatrick, Fire Chief A. L. Duckett and Miss Lee, a representative of the state insurance commision at Raleigh, visited the various colored schools of the city yesterday morning and made talks on fire prevention and its meaning to every individual. In the afternoon the colored Industrial institute on College street was visited and talks made on the same subject.

The best of co-operation was shown by business men of the city and as a rule conditions were found to be favorable. In a few cases repairs were recommended and the owners showed their willingness to do as was recommended.

School children, through their keen interest in the work trusted to them, did much good by inspection all fire hazards in their immediate neighborhoods, and reporting their findings to the fire department.

Asheville's fire record is good and co-operation with the fire department such as was shown last week, will do much toward keeping down the figures in fire loss.

Asheville Citizen October 10, 1920

Fire Prevention Honor Awarded To Asheville

First place in fire prevention in North Carolina has been awarded Asheville according to word received yesterday by A. L. Duckett, chief of the fire department, from T. Alfred Fleming, chairman of the fire prevention and clean-up committee of the National Fire Prevention association.

Asheville was ranked nationally along with 10 other cities in the highest class. To receive this distinction an award of more than 90 per cent in rating must be made. Asheville was the only North Carolina city to make the first 10.

Greensboro was second in North Carolina and Rocky Mount third. Cities other than Asheville placed in the first 11 were: Wichita, Kan., Prescott, Ariz., St. Louis, Mo., Berkeley, Cal., San Francisco, Cal., Fort Collins, Ocala, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Cincinnati, O., and Colfax, Va.

Chief Duckett was highly gratified at the showing Asheville made this year. He issued a warning about the danger of fire in Christmas decorations, temporary wiring for trees, and other fire hazards.

"The way to keep our fire loss down is not to take any chances whatever," he said.

Asheville Citizen-Times December 22, 1933

An Open LETTER to the People of Asheville on FIRE PREVENTION Week, Oct. 7 - 13

Make sure that your match is out before throwing it away.

Extinguish the last spark of your cigar or cigarette before throwing it away.

Take care lest dry waste or oily rags accumulate in some out-of-the-way corner of your home.

Build your rubbish bonfire where there is no danger of spreading.

Have your electrical wiring inspected regularly and repaired when necessary.

Avoid using kerosene, benzine or naptha for cleaning purposes.

Keep your heating system and chimney in perfect working order.

Do not leave your forest camp fire before it is totally extinguished.

Keep matches beyond the reach of your children and your children out of reach of fire.

Yours for preservation of property and prevention of damage by fire,

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CHIEF
ASHEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Asheville Citizen October 7, 1934

Don't Give FIRE a Chance

Take No CHANCES

A PROCLAMATION

By The President of The United States of America

Disastrous fires destroy each year property of many kinds to a total greater than the whole value of all property in the Nation in the days of our forefathers. This loss seriously offsets our normal gain in national assets.

It is the simple obligation of every citizen to realize, knowing this, that a large proportion of these fires can be prevented by the exercise of proper care and by the use of appropriate fire-prevention measures.

I call special attention to the unfortunate fact that a very large percentage of fires in every part of the Nation is caused by acts of individual carelessness and that millions of dollars' worth of property could be preserved each year by the realization on the part of the individual of his or her responsibility to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and designate the week beginning October 7, 1934, as Fire Prevention Week, and I particularly urge State and municipal officials, civic and commercial organizations, school authorities, the clergy, and the press to emphasize the danger of and needless waste caused by fire and to encourage the study of ways and means whereby fire hazards and the disastrous consequences of fire may be prevented as far as possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and thirty-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-ninth.

(SEAL)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

By the President:

William Phillips,
Acting Secretary of State.

ASHEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT ONE OF AMERICA'S FINEST!

Chief A. L. Duckett

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Do Your Part To Make 1934 A Banner Year

A PROCLAMATION

By The Governor

WHEREAS the destruction of life and property by fire is a matter of concern to everyone, and

WHEREAS the reduction of fire waste can be effected in direct proportion to the amount of care exercised by all people, and

WHEREAS the President of the United States for the benefit of the American People as a whole and with the view of arousing the people of the United States to the importance of eliminating our enormous fire waste, has proclaimed the week of October 7 to 13

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

THEREFORE, I, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7 to 13 to be FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in order that the people of this State in every community shall, individually and through our various organizations, discover and correct existing fire hazards, promote measures of public and private fire protection, extend instruction in fire prevention among adults, as well as school children, and arouse the people generally to the need for habits of greater care, and to this end I appeal to our citizens to thoroughly cooperate with the various fire departments throughout the State and I request that every Mayor issue a Proclamation. I earnestly solicit the cooperation of Chambers of Commerce, Civic and Women's Clubs, and the press.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this 25th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

(S) J. C. B. EHRINGHAUS,
Governor.

By the Governor:

(S) C. G. Powell,
Private Secretary.

OCTOBER 7-13

Asheville Citizen October 7, 1934

PROGRAMS TO BE GIVEN AT CIVIC CLUBS, SCHOOLS

Two Radio Broadcasts, Essay Contest And Parade Planned

Asheville will be made conscious this week of the hazards of fire and the methods of its prevention as the city joins with the nation in observance of fire prevention week.

October 9 is the anniversary of the great Chicago fire and it is the custom to observe the full week during which the day falls as fire prevention week.

"The annual loss from fire has averaged a half billion dollars annually for the past 10 years, add to this 10,000 lives sacrificed and 25,000 persons injured and you can see what America is paying each year in fire losses." Chief A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, said yesterday.

The doctrine of fire prevention will be spread to every part of the city by Chief Duckett, his men, and volunteers.

Cooperation Urged

Letters have been written urging cooperation and assistance during fire prevention week to principals of schools, presidents and secretaries of civic clubs, pastors of churches in the city, the executive secretaries of the Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations, officials of parent-teacher associations, managers of the larger city stores, managers of city industrial plants, Radio Station WWNC and managers of all theaters.

There will be a parade tomorrow morning beginning at 10 o'clock at Vance street and covering the principal downtown thoroughfares. In the parade will be fire apparatus, sanitary trucks, policemen and representatives of business concerns.

Five hundred posters have been placed in store windows and on delivery trucks and five window displays showing some of the common fire hazards found in the home have been located in various parts of the city.

Broadcasts Planned

There will be two radio programs during the week, one presenting musical selections by the fire department's string band, and the other an address by City Manager P. M. Burdette and selections by the band.

Programs are to be given at all the city schools, composed of music by the fire department band, fire prevention talks, fire drill and plays given by the students.

There will be an essay contest on "Fire Prevention in the Home" for all school children above the fourth grade. Prizes are as follows: First, $15; second, $10; third, $5; fourth, $3; and fifth, $2. The money is being given by the Asheville fire and casualty insurance agents.

Week's Program

The week's program follows:

Today—All ministers will devote a few minutes at morning and evening services, calling attention of their congregations to the loss of life and property from fires each year.

Tomorrow—9:30 a. m.: O. L. Fitzgerald speaks and band plays at Claxton school; 9:50 a. m.: Mr. Fitzgerald speaks and band plays again at Claxton school; 10 a. m.: Capt. James Bailey speaks at Mountain Street (negro) school; 10:30 a. m.: Herbert K. Caskey speaks and band plays at Joe H. Edwards high school; 11:30 a. m.: Captain Bailey speaks and band plays at St. Joan of Arc school; and 1:15 p. m.: Lieut. J. L. Hall and H. P. Jarvis speak at Woolworth's Department store.

Tuesday—8:45 a. m.: W. D. McLean speaks at Biltmore high school; 9:30 a. m.: Mr. Fitzgerald speaks and band plays at Claxton school; 10 a. m.: T. W. Haynes speaks at Eugene Rankin school; 10:30 a. m.: Capt. Bailey speaks at Shiloh school; 12 noon: T. C. Autry speaks and band plays at Asheville Normal and Teachers' college; 1 p. m.: Lieut. Hall and Mr. Jarvis speak at Guy Poole and company; 1 p. m.: Speaker to be selected appears before American Business club; 1:30 p. m.: Mr. McLean speaks at Hill Street (negro) school; 6 p. m.: Band presents radio program.

Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday—9 a. m.: Mr. Haynes speaks at Burton Street (negro) school; 10:45 a. m.: Capt. Bailey speaks and band plays at Randolph school; 11:15 a. m.: Capt. Bailey speaks and band plays again at Randolph school; 11:30 a. m.: Lieut. P. H. Johnson speaks at Queen Carson school; 12 noon: Capt. Bailey speaks and band plays at Allen Home (negro) Training school; 1:30 p. m.: Mr. Burdette addresses Lions club; 2 p. m.: Capt. Bailey speaks at Minico and Sanitary laundry; 2:30 p. m.: Frank Kennett speaks at Oakley school; 6 p. m.: Lieut. Hall and Mr. Jarvis speak at Kress and company.

Thursday—10:20 a. m.: Rev. E. Gibson Davis speaks and band plays at Hall-Fletcher Junior High school; 11 a. m.: George Lee speaks at Aycock school; 11 a. m.: Mr. Davis speaks and band plays at Biltmore college; 11:50 a. m.: Lieut. Hall and Mr. Jarvis speak at Swannanoa laundry; 1 p. m.: Speaker to be selected appears before Rotary club; 1:45 p. m.: Chief Duckett speaks at Optimist club meeting; 6 p. m.: Mr. Burdette speaks and band plays in program over Radio Station WWNC; 7:30 p. m.: Band plays at West Asheville club.

Friday—8:45 a. m.: Students present play at Grace school; 8:45 a. m.: Mr. Fitzgerald speaks and band plays at Haw Creek school; 8:50 a. m.: Capt. Bailey speaks at Grove Park school; 9 a. m.: Mr. Lee speaks at Newton school; 9:40 a. m.: Mr. Fitzgerald speaks and band plays at Vance school; 10:30 a. m.: Mr. Davis speaks at Stephens-Lee (negro) school; 11:30 a. m.: Lieut. Johnson speaks at Livingston Street (negro) school; 12 noon: Chief Duckett speaks at Hans Rees tannery; 1 p. m.: Mr. Davis speaks at Kiwanis club; 1:30 p. m.: Lieut Hall and Mr. Jarvis speak at Asheville laundry; 3:30 p. m.: Capt. Bailey speaks at First Presbyterian church.

Saturday—6:30 p. m.: Capt. Bailey speaks at Y. M. C. A.

Issues Proclamation

Gov. Ehringhaus has issued the following proclamation on fire prevention week:

"Whereas, the destruction of life and property by fire is a matter of concern to everyone; and

"Whereas, the reduction of fire waste can be effected in direct proportion to the amount of care exercised by all people; and

"Whereas, the President of the United States for the benefit of the American people as a whole and with the view of arousing the people of the United States to the importance of eliminating our enormous fire waste, has proclaimed the week of October 6-12.

"Fire Prevention Week:

"Therefore, I, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, governor of the state of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12 fire prevention week in order that the people of this state in every community shall individually and through our various organizations, discover and correct existing fire hazards, promote measures of public and private protection, extend instruction in fire prevention among adults, as well as school children, and arouse the people generally to the need for habits of greater care, and to this end I appeal to our citizens to thoroughly cooperate with the various fire departments throughout the state and I request that every mayor issue a proclamation. I earnestly solicit the cooperation of chambers of commerce, civic and women's clubs, and the press."

Wells Urges Cooperation

Mayor R. M. Wells, of Asheville, yesterday issued the following proclamation calling attention to the week:

"This week has been designated as Fire Prevention Week throughout the United States, and I call upon the citizenship of our city to cooperate in this great work of conserving both life and property by ridding their premises of all useless and worthless inflammable material.

"In order to make the work thorough, the city will remove all such material free of cost, if placed on the street on the days already scheduled for the removal of garbage in your respective wards and streets.

"I, therefore, designate the week of October 6 to 12 as fire prevention week in accordance with the proclamation of our President and our governor and to that end I ask your cooperation with our state insurance department and our city officials to see to it that all schools, churches, theaters, hospitals, public buildings, factories, stores and hotels be inspected to see that every safeguard against fire is provided, and that exit facilities are sufficient in case of fire.

"I, therefore, issue this proclamation and do set aside and designate October 6 to 12 as fire prevention week in the city of Asheville, and do urge our people to observe it in obedience to our national and state laws."

Asheville Citizen October 6, 1935

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 3rd -- 9th

CITY OBSERVES NATIONAL FIRE PREVENT'N WEEK

Concerted Drive Made By Asheville Fire Department To Educate The Public In Methods Of Fire Prevention

Under the leadership of Chief Lon C. Duckett, of the Asheville Fire Department, Asheville beginning today, lasting through next Saturday, will observe National Fire Prevention Week.

The week in Asheville will be full of actitvities for the Asheville Fire Department which carries on an extensive campaign in educating the public in precautions against fires, both in business houses and homes.

The department has already distributed scores of Fire Prevention Week posters around town. Several special windows have been installed, the aid of civic clubs and the Asheville Chamber of Commerce has been enlisted in the publicity campaign; firemen will appear at schools in carrying on the campaign.

"Fire prevention," Chief Duckett declared, "is one of the simplest things to accomplish imaginable. It consists in nothing more nor less than the exercise of what should be ordinary human care in the handling of inflamables and the care of one's premises."

"Any normally intelligent person, if he wishes and will take the time, can write a set of rules covering fire prevention."

Asheville Citizen October 3, 1937

Throng Attends Funeral Rites For A. L. Duckett

Ashe-City 4/17/39

A. L. Duckett, veteran Asheville fire chief who died Friday night at his home on Brownwood avenue, rode out of central fire station for the last time yesterday afternoon when a funeral hearse bore his body to the First Presbyterian church where funeral services were conducted.

For four hours yesterday, the body of Chief Duckett lay in state at central station and an estimated 3,000 persons—white and negro, young and old, of all ranks in life—filed by the casket of the man who had served the Asheville fire department for more than 40 years.

Firemen formed a guard of honor at the casket during the period the body lay in state. Scores of those who passed by the casket went away crying. Some tried to suppress their tears, others made no effort to restrain themselves.

As the body was being taken from the fire station to the church, the old fire bell in the belfry of the city hall was tolled 61 times, once for each year of Chief Duckett's life. The fire bell was used for years in the old city hall to summon the firemen in the volunteer days. Chief Duckett had probably answered the bell more than any other man in Asheville

Burial was in Green Hills cemetery. A part of the cemetery was formerly the farm on which Chief Duckett was born and where he spent his childhood.

Chief Duckett's last departure from the fire station was not accompanied by the sounding of sirens or the racing of motors of the big trucks. Firemen with bowed heads moved in a body after the hearse that held their beloved former chief, following him even in death as they had done in life for many years. This was their final tribute to the man who had led them for many years. Also in the procession following the hearse were about 40 members of the old Asheville volunteer fire department who had served in the ranks with Chief Duckett.

Along the route from the fire station to the church, many persons stood with bared heads as the procession passed. On the way to the cemetery, the procession passed the West Asheville sub-station. The fire truck there had been pulled to the door of the station and firemen on duty there were lined up at attention in front of the truck. As the hearse passed the station, the firemen saluted their former chief.

At the church, firemen and policemen in uniform formed a lane through which the body was taken into the church. Members of the Lions club, of which Mr. Duckett was a member, served as honorary pallbearers.

Active Pallbearers

Active pallbearers were C. T. Johnson, E. M. Israel, S. G. Bernard, A. G. Barnett, Seth J. Perkinson, F. S. Sluder, F. H. Sherrill and Roy J. Johnson.

Fire chiefs and firemen from three states attended the services. Floral tributes were received from fire departments throughout this section.

The red car used by Chief Duckett prior to his illness led the procession. It was driven by a uniformed fireman and by his side were Chief Duckett's fireman's white coat and white helmet. The car was draped in black cloth.

The Rev. R. F. Campbell, pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian church; the Rev. W. C. Cravner, rector of All Souls Episcopal church; and the Rev. T. A. Groce, of Candler, officiated at the services.

Mr. Cravner opened the service with the reading of the 23rd Psalm. This was followed with prayer. Dr. Campbell read the scriptures and then offered prayer. A male quartet composed of Emmett Davis, Frank Hill, Paul Craig and Hal Rickman, sang "Crossing the Bar." Mr. Davis sang a solo, "Beautiful Isle."

Mr. Groce described Chief Duckett as a good citizen, an excellent public servant, a good father and a good Christian.

"I intend to talk from my heart at this service just as if Chief Duckett was at my side with his hand on my shoulder," the pastor said. "Chief Duckett several months ago asked me to talk out of my heart at his funeral if I outlived him.

Flowers Indicate Esteem

"The floral tributes banked around his casket and the gathering here of his friends indicates the high esteem in which Chief Duckett was held. No wonder Asheville today mourns the passing of this Christian man. It takes the passing of a man to make a community fully appreciate what he has done. Chief Duckett's services will long be appreciated.

"If ever Asheville is a clean city, it will be when we have men like Chief Duckett. When a man is clean in his home you can trust him. We say most of the good things about a man after he has gone. What they need is encouragement during life, not flowers at death. Time after time Chief Duckett talked to me during his last illness about how he longed to get back to 'his boys' at the fire department. He said he especially missed the Sunday Bible class lessons conducted at central station.

"He gave his very best to the citizens of Asheville. He always was interested in the church and its work. I am happy to tell his widow and children that he has left our church but has gone to the church triumphant. He has left te city of Asheville but as gone to the city above. I am sure the men of his department will carry on."

Chief Duckett, who had been connected with the Asheville fire department for more than 40 years, served as chief for 19 years. He was retired about a year ago with the rank of inspector because of illness.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Gertrude Wiggins, of Robbinsville, and five children, Edwin, Margaret, Christine and A. L. Duckett, Jr., all of Asheville, and Mrs. E. D. Mitchell, of Johnson City, Tenn.

The following out-of-town fire chiefs and firemen and other officials of the state fire marshal's office were here for the funeral:

Out-Of-Town Firemen

Chief John H. Monroe, of Savannah, Ga.; P. H. Wamble and D. S. Waters, Savannah; Chief Bolick, Marion; Chief Donald, of Greenville, S. C., Assistant Chief Kay, E. H. Turner and J. E. Poole, of Greenville; Chief Miller of Concord and Ira Wilkson, of Concord; Chief Brown, of Winston-Salem, Assistant Chief Holmes Lieutenant Beasley, and Lum Shore, of Winston-Salem; Chief Red Gaither, of Statesville, C. R. Sharp, Zeb Holcombe and B. A. Kimmons, of Statesville; Chief Taylor, of Kannapolis.

Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, Raleigh; Chief Holland, Raleigh; Chief Shaw, Greensboro; Chief Ribet, of Valdese, and Assistant Chief Anderson and Charlie Smith, Valdese; Chief Hildebrand and Chief Westmoreland, Canton; Chief E. M. Salley, Enka; Charlie Robinson; and Alan Mitchell, Enka; Chief McLaughen, of Gastonia, John Ferris, Caldwell Baker and Charles Long, Gastonia; Chief Palmer and Mrs. Palmer, Charlotte; Assistant Chief Charles and family, Charlotte; R. G. Basinger, Floyd Rosich, W. W. Rhyne, C. T. McCall, Jack Hall and Mrs. Walter Black, Charlotte; J. S. McGee, Atlanta; Harry Whitner and A. G Moser, Hickory.

Floral tributes were received from the following fire departments outside Asheville:

Greensboro, Charlotte, High Point,

Greenville, S. C., Salisbury, Durham, Southeastern Underwriters association, Kanapolis, Marion, Wilmington, Asheboro, New Bern, Wilson, Farmville, Winston-Salem, Enka, Shelby, Lexington, Knoxville, Tenn., Valdese, Canton, Morganton, Morehead City, Rocky Mount, and Sales Biltmore Bleacheries Fire Department.

Chief Duckett Is Buried In Home Ground

Ashe-Times 4/17/39

Answering his final call and leaving for the last time the central fire station, Alonzo L. Duckett, 40 years a fireman and 19 years chief of the Asheville department, was honored yesterday by all who knew him and was buried in ground on which he was born. now Green Hills cemetery in West Asheville.

Chief Duckett, retired to the station of inspector of the Asheville fire department for about a year, due to ill health, died at his home, 106 Brownwood avenue, West Asheville, Friday night. His body lay in state for four hours yesterday, and more than 3,000 persons, black and white and from all ranks in life, filed by the casket in the truck room of central fire station, opposite city-county plaza.

Firemen Stand Guard

Forming a guard of honor, firemen of the department stood by the casket from 11 o'clock yesterday morning until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Many persons were seen openly crying as they passed the bier of the man who saved Asheville much in money and human life in his consistent campaign against fire. The fire department was his very heart and all of his life he worked for it and its honor and development.

A tribute, heard by thousands of Asheville persons who were unable to attend the funeral in person, was the sounding of the old fire bell in the belfry of the city hall as the body was being taken from the fire station to the First Presbyterian church, where the funeral rites were conducted at 2:30 o'clock. The old bell was tolled 61 times—once for each year of the chief's life—and the soft though penetrating echoes were heard throughout all of the eastern and northern parts of the city. The 61 soft soundings of the old bell was spaced eight to 10 seconds apart and the general effect on the quiet Sunday afternoon atmosphere was soothing.

This old bell was used for years in the old city hall to summon the firemen in the volunteer company days. Chief Duckett had answered it perhaps more than any other man in Asheville.

As Chief Duckett's body was being borne from the fire station, firemen, with bowed heads, moved in a body behind the hearse. There were about 40 members of the old Asheville volunteer fire department, who served with Chief Duckett in the early days here, in the funeral cortege.

Along the route from the fire station to the church, many persons stood with bared heads as the procession passed. On the way to the cemetery, the procession passed the West Asheville sub-station. The fire truck there had been pulled to the door of the station and firemen on duty there were lined up at attention in front of the truck. As the hearse passed the station, the firemen saluted their former chief.

At the church, firemen and policemen in uniform formed a lane through which the body was taken into the church. Members of the Lions club, of which Mr. Duckett was a member, served as honorary pallbearers.

Active Pallbearers

Active pallbearers were C. T. Johnson, E. M. Israel, S. G. Bernard, A. G. Barnett, Seth J. Perkinson, F. S. Sluder, F. H. Sherrill and Roy J. Johnson.

Fire chiefs and firemen from three states attended the services. Floral tributes were received from fire departments throughout this section.

The red car used by Chief Duckett prior to his illness led the procession. It was driven by a uniformed fireman and by his side were Chief Duckett's fireman's white coat and white helmet. The car was draped in black cloth.

The Rev. R. F. Campbell, pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. W. C. Cravner, rector of All Souls Episcopal church, and the Rev. T. A. Groce, of Candler, officiated at the services.

Mr. Cravner opened the service with the reading of the 23rd Psalm. This was followed with prayer. Dr. Campbell read the scriptures and then offered prayer. A male quartet composed of Emmett Davis, Frank Hill, Paul Craig and Hal Rickman, sang "Crossing the Bar." Mr. Davis sang a solo, "Beautiful Isle."

Praises Dead Chief

Mr. Groce described Chief Duckett as a good citizen, an excellent public servant, a good father and a good Christian.

"I intend to talk from my heart at this service just as if Chief Duckett was at my side with his hand on my shoulder," the pastor said. "Chief Duckett several months ago asked me to talk out of my heart at his funeral if I outlived him.

"The floral tributes banked around his casket and the gathering here of his friends indicates the high esteem in which Chief Duckett was held. No wonder Asheville today mourns the passing of this Christian man. It takes the passing of a man to make a community fully appreciate what he has done. Chief Duckett's services will long be appreciated.

"If ever Asheville is a clean city, it will be when we have men like Chief Duckett. When a man is clean in his home you can trust him. We say most of the good things about a man after he has gone. What they need is encouragement during life, not flowers at death. Time after time Chief Duckett talked to me during his last illness about how he longed to get back to 'his boys' at the fire department. He said he especially missed the Sunday Bible class lessons conducted at central station.

"He gave his very best to the citizens of Asheville. He always was interested in the church and its work. I am happy to tell his widow and children that he has left our church but has gone to the church triumphant. He has left te city of Asheville but as gone to the city above. I am sure the men of his department will carry on."

Was Chief 19 Years

Chief Duckett, who had been connected with the Asheville fire department for more than 40 years, served as chief for 19 years. He was retired about a year ago with the rank of inspector because of illness.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Gertrude Wiggins, of Robbinsville, and five children. Edwin, Margaret, Christine and A. L. Duckett, Jr., all of Asheville, and Mrs. E. D. Mitchell, of Johnson City, Tenn.

The following out-of-town fire chiefs and firemen and other officials of the state fire marshal's office were here for the funeral:

Chief John H. Monroe, of Savannah, Ga.; P. H. Wamble and D. S. Waters, Savannah; Chief Bolick, Marion; Chief Donald, of Greenville, S. C., Assistant Chief Kay, E. H. Turner and J. E. Poole, of Greenville; Chief Miller of Concord and Ira Wilkson, of Concord; Chief Brown, of Winston-Salem, Assistant Chief Holmes, Lieutenant Beasley, and Lum Shore, of Winston-Salem; Chief Red Gaither, of Statesville, C. R. Sharp, Zeb Holcombe and B. A. Kimmons, of Statesville; Chief Taylor, of Kannapolis.

Others At Funeral

Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, Raleigh; Chief Holland, Raleigh; Chief Shaw, Greensboro; Chief Ribet, of Valdese, and Assistant Chief Anderson and Charlie Smith, Valdese; Chief Hildebrand and Chief Westmoreland, Canton; Chief E. M. Salley, Enka; Charlie Robinson, and Alan Mitchell, Enka; Chief McLaughen, of Gastonia, John Ferris, Caldwell Baker and Charles Long, Gastonia; Chief Palmer and Mrs. Palmer, Charlotte; Assistant Chief Charles and family, Charlotte; R. G. Basinger, Floyd Rosich, W. W. Rhyne, C. T. McCall, Jack Hall and Mrs. Walter Black, Charlotte; J. S. McGee, At-

lanta; Harry Whitner and A. G. Moser, Hickory.

Floral tributes were received from the following fire departments outside Asheville:

Greensboro, Charlotte, High Point, Greenville, S. C., Salisbury, Durham, Southeastern Underwriters association, Kanapolis, Marion, Wilmington, Asheboro, New Bern, Wilson, Farmville, Winston-Salem, Enka, Shelby, Lexington, Knoxville, Tenn., Valdese, Canton, Morganton, Morehead City, Rocky Mount, and Sales Biltmore Bleacheries Fire Department.

CHIEF DUCKETT

Probably no man who ever lived in Asheville was more a part of the city's life than former Fire Chief, A. L. Duckett. One of those ageless people who never date or grow old, he spanned the days from the volunteer handreel company to the present period of streamlined equipment so gracefully, that up to the time of his retirement last year, no one ever thought of him in terms of years. Ashe-City-Times

Indeed, so young was "the Chief" in spirit that his frequent visits to the city schools on such errands as fire drills, fire inspection, and fire prevention rallies were more in the nature of a picnic, so greatly did the children love and enjoy their hero. Santa Claus could have been no more welcome had he arrived in person. 4/16/39

But a genial nature did not mean slack performance. Chief Duckett has built the local fire fighting organization up to the point where it has long been known as one of the best in the State. A city whose houses are largely frame in construction and which burns soft coal in considerable quantity could but have offered a serious problem to its fire chief. Yet how well he has met that problem we have all had occasion to observe. The Asheville department has been the recipient of numerous awards in the National Fire Prevention Week contests sponsored by a group of insurance underwriters.

Yet Chief Duckett was never too busy to take his place in the town's civic life. As a well-loved and admired churchman, a Mason and a member of civic clubs and organizations he was hailed everywhere as the good comrade, the genial companion. While acting as President of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association but a few years ago he accomplished splendid work in the founding of the State Fire College and Drill School. Training young firemen in the arts of saving life and property was ever a thrilling adventure to him, and one in which he took pride.

The passing of such a man in these troubled times will leave a vacant place in Asheville's roster of useful citizens which will be difficult to fill. His friends and the public will long remember his willing service and charming manner.

Beloved Fire Chief Passes

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A. L. DUCKETT

Body Of Duckett Will Lie In State Sunday At Fire Department

Death Claims Retired Chief Who Served As Fireman For 40 Years.

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The body of Alonzo L. Duckett, for more than 40 years a fireman here and for 19 years chief of the fire department, who died at 10:07 o'clock last night at his home, 106 Brownwood avenue, will lie in state from 11 o'clock tomorrow morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the truck room of the central fire station facing the city-county plaza.

Chief Duckett, largely responsible for the highly accredited fire department equipment and personnel of the present day, had been ill for the past year or more, and had been confined to his bed with high blood pressure for about seven months. He had been in an unconscious state for several days prior to his death. Chief Duckett was retired several months ago with the rank of inspector of the fire department.

Department In Mourning

The entire department was in mourning today with heavy black crepe drapes over the doors of all department stations in the city.

The funeral rites will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. Ministers officiating will be Dr. R. F. Campbell, pastor emeritus of the church; the Rev. C. Grier Davis, pastor of the church; the Rev. E. Gibson Davis, of Spartanburg, S. C., former pastor of the First Baptist church here; and the Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Pallbearers: S. G. Bernard, G. M. Israel, A. G. Barnett, Seth J. Perkinson, C. P. Johnson, F. S. Sluder, F. H. Sherrill and Roy J. Johnson.

Chief's Car In Cortege

The body was taken from the Brownell-Dunn funeral home at noon today to the home, where it will remain until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, when it will be taken to the central station of the fire department to lie in state.

In the funeral cortege, the department will be represented by the chief's automobile. On the seat beside the driver will be the chief's white coat and helmet.

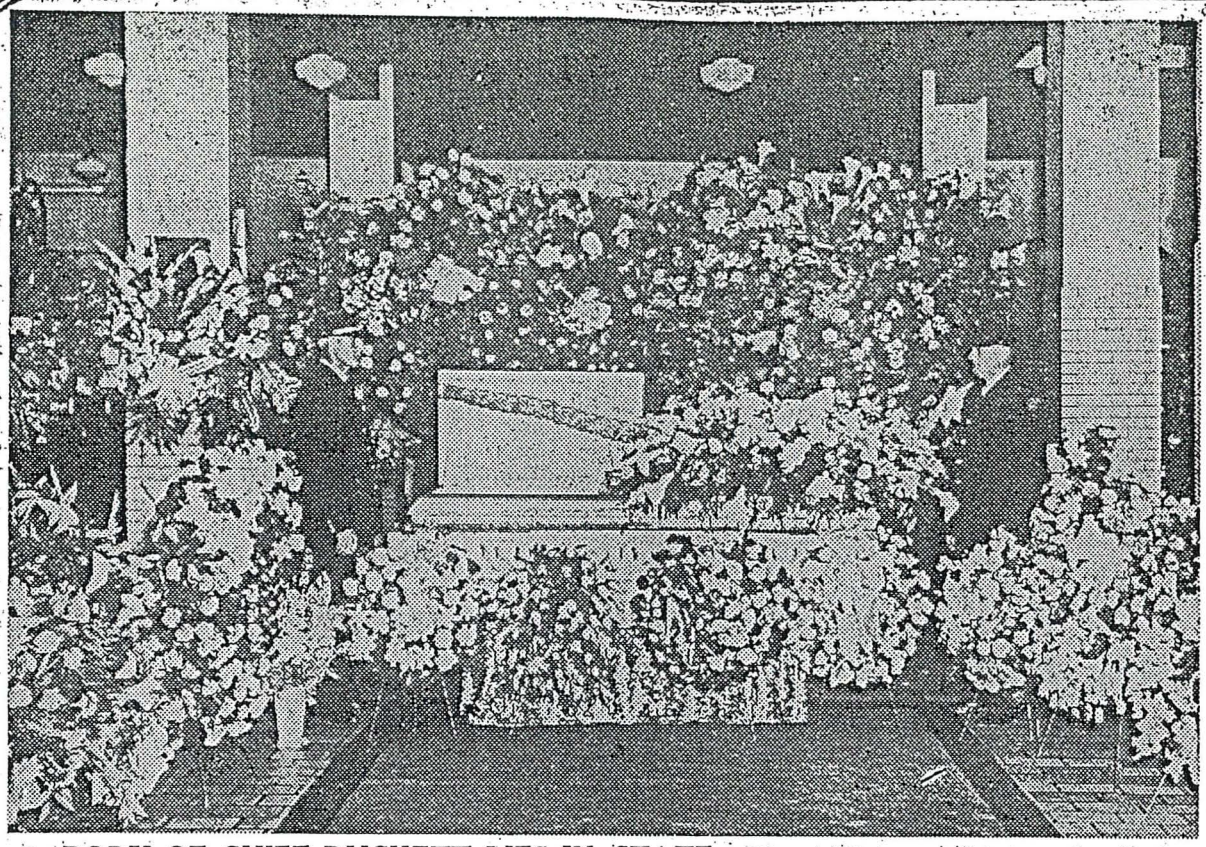
Quiet, Unassuming

Chief Duckett was of a quiet and unassuming nature. His deep sincerity and love for his work impressed all with whom he came in contact. On annual fire prevention drives and other fire department activities, the entire city gave him and his "boys of the department" wholehearted co-operation. He was loved and respected by aged residents and school children alike. Under his guidance, the fire department has come into nation wide notice through its fine record in curbing fire waste here. During last year—Chief Duckett's final months of activity with the department—the city won second honors in the Interchamber Fire Waste contest, sponsored throughout the nation in more than 600 cities by the chamber of commerce of the United States. The city has won several honors in this contest in recent years.

Chief Duckett became a member of the hand reel company situated in the West End community in 1895, and joined the Asheville volunteer fire department the following year. With the exception of a two-year period when he worked for the Southern Railway, he had been connected with the department continuously until the time of his death.

Chief Duckett saw the department grow from the original volunteer system with 15 alarm boxes and a small five-circuit board, to one of the most competent fire fighting organizations in the country, with the present system of 149 alarm boxes and a 20-circuit board.

Born July 14, 1877, in the Pea



BODY OF CHIEF DUCKETT LIES IN STATE—The casket containing the body of Chief A. L. Duckett, head of the Asheville fire department for 19 years, is shown above in the truck room at central station. Firemen are shown standing at each end of the casket. The body remained at the station for four hours Sunday and an estimated 3,000 persons filed by the casket. Chief Duckett was buried in Green Hills cemetery. Ashe-Citz 7/18/39

Ridge section near Emma, he first attended school in a log cabin in what is now West Asheville. Upon finishing school at the age of 13 he worked at a variety of occupations.

First he was employed in a brickyard at Emma and later he became light trimmer, attending the city lights of Asheville. He next went with a contracting firm and then held numerous positions with the Carolina Power and Light company.

While with the power company he operated a street car, worked on the power lines, installed equipment and handled many other jobs. At the time he left the company's employ he was line foreman.

Chief Duckett became an employe of the city during the administration of D. Hiden Ramsey as commissioner of public safety. He was city electrician and served as assistant fire chief under James H. Wood at the same time.

On January 23, 1920, he was appointed chief of the department to succeed Mr. Wood. He retired on December 9, 1938, with the title of inspector.

He was largely responsible for the paid fire departments being put on full time in April, 1924, and during his administration the city purchased most of the modern fire-fighting equipment it has today. He took great pride in the city's fire alarm system and built it up to one of the finest in the state.

At its annual convention in Morehead City in 1926 Chief Duckett was elected president of the North Carolina State Firemen's association and served in that capacity four years. During the time he headed the association he founded the North Carolina fire college and drill school.

Chief Duckett was a member and past president of the southeastern division of the Municipal Signal association. He was also a member of First Presbyterian church, the Lions club, the International association of Fire Chiefs and the North Carolina State Firemen's association. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

Chief Duckett had few interests outside of the fire department and his home. Fishing was one of these, however, and almost yearly he visited Chief John Monroe, of the Savannah, Ga., fire department for an annual fishing trip.

The chief commanded the highest respect and confidence of his men, and was considered more of a fatherly adviser than a boss.

Chief Duckett and Miss Gertrude Wiggins, of Robbinsville, were married February 22, 1912. The widow and the following five children survive: Edwin Duckett, Miss Margaret Duckett, Miss Christine Duckett and A. L. Duckett, Jr., all of Asheville, and Mrs. E. D. Mitchell, of Johnson City, Tenn.

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ALONZO L. DUCKETT 4/15/39

In the list of faithful public servants whose devoted labors for this city's welfare and advancement have been to them as meat and drink, the name of Chief Duckett will always stand high.

For two decades this kindly tempered fire-fighter labored to spread among Asheville's citizens the doctrine that fire-prevention is better than fire-extinguishing. And the national honors that have come to the Fire Department under "Lon" Duckett's administration are proof of his enthusiasm, his ability, his talent for inspiring co-operation among his men and among the people.

Popular with the personnel of the department, well known and esteemed throughout the city, this efficient fire-fighter and fire-preventer's name will live long in Asheville.

PORTRAITS OF THE PAST

Red Hoyle and Chief Duckett

In 1923, when James "Red" Hoyle (pictured, right) was 9 years old, he sold the state edition of the Asheville Citizen, shouting "X-tree! X-tree!" from his post at the northeast corner of Pack Square.

He became a favorite of the Asheville Fire Department, across the street. "They made me their mascot and got rid of the dog," Hoyle liked to joke.

Fireman Roy Fisher taught Red to play the ukulele and participate in square dances hosted at the fire department. Chief A.L. Duckett (pictured, left) established the first paid department staff around the time of this photo.

As a paperboy, Hoyle also got to know Charlie Parker at First Union Bank.

"If I ever get a break in life," little Red said to Parker, "would you loan me some money?" Parker said yes and, 20 years later, came through, lending Hoyle $3,000 to establish his own typewriter supply business, which evolved into Hoyle Office Supplies on North Market Street.

The business, now called Hoyle Office Solutions, is run by his children in an Arden location.

Photo courtesy Red Hoyle

Duncan Dies; Retired Bus Supervisor

W. T. Duncan, 71, of Avery's Creek road, Arden, a retired employe of White Transportation Co., died in an Asheville hospital this morning after a brief illness.

A native of Henderson County, Mr. Duncan was a son of Charles and Alice Ledbetter Duncan.

A resident of Asheville most of his life, he retired from White Transportation Co. in 1958 after 41 years of service. His wife, Mrs. Delia McCullough Duncan, died in February, 1960.

He was a member of Avery's Creek Methodist Church.

Mr. Duncan held the post of supervisor with the White Transportation Co. at the time of his retirement. During his service, Mr. Duncan was active in affairs of street car men and later the bus operators for his company. He served for 11 years as president of the local union 128. He was also president of the Carolite Credit group for 16 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Erline Duncan Walker of Flint, Mich.; five sisters, Mrs. Mark McCall and Mrs. J. B. Carson of Asheville, Mrs. Walworth Ring of Laurinburg, Mrs. Seby Davis of Silver Springs, Md. and Miss Maude H. Duncan of Philadelphia, Pa., and a grandson.

Arrangements are under direction of Groce Funeral Home.

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NAZI PRISONER—Lt. Roy G. Dutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Dutton of 99 Longview road, West Asheville, who has been reported missing in action for some time, is ~~a prisoner of war in Germany,~~ his parents were informed. Lt. Dutton was a bomber pilot and recently was awarded the Air Medal.

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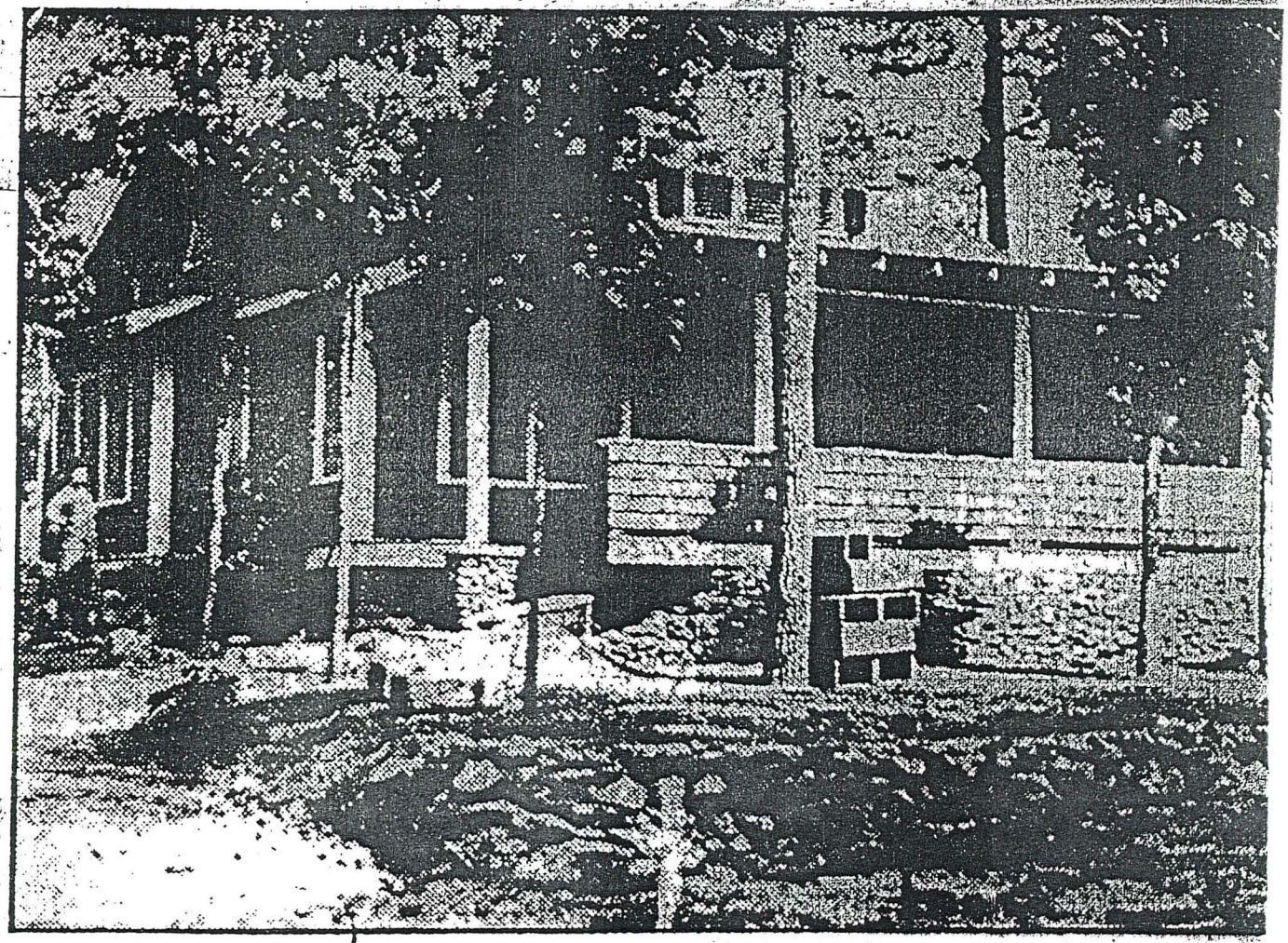
HERE IS THE EARWOOD HOME



Home of Mrs. Deborah Earwood, West Asheville, being [illegible] by Mrs. Earwood alone. Story other section of this paper describes her work. Photo by [illegible] staff photographer.

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ERECTING HER OWN HOME

Mrs. Deborah Earwood West Asheville, who is building her own home. Picture shows her "using the saw" at which she is proficient. Photo by Citizen staff photographer.

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Mrs. Deborah Earwood, Exponent Of Modern Womanhood, Wanted Home, So She Is Building One

Wife of Painter Finds Great Enjoyment in Building Home

WHEN ASKED IF WORK HARD LAUGHS

Work Began in May and Home Will Be Finished by October

Mrs. Deborah Erwood, of West Asheville, is an exemplification of the new woman.

The new movement for women has released from convention the activities of the gentler species and enlarged her sphere of activities and usefulness.

Seventy-five years ago the grandparents and great-grandparents of the present generation, especially among those of the more genteel classes, were hemmed in by a host of things that mustn't be done.

In the ante-bellum days when slavery flourished and Southern chivalry was in flower, the women of the South did little work. Negro women did the washing, cooking, and housekeeping. Negro men worked in the fields and did the heavier work. The gentlemen of the households did the supervising and managing while the women lived lives of ease and spent their energies in social life and its gayeties.

The great war of sections came; slavery was abolished, and many large fortunes of plantation owers were swept away. The entire social system of the South underwent a profound change. This change had drastic effects, some of the results of which we are now seeing. The South is no longer primarily an agricultural section; industries are growing and expanding and commerce is gaining by leaps and bounds.

In this change that has come over the South woman has found herself affected. Business and industry find that there are many places where women can be used to advantage, and thousands of women have gone out into the highways of life to fight for and seek fortune and fame.

The social, industrial and commercial changes of the past several decades have had their counterpart in the new spirit of freedom. Woman has won her fight in this country for suffrage. Gradually she has been lessening the gulf that separates her from the freedom to do that man possesses. She has experimented with life outside the household, at first diffidently, then more boldly, and many a woman has found it to her liking.

Today, woman stands nearly but not quite on the threshold of full partnership with man. Whether she will go forward into such a relationship is for the future to unfold.

Asheville has many women who are doing the unusual. In West Asheville on Middlemont Avenue, of Horney Heights, is a lady who is doing something extremely unusual. It will be noted, however, that the thing she is doing is a new form of an old desire of woman to have a nest of her own. To state it baldly, she is building a house all by herself. It is no tiny house either; it is a large five-room and bath affair, made of stone and wood and it took good, hard labor and skill to build it.

A Citizen representative visited the place Friday and a number of pictures were taken showing Mrs. Erwood in her overalls at work on her new home, which she is building for her husband, C. W. Erwood, a painter, and herself. Her home is almost in the woods; it is surrounded on three sides by magnificent trees.

It was about the first of May last, that Mrs. Erwood began work on the house. She has worked steadily at the job ever since and has a large part of it complete. She does not observe the strictest

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of hours, however, for she has other work to do at her home, which is close by. Two years ago Mrs. Erwood built their present home, a three-room house of the bungalow type. Later came the desire for a large home and Mrs. Erwood decided she would built it herself while her husband was away during the day plying his trade of painter.

Mrs. Erwood frankly says that she didn't dig all the basement for her new house, though she dug a good portion of it. The work of building the house, however, she did by herself, with the exception of the wiring and plumbing, which must be done by licensed experts.

By October 1, Mr. and Mrs. Erwood hope to have everything ready for moving into the new home. When completed the house will present a lovely appearance; in its present appearance it is very attractive. It is of a rustic design, built of mountain stone and pine logs. A large stone chimney graces one side of the house. A wide porch in front is completed but for the steps. Inside the house much work must yet be done though rapid progress is being made.

The house is upon a good size lot which has a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 150 feet. A stone wall, built by Mrs. Erwood, separates the front yard from the street. The yard has been smoothed over and there is an appearance of orderliness about the entire place, reminding one of a good housekeeper.

Mrs. Erwood figures that the house is being built about $1,000 cheaper than it could have been built, for if regular labor had been employed for its construction. As it is, the house will probably cost around $2,000.

Mrs. Erwood greatly enjoys working on the house. When questioned about it she gave modest answers. She loves her housework, but she has enjoyed building the house more than anything she has done in a long time. She laughs when one hints that the work is difficult and says that "it is easy." She has a lot of quiet confidence in herself that one admires in anyone.

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Joe and Bobbie Eblen share a moment during a recent luncheon at the Holiday Inn Sunspree where Mr. Eblen was honored for his commitment to the community. In 2000, the charitable foundation he began in 1991 to raise money for chronically ill children expanded its outreach to more families affected by mental illness, cystic fibrosis and costly out-of-state medical bills.

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Helping hand for schoolchildren

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Volunteers Tim Gwennap of Eblen Charities, left, and Brian Moore of Mission Hospital help load donated school supplies into shopping carts during Eblen Charities' Tools for Schools drive Thursday at the Ingles grocery store on Tunnel Road in Asheville. Contact Eblen at 255-3066. Other groups collecting donated supplies and clothes for distribution to needy WNC students include The Carpenter's Heart (www.carpentersheart.org), Hand in Hand of Swannanoa Valley (669-8248), Hearts With Hands' School Tools program (667-1912) and the Salvation Army (258-2283).

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Asheville's Joe Eblen steps down after 70 years as a sports official

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Keith Jarrett

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ASHEVILLE — There weren't many men around in the early 1940s — most were in Europe and Asia saving the free world — when 16-year-old Joe Eblen was asked to help referee high school football games in Roane Co., Tenn.

He must have liked it.

For the next 70 years, the finest man I've ever met has been on the field, on the court, behind home plate, in the press box — wherever he has been needed to help young people.

At 86, Joe, the founder of Eblen Charities, which has provided thousands of Western North Carolina families with millions of dollars of aid in more than 20 years of service to the community, is finally stepping down as an official.

Wasn't his idea.

Joe, who quit working as an onfield official in 2001 and since then has run the game clock for football games at Asheville High, was ready to grab his walking stick, negotiate the small mountain of steps it takes to get to the AHS press box, and do the same job he has performed since FDR was kicking Nazi butt.

"They fired me," Joe said with a laugh earlier this week. "You would think they would want a guy with a little experience on the job."

A little experience? This guy may have invented the whistle.

Of course, there was no firing. With a little nudge from family and friends, Joe realized that perhaps it was time to step down and let some other, younger guy — maybe a retiree in his 60s — get his chance on the clock.

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"We would trade some of our coaches and players to officiate," he said. "We would work their games and they would work ours.

After college, Joe came back to Asheville in 1948 and never left.

While continuing to work as an official in the late 40s and early 50s, Joe coached football, basketball and baseball for the Mighty Mites, a program that combined Hall Fletcher and David Millard junior highs.

Joe won more than 500 games in the three sports in 10 years of coaching.

As an official, he did it all — football, basetball, basketball, pro boxing at the old Civic Auditorium and even an NFL scrimmage when the Atlanta Falcons trained here in the mid-60s.

"The Falcons took all of us down to Buck's on Tunnel Road after the game for a big steak dinner," Joe recalled.

Joe estimates he's officiated between 14,000 and 15,000 games, in between raising a family, running a business (Biltmore Oil) and doing his legendary charity work.

They've named a school after Joe; they should name the city after him to say thanks for the philanthropic work that is second to none in the history of this area.

Ask if a player, team or game stands out, and he answers the only way you expect him to.

"They all stood out," he said. "A lot of good games, good kids, good coaches."

And that's why he did it.

All Joe knows is to serve, to figure out ways to help and then deflect the credit to others.

He formed a WNC officials association decades ago that still serves as the booking and planning agency for high school sports.

"I liked working with kids, and I liked doing my service to help the programs and athletics," he said.

Joe was at Asheville High last night to watch some football and receive an award for his long years of service.

How do you say thank you to a man who has made thousands of lives better, who worked all week and then gave his nights

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and weekends for 70 years because he wanted to give more?

"It was a great ride for me," he said. "I enjoyed it all."

Thanks, Joe. There will never be another like you.

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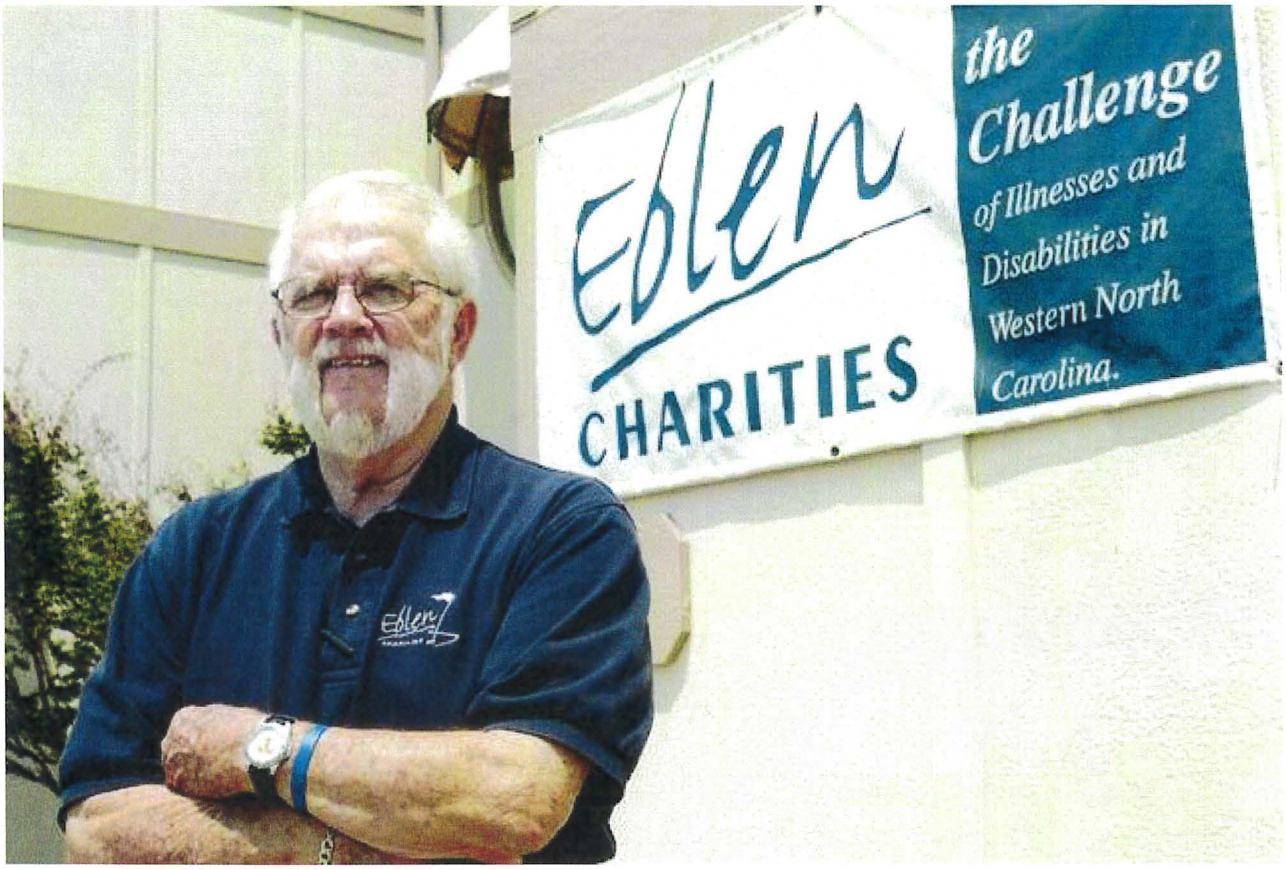
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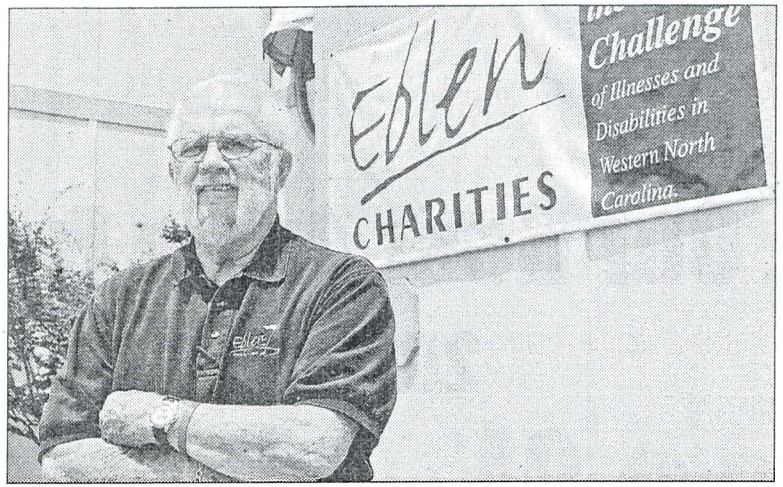

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Joe won more than 500 games in the three sports in 10 years of coaching.

As an official, he did it all — football, basetball, basketball, pro boxing at the old Civic Auditorium and even an NFL scrimmage when the Atlanta Falcons trained here in the mid-60s.

"The Falcons took all of us down to Buck's on Tunnel Road after the game for a big steak dinner," Joe recalled.

Joe estimates he's officiated between 14,000 and 15,000 games, in between raising a family, running a business (Biltmore Oil) and doing his legendary charity work.

They've named a school after Joe; they should name the city after him to say thanks for the philanthropic work that is second to none in the history of this area.

Ask if a player, team or game stands out, and he answers the only way you expect him to.

"They all stood out," he said. "A lot of good games, good kids, good coaches."

And that's why he did it.

All Joe knows is to serve, to figure out ways to help and then deflect the credit to others.

He formed a WNC officials association decades ago that still serves as the booking and planning agency for high school sports.

"I liked working with kids, and I liked doing my service to help the programs and athletics," he said.

Joe was at Asheville High last night to watch some football and receive an award for his long years of service.

How do you say thank you to a man who has made thousands of lives better, who worked all week and then gave his nights and weekends for 70 years because he wanted to give more?

"It was a great ride for me," he said. "I enjoyed it all."

Thanks, Joe. There will never be another like you.

This is the opinion of senior writer Keith Jarrett. Contact him at 232-5867 or kjarrett@citizen-times.com.

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Marco Montes works on the air-conditioning system inside the new Eblen Intermediate School on Lee's Creek Road in Asheville. Opening day is just three weeks away. JOHN FLETCHER/JFLETCHER@CITIZEN-TIMES.COM

Workers finishing Eblen school

New building to open Dec. 19; Koontz to follow in January

By Julie Ball
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ASHEVILLE — With opening day three weeks away, workers were busy Monday installing carpeting, painting and putting finishing touches on the new Joe P. Eblen Intermediate School.

"The Eblen staff is so excited to see finishing touches and know that the date is drawing near," Eblen Principal Melanie Collins said following a media tour of the new facility Monday.

The fifth- and sixth-grade school, near West Buncombe Elementary in the Erwin district, was supposed to open at the start of this school year, but weather and other delays pushed back the opening date. Officials now hope to open the school Dec. 19.

A second intermediate school in the Roberson district, the Charles T. Koontz Intermediate School, is two- three weeks behind the Eblen school, said Mike Cox, with the design firm Architectural Design Studio. School officials hope that school will be ready to open Jan. 9.

Any contractor penalties for the delays won't be determined until after the schools are completed, officials have said.

Weather and the loss of subcontractors contributed to delays. Workers also had to replace plywood installed around the roof monitors with a fire-retardant plywood.

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OPEN: Both new schools designed for energy efficiency

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School officials expect to begin moving desks and other equipment into the new Eblen school on Monday. Teachers have been packing items, and the maintenance staff will be moving those items sometime next week, Collins said.

Moving the furniture and other equipment will take about two weeks, according to Tim Fierle, director of facilities and planning for Buncombe County Schools.

When the school opens, the Eblen school will house 860 fifth- and sixth-graders. The school's capacity is about 920, Fierle said.

The school was built with "flexible space" that can be converted for other uses if needed, Fierle said.

"Where this school will be challenged really is the itinerant teachers, the specialists who come in. That's where those flexible spaces come in real handy," Fierle said.

The school was also built to accommodate two four-classroom additions in the future, if needed. Based on enrollment projections, however, it's unlikely those will be needed in the near future.

School officials say they will likely need additional parking for staff. In the short term, they plan to share parking with neighboring West Buncombe Elementary, Fierle said.

Find a photo gallery of the Eblen school at **CITIZEN-TIMES.com**.

"We're going to be challenged for parking, again with the number of staff folks this school requires. We will need to address that," Fierle said.

Parents will drop off students at the front of the school, and buses will use a separate drop-off point at the back of the school.

The sixth-grade side of the school includes lockers, while the fifth-graders have cubbyholes inside their classrooms.

Classrooms, the main office and media center are on the upper level, while the gym, cafeteria, art, music and other enrichment classrooms are on the bottom level. Those classes have access to an outdoor amphitheater.

Both the Eblen and Koontz schools have features designed to cut down on energy costs. The school system is seeking green building certification known as LEED, for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, for the buildings. Solar panels that can be seen on the roof near the front of the Eblen school will heat water for use in the kitchen and some restrooms.

The school also uses a series of roof monitors that let in natural light. Sensors in classrooms turn off lights automatically if a room is empty for a certain period of time.

One large cistern on the Eblen site can collect 55,000 gallons of rainwater from the roof to use in irrigation. A second smaller cistern collects water from the gym roof to use on the school garden.

School officials say the school itself is designed as a "learning lab." It will include equipment that will allow students and teachers to monitor energy use and water collection.

Using recycled materials is also part of the effort to gain LEED certification. Evidence of that can be found near the front entrance of the school. Rocks from a wall on the site of the original Valley Springs school were reused at both schools. Workers also recycled concrete from a Henderson County school project as fill for a road base.

To cut down on materials used as well as maintenance, most of the floors are polished concrete.

And to enhance security, the front doors are closed after students are dropped off. To get inside the school, visitors must go through the main office.

The school will hold open house nights for parents and tours for students next month.

Fifth-graders will tour the school, and their parents can attend an open house Dec. 15. Sixth-graders and their parents will get a look at the school Dec. 16.

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DOZENS AND DOZENS OF POINSETTIAS bloom in in the home of Mrs. Lulu Edens of 56 Fairfax Ave.

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Poinsettias Really Bloom Under Mrs. Edens' Care

By GERTRUDE RAMSEY
Citizen Staff Writer

Mrs. Lulu Edens has a hobby based on love—love of people, love of flowers, and love of Christmas.

This hobby has filled her house with dozens of poinsettias, which again this Christmas are blooming in splendor.

For a number of years a nurse at Aston Park Hospital, she is known and loved by hundreds of persons who have either been patients under her care, or had loved ones in the hospital.

Many times they have remembered her by sending poinsettias to her at Christmas. She has saved each plant. Others in her collection are those she has rescued from being discarded by patients leaving the hospital, taken home and cared for.

This Christmas they are all blooming as the results of her "tender, loving care."

Gradually the hobby has taken over the entire sunroom at her home on Fairfax Avenue, and bids fair to spill over into every other sunny window. Florists praise her ability to coax the plants into such glorious bloom year after year. She gives each plant a rest after the holidays and brings them into new growth in the spring and summer. By careful watering, feeding and sunning, she has them ready to bloom again in mid-December.

She annually entertains the Ladies Aid of Emmanuel Lutheran Church during this season, when her house is filled with red, pink and white blossoms, and often the poinsettias are used in the church.

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MRS. FLOYD M. CHADWICK

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OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL, state, and local American Legion auxiliary will meet in Asheville during the state convention to be held Friday through Monday. Shown above are: Mrs. Floyd M. Chadwick, president of the North Carolina state department of the auxiliary; Mrs. O. S. Slaunwhite, member of the national executive committee of the auxiliary; Arelia Adams, secretary-treasurer of the state department auxiliary; Mrs. Allen Luther, general chairman and fifth area vice-president; Mrs. Joe C. Duncan, president of the Rockwell-Ballew unit, and Mrs. Garrett Edwards, president of the West Asheville Memorial unit.

Mrs. Garrett Edwards 22 Louisiana Ave.

Asheville Citizen September 9, 1948

FATHER OF FIRST 1951 BUNCOMBE COUNTY BABY RECEIVES GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS THROUGH WISE PROGRAM.

SHOWN ABOVE is Hugh B. Stapleton, father of first Buncombe County Baby born in 1951, as he appeared on the WISE Baby Program. Participating Merchants shown in the picture are W. E. Michael—Cobbles Department Store, Irving Kassack—Pollock's, Joe Cooper—Field's, Max Crohn—Middlemount Flower Shop, John Ehle—Imperial Life Ins. Co., Richard E. Young—Eckerd's, Charles Dunwody Jr.—Ralph Bell Jewelers, J. Nick Davis—Asheville Laundry, Burke Harlan—Sterchi's, Charles Berryman—Berryman's Ambulance Service. Absent when the photo was made—B. J. Koontz—Biltmore Dairy Farms, and John B. May—May's Market. Seated at the right is Harold Moon, Program Director of WISE.

John Ehle 920 Haywood Rd.

Asheville Citizen January 7, 1951

West Asheville YMCA Names Committees

Standing committees of management were appointed at a meeting of the West Asheville YMCA last night.

Committees and chairmen include membership, John Ehle; finance, Charles A. McClain; spiritual emphasis, Burt Starnes, and boys' work, Victor Stephenson.

Brock Henry, boys, work secretary, spoke on activities of the Gray-Y. He reported that a kite-flying contest will be held sometime this month, and that baseball rather than softball will be sponsored by the Y this season.

Raymond Bell, chairman, presided.

Asheville Citizen March 7, 1951

Use Creativity As Springboard, Ehle Challenges His Home Town

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By BRUCE GOURLAY
Citizen Staff Writer

John M. Ehle Jr., who may very well keep Asheville on the literary map, offers his home town, state and country the challenge to use creativity as the means for looking and moving ahead.

The author, who returned to his native city from Chapel Hill last week to lecture in Pack Memorial Public Library in observance of National Library Week, recalled one of the most widely quoted passages in the Bible, "In the beginning, God created . . ."

The first thing God did was to create, Ehle said. So should we.

Ehle, who wrote the novels "Move Over Mountain" and "Kingstree Island," told of a conversation he had recently on a train, with a pessimistically inclined resident of Western North Carolina. A reply to Ehle's inquiry about present-day Asheville follows:

"Just a smutty town sitting on the Blue Ridge. Lotta lazy people up there. Nothing going on. Good water there, best in the world in fact, but there's nothing to eat."

Though not true, "I hope," Ehle said, it's quite a different picture than what it used to be.

"Back in the twenties, Asheville had a great spirit of progress. Chamber of Commerce folders said they were building the 'greatest city in the world.' Right in the folders it said that. Go around Western North Carolina today and you miss that spirit. The crash of 1929 took the gumption out of the whole thing," he asserted.

The writer told his library audience the story of an enthusiastic soul who would repeatedly ask his barber, "What have you created since I last saw you?"

At last, even if only to keep him quiet, the barber began to take an interest in creating things.

"And do you know what happened?" Ehle asked, "Pretty soon he began to cut hair much better than before." The spirit caught on, spread, and pretty soon that place was a better, more creative town, he said.

Wouldn't it be nice if schools wouldn't tell children what they can't do and encourage them to try what might seem impossible at first? Ehle contended. As far as writing is concerned, he said, you have to first be a writer in order to be a great writer.

The colleges, Ehle contends, turn out those who can spell creativity, who know what the word means, but can't use it:

"Colleges are more interested in turning out scholars. Hundreds of people are graduating from colleges in the arts, but we're still waiting for their contributions. Our young artists are lost in learning.

"The creative spirit tends to get lost in facts. The time was when the world looked to the United States for ideas. Now they chuck rocks at us."

Ehle said he knew a fellow from Yugoslavia, who said there are from 700 to 1,000 African Negroes in Yugoslav colleges. Thousands more are in other Balkan and Russian universities.

"At the University of North Carolina" (where Ehle is assistant director of the Communications Center) "we boast of our one African Negro prince exchange student."

There's nothing in history which tells us how to correct this situation, Ehle said. The speaker made it clear he believes we'll have to think of a new way of accomplishing new problems and facing new situations. ("I'm more interested in the future than in the past").

Turning back to Asheville, Ehle continued, "There's a lot of good folk music around Asheville. The school systems ought to go to work on finding and developing another artist like Sibelius."

"The artist clarifies, exaggerates, intensifies. That's what Thomas Wolfe did. The world profits from this," Ehle stated. "Sometimes the artist returns to the world what the world doesn't want to see. And that's good," Ehle says.

John Ehle (pronounced E-lee), a quiet and polite, yet frank, speaker whose writing talent has been described as "great," "understanding" and "beautiful," started work as a writer at the age of 17 when he served as a staff writer and announcer for Radio Station WISE in Asheville.

As a student at Lee H. Edwards High School, he was winner of local, state and national speaking awards. His military career with the U. S. Army in Europe during World War II was highlighted by the ruling, with 11 buddies, of a Czech town, consisting of 75 German prisoners and 1,000 German civilians, for a six-day period.

Following completion of college at UNC and two years of teaching writing at New York University, Ehle returned to the Communications Center at Chapel Hill where he teaches play writing for radio, TV and motion pictures.

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John Ehle Remembers Asheville

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By CHARLES CRAVEN.

LION ON THE HEARTH. By John Ehle. Harper and Brothers, New York. $4.95.

Asheville has inspired, or maybe provoked, a considerable body of literature about itself. And John Ehle's new book is not the first and probably will not be the last.

The book has in it a family of the raw mountainsides, where living was traditionally hard, where people were taciturn, religious and suspicious and where young men like Kin Collins, its central character, have brooded by the hearth.

In Asheville's Mold.

The almost natural thing to do upon reading "Lion on the Hearth" is to compare it with the works of Thomas Wolfe, also an Asheville writer.

But such comparisons seem an injustice to Mr. Ehle He is his own man. He has written his own story. To be sure there are parallels with Wolfe. That is, Ehle writes of the same clay, the same landscapes. And the people are something of the people of an Asheville that perhaps cannot really be seen—or sensed—unless the reader has lived in that "mountain metropolis." Perhaps towns are made by the cast of their people. Or perhaps people are molded by the towns they live in.

John Ehle sat down to deliberately write a story involving Asheville and Asheville people. Wolfe did the same thing. Only in this way is the work of the two writers similar.

Ehle is a young writer, just coming to his middle thirties. That's one of the features that makes him exciting. He's like a new fighter with a good knockout record but not yet really tested.

A Family From Life.

The author has woven in this book the trials, tribulations, avarices, and hates of the family known as King. There was Lottie, the mother, who bore her fifth son in middle age, and Kin, Paul, Matthew and Collins. Johnny was the fifth. His mother wanted him to be a preacher. There was Beth, the gentle, lovely niece of Caleb. Adored by Kin and loved by Collins.

Paul had the family store—its sustenance—in his fist. Matthew drank and sported with women. Kin brooded and went to school. Beth married a Roman Catholic."

Collins King had been the traveler and adventurer in the family. Now at 39 he is about to take his last journey. His young brother, Kin, and his father, Caleb, have come from Asheville to his hospital bed in Raleigh to take him home.

They have made a somber train trip across the dreary landscape of the Piedmont to reach him. They face a somber return trip with a wasted body clinging only faintly to life.

Like Ghosts From Time.

The time is the time of the depression of 1929 and the '30s. The Asheville landscape moves through the pages like the familiar ghost of a town: "Shortly after ten o'clock, Kin took the streetcar at the Square and rode down Patton Avenue past the fancy stores where the nicely dressed women and the suit-clothed men shopped and worked. The wheels rolling on the track seemed to say, 'Collins, Collins.' And he thought, Collins with the soul of gold, coming home. Coming home. Coming home.

John Ehle

A Lore of Lyricism

"The streetcar turned left at the foot of Patton Avenue and slid and scraped its way down the steep hill to the river."

There is a certain lyricism in the book—in the sentences and in the story. And for the Asheville native, there is this intangible kind of fascination.

The city of Asheville and its people haven't seemed to be stamped any more indelibly than other towns in the State with the kind of lore that makes literature. Yet the town and its people have become the subjects of the very sensitive and lyrical writing—John Ehle's being among this writing.

The book turns pages of gayety, humor, pain and the depression.

There could be criticism of Caleb's altruistic outlook toward the depressed mountainside farmer in the depression. Perhaps this quality seems unlikely.

He was willing to sacrifice profits, to bring his holdings to the brink of disaster by helping these forlorn mountain men who straggled to his store to trade their pitiful green apples (hidden in the basket by a layer of ripe ones).

Pleasure Creeps In, Too.

Paul was the more believable: "They come creepin' in here from the valleys, begging leniency . . . Well, what produce company is giving us lenience. They won't even pay their bills, those that already ain't declared they're bankrupt. Where we going to sell all these God-damn hams you're buying. I never seen so many hams. We're—deep in hams in this store. . ."

You read this book with pleasure and anticipation of more to come.

John Ehle, a native of Asheville, is a teacher of script writing for TV, radio and motion pictures at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Craven, columnist and reporter, grew up in Asheville in the years recalled in John Ehle's story.

Together We Read

has us all reading 'The Road

Rob Neufeld/SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

John Ehle and his wife, actress Rosemary Harris, pose with their dog, Joe front of their Penland home, where they stay occasionally on trips from rimary home in Winston-Salem.

t Together We Read

e than 50 libraries, schools, colleges, universities, bookstores, museums and rom 18 Western North Carolina counties sponsor programs associated with ar's book John Ehle's "The Road." Copies of the book are available at libraries okstores. The reader's guide will be available in July.

rams start this summer and continue through November. There will be an offi-koff gala in September.

edule of events: Check the Web site www.togetherweread.org for schedules, ound information and online discussions.

ther We Read is sponsored by Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community Col-sheville-Buncombe Library System, the Asheville Citizen-Times, Asheville Sav-nk, Western Carolina University, Mountain Area Information Network, Glad s Foundation and many other participants and donors.

nore information, call Rob Neufeld, director, at 768-BOOK.

CHOICE BOOKS

The greatest epic of our region is a six-novel sequence by John Ehle that begins with "The Land Breakers" and concludes with "The Widow's Trial." This summer and fall, WNC's Together We Read community reading program will engage thousands of people in the appreciation of one of those novels: "The Road," a fictionalization of the building of the railroad in these mountains.

Rob Neufeld

This marks the fourth year of the Together We Read program in Western North Carolina. Previous books have included Wilma Dykeman's "The French Broad"; Fred Chappell's "Brighten the Corner Where You Are"; and Horace Kephart's "Our Southern Highlanders. "The Road" was chosen through a public vote. It's a winner.

"The Road" won the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for North Carolina fiction in 1967 and shares that honor with four other Ehle works. It may yet be made into a motion picture, as has Ehle's "Winter People" and "The Journey of August King."

"When I worked for (Governor) Terry Sanford," Ehle recalls about his 1962-64 service, "I asked the State Library if they would mind finding out what their records showed about this mountain. They found ... investigations about why so many people were dying up there, being killed by disease and explosions and other things (during railroad construction) ... I had a lot of information ... about 'The Road,' and I started writing it. I just started at the bottom of the mountain."

Most of those who had died were African-American convicts, highlighting Ehle's unparalleled coverage of African-American history in mountain literature. The convicts' boss in "The Road" is Weatherby Wright, a conscience-ridden and progress-driven engineer. Like his grandfather, Mooney Wright, pioneer hero of "The Land Breakers," Weatherby has some prodigious land-breaking to do.

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Q&A with John Ehle, author of 'The Road'

By Rob Neufeld
CITIZEN-TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Question: How did you come to write a novel about the railroad in Western North Carolina?

Answer: Let me see — what year was it I wrote that? About 40 years ago? (laughs)

I didn't choose the railroad as a topic, and I was surprised when (the publisher) put a railroad on the cover. It was more the story of this mountain and having to grade a road on it. The fact that it was a railroad meant that it couldn't have more than a 10 percent grade. The road starts at the bottom and has to go up through the mud cuts and the tunnels; and the climax of the book would come when it emerged at the top. And so it was a natural story.

Q: You were raised in the area — how did that shape your life?

A: I went to what had been called Lee Edwards High School; and I went to Asheville Biltmore Junior College. I was an announcer at WISE radio. At 18, I could have stayed on as an announcer and pretended that my work was a national necessity, but I wanted to join the Army (as an infantry rifleman in World War II) ... which was most unlike Asheville.

Q: Did you retain ties with Asheville?

A: I went back to visit. My parents lived in Asheville until they each passed away. They're buried in Arden, which is a little bit strange because they didn't live in Arden. All my brothers and sisters and I had already moved to somewhere else. We all had used to go for drives on Sunday afternoons out of West Asheville to see how the other people lived in Grove Park and Biltmore Forest and Lakeview Park. My parents aspired to living in one of them, and before they passed away, they lived in all three, one after the other. But they found, on one Sunday afternoon, this beautiful Episcopal cemetery up there in Arden. (They're names were) John Marsden and Gladys Starnes Ehle.

Q: What had led you to become a writer?

A: Bertha Hunt was a teacher at Asheville High School. She taught forensic speech. My grandmother and my mother, too, had the idea that I should be a minister and that I would have to be able to make speeches. So I was registered for the speech class. On the first day, Mrs. Hunt said, "We are now going to assign each of you to make a speech." She gave us the topic and even gave us some of the information, and on Monday I went in with my little speech. I'd never written anything as far as I can remember. And I became a writer thanks to Bertha Hunt. Because my speech went over with the people, and my next one, too, and we just followed along. And finally, after the war, when I got to Chapel Hill, I registered for writing courses. I took eight different writing courses as an undergraduate and graduate student. Was there a compulsion? I don't know. It just turned out to be something I could do well.

Q: What was your first speech about?

A: Ferdinand the Bull

Q: Where did your confidence come from?

A: (Mrs. Hunt) sometimes talked for 30 to 45 minutes about what had happened in class that day. She rarely said anything during the class sessions. If there was anything to be said about English — punctuation or prepositions — she would assign the subject to one of the students to come up and make a speech about it, which worked out just beautifully. And where was Bertha Hunt meanwhile? She had put her desk at the back of the room so that she could watch the students perform. Did she ever criticize anybody? Not to my knowledge. Did she ever tell them how to write a speech or make a speech? Not to my knowledge. She didn't even call the roll. She had a student call the roll. Never did I receive anything but encouragement. She had debate teams. She told us what the national topic was. We went to Kentucky, to Florida ... and we won. All those students who had had a lot of instruction, we beat 'em. So I became a writer thanks to Bertha Hunt and the teachers at Chapel Hill.

Q: What happened at Chapel Hill?

A: Having worked at WISE, when I got to Chapel Hill ... I asked Bill Clemmons (former principal at Asheville High School) what I should major in, and he said, "Why don't you major in radio?" So I did. I majored in radio, television, and motion pictures ... and took a master's degree in drama.

Q: How did radio drama lead to novel writing?

A: Paul Green (Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and retired UNC professor) had been one of the consultants on a radio series I did called "American Adventure" — 26 half-hour plays. Paul said, "Are you going to keep writing radio plays or are you going to write a novel? I wrote a short story and sent it off to magazines. It did come back from one, and somebody had written "sorry" on the bottom. I didn't know if that was a critical comment, or if they were sorry they couldn't publish it. And Paul said, "Let me see it." I took it over to him and he said, "That will make a good first chapter. Now write the next two." And so I did, and he said, "That's fine. Now write an outline of the remainder." And I did and took it out there. He said, "That's fine. Now write it." (The result was "Move Over, Mountain.")

Rob Neufeld/SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES
John Ehle talks about old times, becoming a writer and how his book "The Road" came to pass.

Q: How much of "The Road" is documentation and how much is fiction?

A: A great deal of research was done. When I worked for Terry Sanford, when he was governor, I asked the State Library if they would mind finding out what their records showed about this mountain. I had a lot of information when I left Raleigh. But then friends of mine were arrested in the civil rights movement, and I was unable to do anything but write about them in a book called "The Free Men."

When that was finished, I had all this stuff about "The Road," and I started writing it. I just started at the bottom of the mountain. The prisoners were almost all black. The word would go out in eastern North Carolina that they needed more laborers for the railroad, and so they would find them — in the courtroom. It was too bad.

I wasn't sure about the women prisoners, and I must admit, I didn't have much evidence of that. Now, the story about the little boy getting into the contest about blowing up a chestnut tree: I just made that up. And the preacher at the end gives what I think is a very good sermon to the prisoners. The mountain girl, I'm afraid, was pretty much carried over from some kind of tradition.

Q: What are your thoughts about mountain women?

A: The only mountain lady I ever knew really well was my grandmother, Lily Starnes, who was perceptive and intelligent and used to write me letters. She read the newspaper every morning. She kept up with the politics of the day. She had (Franklin Delano) Roosevelt's picture in her bedroom sitting room — along with one of Jesus; and one of her husband, who had passed away. She lived in Emma. Her father was a dairyman.

Q: A lot of your fiction is based on good research. How do you do it?

A: I did a lot of research on the mountain people before writing "The Land Breakers" ... everything I could find. I made a card catalog, which I still have, and it is quite a large thing with different subjects ... bear hunting, women's work, men's work, farming, hog raising and so forth.

Q: That's an inspiration to students and writers. Do you have anything else you'd like to say to students?

A: If any schoolchild can think of a way I could have made "The Road" better, I'll certainly consider it.

Books by John Ehle

- "Move Over, Mountain" (Morrow, 1957), novel about aspiring African-American family
- "The Survivor" (Holt, 1958), biography of a stateless person.
- "Kingstree Island" (Morrow, 1959), contemporary novel about the Outer Banks.
- "Shephard of the Streets: The Story of Reverend James A. Gusweller and His Crusade on the New York West Side" (Sloane, 1960)
- "Lion on the Hearth" (Harper, 1961), novel about merchant family in pre-WWII Asheville.
- "The Land Breakers" (Harper, 1964), novel about pioneers entering mountains from the East.
- "The Free Men" (Harper, 1965), biography of civil rights activists
- "The Road" (Harper, 1967)
- "Time of Drums" (Harper, 1970), Civil War novel
- "Journey of the August King" (Harper, 1971), novel about race relations along old Buncombe Turnpike
- "The Cheeses and Wines of England and France" (Harper, 1972)
- "The Changing of the Guard" (Random House, 1974)
- "The Winter People" (Harper, 1982), novel about culture clashes during Depression era.
- "Last One Home" (Harper, 1984), sequel to "Lion on the Hearth"
- "Trail of Tears: The Rise and Fall of the Cherokee Nation" (Doubleday, 1988)
- "The Widow's Trial" (Harper, 1989), mythical continuation of conflicts of "The Winter People"

Novelist John Ehle to be honored at WCU

CULLOWHEE — Novelist **John Ehle**, whose book "The Road" is being featured throughout Western North Carolina by the "Together We Read" program, will participate in a Western Carolina University celebration of his contributions to the region and the state on Wednesday.

The free celebration, at 7 p.m. in the Coulter Auditorium, includes a discussion about Ehle's work in fiction, film, drama, history and statesmanship, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Ehle, who grew up in Asheville, published his first novel, "Move Over Mountain," in 1957 and went on to publish 11 novels and six non-fiction books. He also wrote two screenplays and two movies, "The Journey of August King" and "The Winter People." Most of his fiction is set in the mountains of North Carolina.

For more information about the event, contact the English department at 227-7264.

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The Journey of John Ehle

John Ehle: N.C. mountains shape author's work without confining it
Bill Morris
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John Ehle has had a life-long love affair with the North Carolina mountains _ the backdrop for most of his fiction, including "The Journey of August King."

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John Ehle was born in Asheville in 1925 and grew up hearing mountain stories from mountain people.

His Aunt Lucy remembered many of the people who became characters in the novels of Thomas Wolfe, an Asheville native who was master at blending fantasy and fact.

But despite his early exposure to Appalachian stories, Ehle - whose 1971 novel, "The Journey of August King," has been rereleased and made into a movie out on video this month - didn't become seriously interested in writing until he reached high school.

"I started writing speeches in high school," he recalls, "and I learned to my astonishment that my first speech was successful. The topic was a movie, 'Ferdinand the Bull.'"

Always an avid reader - of Uncle Wiggly stories, the Bible, Dickens, anything he could get his hands on - Ehle traveled extensively with his high school debate team, from Kentucky to Florida, honing his writing and speaking skills as he went, beginning the long apprenticeship required of all successful writers.

Curiously, Thomas Wolfe was off-limits to him as a boy. "My mother had a copy of 'Look Homeward, Angel,'" Ehle says, "and I asked her if I could read it. She said, 'No, it's a dirty book.' So I did not read Thomas Wolfe at all until I was in my 40s. And then I read just about everything by him. He's an amazing writer."

After serving in the infantry late in World War II, both in Europe and Japan, Ehle earned a bachelor's degree in English at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1949. He then went to work at the university, writing documentary film scripts and radio plays while trying his hand at short fiction. He did not enjoy instantaneous success. One short story was returned by a New York publisher with a form-letter rejection and a terse, hand -written note: "Sorry."

But Ehle kept plugging. His friend Paul Green, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, convinced Ehle that one of his rejected short stories was actually the first chapter of a novel. He persuaded Ehle to write two more chapters, then an outline.

Eventually it mushroomed into a novel and, with Green's help, got into the hands of an editor at William Morrow. It took that editor just 24 hours to make an offer on the book, the story of the travails of a black family in a fictional North Carolina town that sharply resembles Chapel Hill.

"Move Over, Mountain" was published in 1957 to excellent reviews. And John Ehle was on his way.

His second novel, "Kingstree Island," set on the North Carolina coast, was published two years later. Since then he has published nine more novels, most of them set in
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the North Carolina mountains, where Ehle feels most at home to this day.

' just felt more comfortable writing about people in the mountains than I felt writing about people in the Piedmont or on the coast," he says. "It was just more natural. Most of my books start with a place, then a person. The two have to be together. The place shapes the person. I think that's particularly true in the mountains (because) the mountains limit the action to what goes on in that valley. The mountains cup the action."

But Ehle has not allowed himself to become trapped by those mountains - or by a single literary form. He has written non-fiction books on wide-ranging topics, including the civil rights struggle in Chapel Hill in the early 1960s, the forced westward march of the Cherokee Indians, a biography of Frank Porter Graham, even an appreciation of the wines and cheeses of England and France, with ruminations on the abundant joys of Irish whiskey.

He also has taught writing in Chapel Hill, worked for the Ford Foundation in New York and served as a cultural adviser to Gov. Terry Sanford from 1962 to 1964. It was then that Ehle came up with the inspiration for the Governor's School, the N.C. School of the Arts and the nation's first statewide anti-poverty program, the N.C. Fund, all of which led Newsweek magazine to dub him a "one-man think tank."

"All of them were my babies," he says with evident pride. "It was fun to see them get developed."

Along the way Ehle has won a truckload of literary awards - including five Walter Raleigh Prizes for fiction and the N.C. Award for Literature - as well as several honorary degrees and countless kind words.

"I like just about everything John writes, especially his fiction," says Buzz Wyeth, who, as a young editor at Harper & Brothers, published Ehle's "Lion on the Hearth" in 1961, beginning a working relationship that lasted almost 20 years. Wyeth also edited "The Journey of August King."

"It was right in the tradition of the stories in his previous books - the mountain country, the mores and characters of that place," Wyeth says. "I thought it had a potential to appeal to a lot of readers."

Ehle appealed to Wyeth from the outset.

"I was sent as a young editor down to Chapel Hill to do some prospecting," Wyeth recalls. "Paul Green gave a dinner for me at the Carolina Inn, and one of the guests there that evening was John Ehle. After the dinner, John and I moseyed off and ended up killing most of a bottle of bourbon together. After that we were very close friends."

Marshall De Bruhl, a fellow Asheville native, edited Ehle's 1968 non-fiction book, "Trail of Tears: The Rise and Fall of the Cherokee Nation."

"What I wanted was to have a novelist's sensibility on a non-fiction book," says de Bruhl, then an editor at Doubleday's Anchor Books. "He really hit on the right approach to the story. Perhaps only a novelist would have hit on that - so my instincts were correct."

The book has sold a robust 180,000 copies over the past quarter century. After modest sales on his first three novels, his fourth, "The Land Breakers," was a main selection of the Literary Guild. It sold a stunning 120,000 hardback copies in Holland, which prompts Ehle to speculate, "I think they stuffed them in the dikes." Every one of his novels, except his debut, has come out in paperback as well as hardback.

"'August King' is one of my favorite books," de Bruhl adds. "I'm a Southerner. These people were anti-slavery, and that attracted me to the story. I'm a kind of sucker for the evocation of the mountains. They didn't mess up the film - they didn't make a big interracial love match, which would have been impossible in those days. I was very moved by the film. Jason Patric is terrific - whoever coached him with the accent did a great job."

Fred Chappell, an acclaimed writer who also grew up in the North Carolina mountains and now teaches at UNCG, says of "The Journey of August King": "It's a strong book, with fairly short scenes that move right along. It should translate very easily to the screen. It's very vivid. He knows what he's talking about - it's not phony stuff, but it's not dogged realism, either. He has a real streak of adventure and action that I've always admired."

Ehle and Chappell became acquainted in the early 1960s, when they were working in the civil rights movement in Chapel Hill and Durham, respectively.

"We go back a long ways together," Chappell says. "John was very instrumental in demonstrations. He was one of the people who helped keep the lid on the situation. The rural people were against civil rights - the town (of Chapel Hill) was, too, for that matter. He worked with the police, university officials, the NAACP, whoever was around. Everybody knew he was somebody sensible because passions were running pretty high."

Ehle's civil rights activism, like just about everything else he has done, led to a book. "The Free Men" is his 1965 account of the boycott of Chapel Hill businesses that refused to serve black people, a volatile subject that inspired strong feelings - "from high plaudits to near-absolute and sometimes bitter condemnation," according to the Greensboro Daily News.

Like many others familiar with Ehle's work, Chappell feels Ehle deserves a wider, national reputation but has been denied it because he has chosen to write about a specific place, those lilting North Carolina mountains.

"It's true that if you come from a specific place, then you're regarded as a regional writer," Chappell says. With a rueful chuckle, he adds, "If you come from New York, on the other hand, you're universal."

Of the remarkable people Ehle has met in his 70 years, Frank Porter Graham stands above all the others.

"He was a wonderful fellow, an absolute knockout," Ehle says of Graham, who served as president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina from 1932 to 1949, then in the U.S. Senate for two years, and finally as a mediator at the United Nations in the 1950s.

Ehle became acquainted with Graham in the late 1940s during his undergraduate years in Chapel Hill. Ehle visited Graham's home one Sunday afternoon - and promptly got into an argument about where N.C. Memorial Hospital should be built. Graham, naturally, favored Chapel Hill. Ehle thought Asheville or Charlotte would have been more suitable.

"Dr. Graham always liked people who had opinions - including people whose opinions didn't jibe with his own," Ehle says. "I'd always known I was going to write a book about Dr. Graham. He came up to me at a reception once and asked if I would consider writing a book about him. I left that out of the book because it was so out of character."

Ehle remembers Graham not as a self-promoter, but as "an outright genius," a

tireless champion of the university, a defender of civil rights, freedom of speech and the working man.

The two men saw each other frequently in New York in the 1950s, when Ehle was working at the Ford Foundation and Graham was at the U.N. mediating India's and Pakistan's claims to Kashmir.

"It took an eternity to get from his office to lunch," Ehle recalls. "He seemed to know everybody. Guards, doormen, secretaries - they seemed to sparkle when he was around. I uncovered some wonderful stories about him. He would lend people money if they needed it. He would go to funerals up in Harlem, wherever."

And he would go to parties. Ehle particularly remembers the ones thrown by Al Lowenstein, a Chapel Hill grad who later became a virulent critic of the Vietnam War and was instrumental in driving Lyndon Johnson from the presidency.

"Al's idea of an hors d'oeuvres table for 150 people was a box of crackers and a quarter pound of cheese," Ehle says with a laugh. "At Al's parties, Dr. Graham would stand up in the middle of the room. He could talk, and he could listen. He was mostly interested in what you were doing and what he could do to help."

In 1967 Ehle married Rosemary Harris on the porch of his 19th-century cabin near Penland. An English actress acclaimed on both sides of the Atlantic, Harris has won a Tony Award, an Emmy, and an Academy Award nomination as Best Supporting Actress for her role as T.S. Eliot's mother-in-law in the 1995 feature film, "Tom and Viv." She recently finished filming "Death of a Salesman" for British television.

Ehle and Harris have one daughter, Jennifer. The 26-year-old actress is also in England, where she recently played Elizabeth Bennett in a six-hour BBC production of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." It won critical raves when it was shown this year on the Arts & Entertainment network.

Ehle recently visited his wife and daughter in England. "I told Jennifer at her 26th birthday party that I wish she had been twins," Ehle says. "I'd like to have two of her. Her career is a treasure to me."

Much as his own life has been a treasure.

"Yes, I have led a rich life," Ehle says. "There have been many facets to it. I've enjoyed every year of it - and most every day."

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By TOM CUSHING

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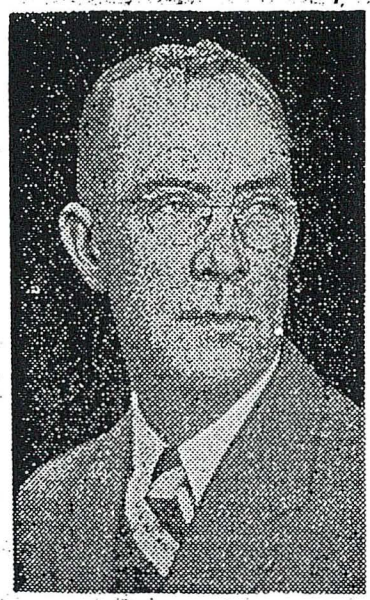

EARL WILSON ELLER

Earl Wilson Eller, city councilman of Asheville, head of the Asheville Packing company, and prominent American Legionnaire, was born in Tracey City, Tenn., July 11, 1893; but life as it really is lived began for him in September, 1917, when he enlisted in the 81st Infantry Division for World War I.

More than a year in the combat fields of France, and then the Armistice, with Earl Eller's regiment under heavy fire in the Meuse-Argonne. Earl doesn't like to talk about that. He doesn't like to remember that 12 men of his company were killed and 45 badly wounded that last morning of World War I. More than anything else, he hates to recall that his very best soldier buddy was killed that day, so uselessly and almost beside him.

But Earl Wilson Eller learned a lot from even the horrible days of that November twenty-five years ago. Above everything else, he learned to understand his fellow man; and it is this sympathetic understanding that is the major guiding force in almost everything Earl Eller does. It has made him an outstanding worker in the civic interests of Kiffin Rockwell post of the American Legion, to which Mr. Eller devotes much of his spare time. Until recently he has served in many capacities in the Legion and is at present a member of the executive committee of Kiffin Rockwell post.

Thomas N. Eller, father of Earl, moved to Asheville from Tennessee when Earl was nine years old. Mr. Eller was a machinist and round-house foreman for the Southern Railway. Earl completed his public school work in this city and then, following in the footsteps of his father, went to work with the Southern Railway. When World War I began, Earl was a railway fireman, and would have been exempted from military service; but Earl Eller is not one to permit himself to be exempted from doing what he feels to be his duty. He enlisted, even though he had married Miss Jo Zimmerman only three months before. The Ellers live at 2 Windsor Road, Lake View Park. They have one daughter, Margaret, popular student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

After returning from France, Earl Eller went back to work for the railroad; but in 1921, under the rapid changing conditions following the war, he joined his father-in-law, F. Zimmerman, owner of the Asheville Packing company, and has been there since. Earl Wilson Eller learned the meat packing business the hard way, by doing every job in the establishment until he had mastered it. This in itself may account for the friendly, family-like impression a visitor gets at the Asheville Packing company, which Earl Eller has headed since 1936; Earl knows every job of every man in the place because he has done them all; so his understanding of the people who work for him is not based on theory; and his helpers know that Earl knows their problems.

Asked if the present war had increased his packing business as it has other lines, Earl grinned and replied with another question, "You know about rationing, don't you Tom? Well, we have it too." But then, Earl Eller never was a man to want to get rich quickly or otherwise. "All I want to do is make a comfortable living for my family, with some left over to share with the ones who have less." And this attitude he proves by always being one of the first to "kick in" when the Legion has some worthy cause to help.

Earl Wilson Eller belongs to the Rotary club, the American Legion, the Forty and Eight. He is a Baptist by faith. On Feb. 11, 1943, the City Council of Asheville elected him to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Mr. Howard Etheridge; and on May 13, 1943, Mr. Eller was continued in that important office by the vote of the people. With such men as Earl Eller seeing to Asheville's affairs, its citizens may rest assured that the business of the municipality is in good hands.

The Asheville Packing company, of which Mr. Eller is sole owner, is much like the man himself. Important, but not spectacular. It carries the unusual "Grade A" certificate of the State Health Department, under whose close supervision it operates, and that means the Asheville Packing company is clean even as its boss, Earl Wilson Eller, is a clean, fine man—inside and out.

West Asheville News January 21, 1944

Eller Dies; Was Mayor 18 Years

Former Asheville mayor Earl W. Eller, 87, died this morning at his home, 26 Lotus Place.

He served as a member of City Council from 1943 to 1969 and was mayor from 1951 until 1969.

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An incorporator of the Western North Carolina Development Association in 1949, he was the first recipient of its annual J.D. Cooley Award. He also served as a director and as president of the organization from 1962 to 1965.

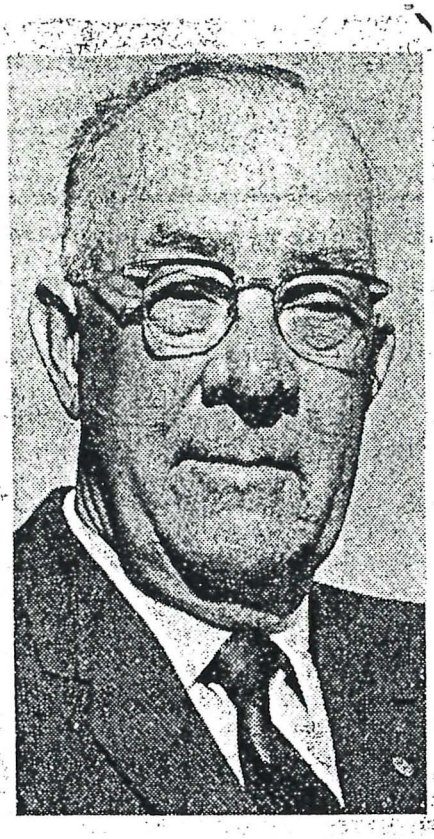
Active in civic and religious affairs, he served as president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council and the North Carolina League of Municipalities. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a former member of the board of deacons of West End Baptist Church.

He was associated with the Asheville Packing Co., and had served as its president.

Active in the Chamber of Commerce, he was a past president and member of the Rotary Club. He was also a member of the American Legion, the Mountain City Club and the West Asheville Business Association and was a member of the board of directors of the YMCA.

In 1969, Eller was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, which recognized his service as mayor of Asheville. He was also made an honorary member of the Jaycees.

Born in Tracy City, Tenn., he came to Asheville in 1903 and attended Park Avenue Grammar School and graduated from Asheville High School in 1913.



EARL W. ELLER

He served with the Southern Railway System from 1913 to 1921.

An Army veteran of World War I, he served with the 81st Division from 1917 to 1919.

He was a son of the late Thomas N. and Florence A. Eller.

Surviving are his wife, Johanna Z. Eller; a daughter, Margaret E. Walton of Asheville; three sisters, Dorothy Thrash of Atlanta, Ga., and Alice Felmet and Kathryn Leeson of Asheville; and two grandchildren.

The family requests that flowers be omitted.

Morris Funeral Home will announce arrangements.

Asheville Times September 24, 1980

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1934

Had Winning Dolls In Show Here

Two of the prize winners in the West Asheville doll show staged yesterday are shown here with their large dolls displayed at the show in the Biedsoe building under auspices of Mrs. Robert Russell's class of intermediate girls of West Asheville Methodist church. At left is little Margaret Robinson whose doll took the prize as the prettiest in the show and at right is Alberta Evans who won two prizes.

Dolls Are Displayed In Contest

Approximately 200 dolls representing between 60 and 70 entries were shown in the West Asheville doll show in the Biedsoe building yesterday under auspices of Mrs. Robert Russell's intermediate girls class of West Asheville Methodist church. Adults as well as children had dolls in the contest.

Prize winners for the various classifications were announced as follows: Miss Helen Devendorf, best collection of dolls by a child; Frances Mitchell, best miniature furniture; Margaret Ensley, best baby doll; Eleanor May, best dressed doll; Margaret Robinson, prettiest doll; Betty Russell, best story about a doll; Alberta Evans, ugliest doll; Miss Helen Devendorf, most original; Miss Irene Logan, of Child Garden school, best collection of dolls by an adult; Mrs. J. A. Marshall, best dressed boy doll; Mary Marshall Mitchell, cutest doll; Alberta Evans, best individual furniture for a doll which was an antique handmade corded bed; Miss Helen Devendorf, smallest doll; Jean Russell, best furniture; Betty Russell, smallest carriage; Jaqueline Freeman, most human doll; Mrs. H. O. DeLoach, oldest doll which was 75 years old; Roberta Wade, doll with prettiest hair; Mrs. W. A. Blair, most unique doll, and Geraldine Robinson, largest. Judges also commended the entry of Mrs. Arta Blanchard which was received too late to compete but was on display.

Judges for the doll show were Mrs. E. O. Lewis, Mrs. C. E. Roberts and Mrs. Preston Thomas. Miss Beatrice Netherton was general chairman of the show.

M. L. Lasnby was winner of the homespun donated by Fred L. Seely which was given away during the show.

Asheville Citizen September 9, 1934

Asheville Man, Active In Public Life, Has Reported Many Cases

MARSHALL, Feb. 13. (Special)—Arthur Emerson Eve, a rather diminutive man with iron grey hair and smiling blue eyes, who during the past 30 years or so has observed in the old courthouse of Madison, at Marshall, and elsewhere in Western North Carolina as much or more of the real drama of the law than any lawyer practicing in the same territory, is scheduled to return here on Washington's birthday anniversary, February 22, to report another session of the criminal court.

He is a real student of the law, the people and the courts, this man who has his home near Asheville, his "at home" office in that city, and his "traveling office" wherever duty may take him into the courtrooms of the various counties in the mountains. Many years ago he read law in an office in Brunsick, Georgia, and in that State he was admitted to the bar. He practiced his profession for four years in that beautiful sea coast town and then decided to become a court reporter.

Reported Famous Trials

Mr. Eve has reported many of the most sensational and famous murder trials in the history of Madison and other counties.

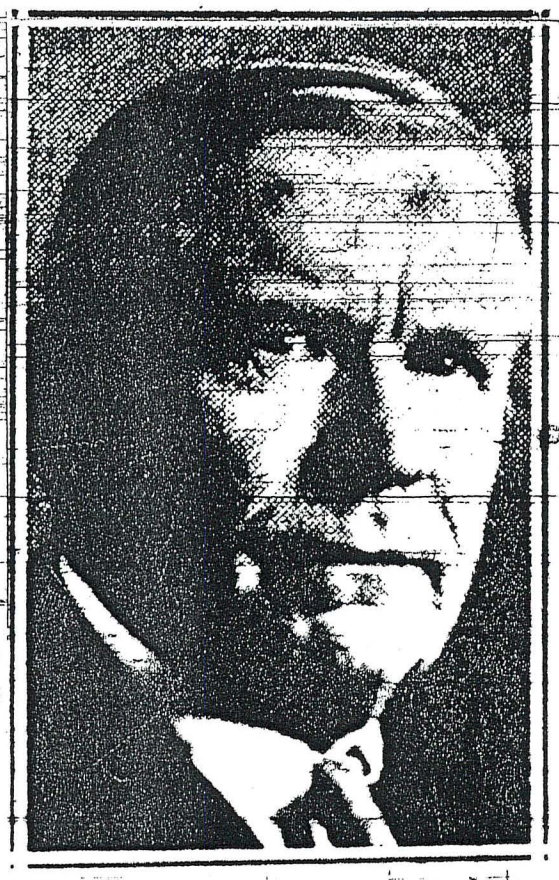
His notes, carefully filed away over a period of 30 years or more, tell in graphic form the verbatum language of witnesses and defendants the history of these legal battles out of which some men have emerged free while others have gone to te - penitentiary. He knows and counts as his friends, judges, attorneys, Superior Court clerks and citizens, numbering many hundreds in the counties of Madison, Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe, Gaston, and others where he has gone to keep the records of evidence since many years ago. Many of the most important trials he has covered have taken place in Marshall, and for many years he has been a familiar figure here in the courtroom, on the streets and at the French Broad hotel where he makes his home when court is in session.

Mr. Eve was born in Washington county, Virginia, October 12, 1869, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Eve. His father was a captain in the Confederate army, serving under General Winder, an aide to the famous and beloved Stonewall Jackson. When he was six months old his parents moved to Asheville to make their home so Mr. Eve tells his friends he is entirely a citizen of Buncombe county. His mother before her marriage was Miss Kate Emerson Reese, daughter of Dr. Joseph B. M. Reese, of Jefferson City, Tenn.

Excepting six years spent in Georgia and a brief absence in Washington, D. C., where at the age of 16 years he was a stenographer in the office of R. G. U. Drenfort, former commissioner of patents, he has lived in Buncombe county all his life.

Began Career Early

When he was 17, Mr. Eve returned from Washington and was employed as a stenographer in the offices of Glenn and West, who at that time were Asheville's largest insurance and real estate operators. In 1893 when a financial crash swept the city, he went to Atlanta and shortly afterwards went on to Brunswick where he was engaged by a law firm. In that office he read law and was later admitted to the bar. There he met William M. Toomer, then the official court reporter of the Brunswick circuit, and became interested in that profession. He substituted for Mr. Toomer and soon decided to follow the profession himself. Mr. Toomer was a nephew of Dr. A. Toomer Porter, of Asheville, a noted minister in the Episcopal church.



ARTHUR E. EVE

Returning to Asheville Mr. Eve became a full fledged court reporter. Later he branched off into other activities. During the administration of the late President Woodrow Wilson he was made a deputy collector of internal revenue and shortly afterwards was promoted to the position of deputy collector in charge of a division of 16 Western North Carolina counties. When Warren G. Harding was president in 1924, Mr. Eve was requested to retain his position. However, he resigned a year later, and opened an office in Asheville where he engaged in public tax work in advisory and other capacities, specializing in income, estate and inheritance taxes. He is still conducting this business. Also, for 12 years he has reported the Federal Trade commission hearings in Western North Carolina, Northern South Carolina, and North Georgia.

On June 15, 1910, he was married to Miss Myrtle McGehee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McGehee, of Guilford, N. C. They have three sons, Arthur, a stenographer and office worker, Joseph, employed by the Publix-Bamford Theaters, both of Asheville, and Edward, who is in the United States Navy. Their home is in Riverside Heights, about three miles from Asheville.

Active In Public Life

Mr. Eve is a former vice president of the National Association of Shorthand Reporters and was responsible for the association meeting in Asheville in 1908. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church at Bingham Heights and has been a member of the church for more than 45 years. He has held many offices in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, his last commission from Richmond being for the position of First Assistant Adjutant General. He also is a former State inspector of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

In addition to Mr. Eve's father, two other ancestors of the Eve family have unusual military records. These two men, both great-great grandfathers of Mrs. Eve, were killed in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse their serving under General Nathaniel Greene and are buried there. Memorials have been erected at both graves in this historic old cemetery.

Mr. Eve's father died on March 8, 1927, and is buried in Green Hill cemetery, West Asheville. He served with General Winder in General Stonewall Jackson's brigade until that famous leader passed "over the river under the shade of the Trees" to die after being shot by one of his own men, a tragic victim of an accident in the dark. He knew the habits of the famous Stonewall very intimately and recalled once that he saw him sketching with a stick on the ground plans for an important engagement.

Captain Eve was an ardent admirer of General Jackson and so is his son.

Mr. Eve said recently that he considered the Confederate leader a military genius and one of the greatest of the few real leaders of the world. Captain Eve was captured by the Union forces at the fall of Knoxville, one of the last engagements of the War Between the States.

At 62 Mr. Eve is active and youthful in spirit. His chief interests are his family and his work, also the many friends he has made during many years of work during "court weeks" throughout the mountains.

Asheville Citizen Feb. 14, 1932

West Asheville People

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HEAD HALL FLETCHER STUDENTS—Glenn May, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. May of 179 Brucemont circle, was named president of the student body at Hall Fletcher junior high school this morning. Sammy Fain, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fain of 72 Brownwood avenue, was elected vice-president, and Nell Bannister, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bannister of 256 Brevard road, was elected secretary.

Asheville Times May 12, 1944

FAIRCHILD WINS IN RIFLE CLUB SHOOT

SECURES A POINT TOWARDS THE PRIZE RIFLE.

Interesting Shoot Takes Place on Asheville Rifle Club's Range.

The Score.

There was an interesting shoot held at the new grounds of the Asheville Rifle Club yesterday. There was a very high wind which prevented the scoring being up to the usual standard. Mr. George W. Fairchild made the highest score today, making one more with a good chance of winning the fine rifle offered by the Stevens Arm company to the man winning three shoots first.

Today's scores were as follows:

Name	1st	2d	Hdp.	Total
1. Fairchild	55	72	20	147
2. Brown	73	73	0	146
3. McCanless	63	76	6	145
4. Herren	53	67	21	141
5. Dr. E. B. Glenn	48	59	27	134
6. Bard	45	71	18	134
7. Badger	46	53	27	126
8. Stevens	55	42	27	124
9. Scullen	40	40	37	117
10 Wright	51	47	13	111
11 Bourne	13	38	37	88

Those who now have points to their credit are:

J. E. Stevens, 1.
H. L. Herren, 1.
Dr. D. E. Sevler, 1.
J. M. McCanless, 1.
George W. Fairchild, 1.
Dr. E. B. Glenn, 2.
W. H. Wright, 2.

Asheville Citizen December 1, 1905

MR. AND MRS. G. W. FAIRCHILD of 14 State Street will celebrate their sixty-third wedding anniversary today. They have nine children, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. O. C. Hodges, Mrs. Metta F. Case, Mrs. LeRoy Beaver, Roy D Fairchild and Jack Fairchild of Asheville, Mrs. W. E. Dinterman of Miami, Fla., Mrs. T. V. Sileo of New York City, and Mrs. L. R. Sadtler of Alexandria, Va. They have 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Asheville Citizen February 23, 1951

A Useful Citizen

George W. Fairchild, who died last Thursday at the age of 89, was one of the builders of West Asheville in the years before that thriving suburb became a part of the city by annexation.

Born in Wilkes County and coming to Asheville in the early 1900s, Mr. Fairchild soon became known as a community worker in civic and church affairs.

Here is a partial list of his interests and activities in the three decades and more of his active life here:

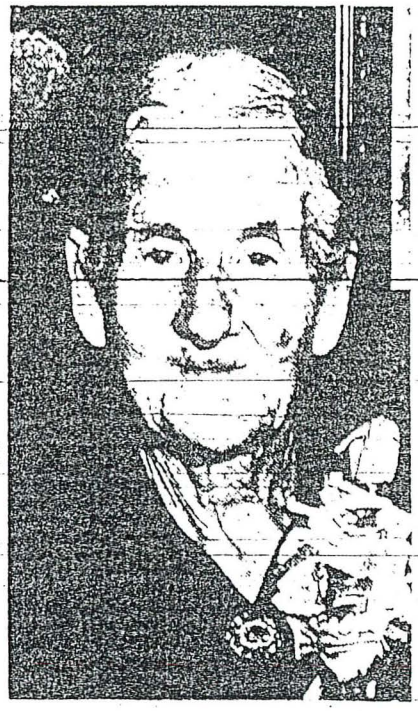
He helped to organize and was a member of the first West Asheville volunteer fire department. He was manager of the Buckeye Waterworks, West Asheville's first utility of the kind. He opened the first automobile agency in the West Asheville community, with supplementary gasoline-pump service and garage. For 14 years he operated a general merchandise store on Haywood Road. He was a member of the first Rifle Club, winning numerous medals for marksmanship. (He made his own ammunition.) In his workshop near his home, the public soon learned that a needed gadget not available elsewhere would be found.

West Ashevillians will tell you that Mr. Fairchild was everybody's friend; and this means, they add, the children especially.

Boys of the Asheville School (now men) tell stories of their week-end visits to Asheville, with Mr. Fairchild the provider of transportation and disciplinarian enough to make some of them walk, on one occasion when a group of them became a little too frolicsome. Young Harvey Firestone and Edsel Ford were among his passengers in those days.

Such a life of community service and neighborly helpfulness as Mr. Fairchild's makes a community not only more progressive but more livable.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MRS. GEORGE FAIRCHILD

Mrs. George Fairchild will turn a new page on her calendar of life tomorrow —she completes 91 years of living.

Widowed four years, she and her husband celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary five years ago.

She has been very active until just recently, and still does a little gardening and "putters around the place."

She lives at 14 State St., where one son, Jack L. Fairchild, also makes his home. A native of Candler, she has lived in Asheville more than 60 years.

Her family will help her celebrate the birthday tomorrow at her home.

She has nine children, Mrs. Metta Case; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. O. C. Hodges, Mrs. Leroy Beaver, Jack and Roy D. Fairchild of Asheville; Mrs. Thomas Sileo of Morristown, N. J., Mrs. W. E. Dinterman of Miami, Fla., and L. F. Sadtler of Alexandria, Va.

There are also 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fairchild's love for flowers has characterized her whole life and made her loved by the many, many persons with whom she has shared them.

Her family tells that once, some years ago, she gave flowers daily to any neighbor or friend who wanted them and often to strangers who passed by and admired her garden. Once she was told that a man to whom she gave flowers at least once a week was in turn selling them, and her family urged her to charge him for the flowers which he was selling.

She was shocked at their suggestion. "It isn't right to sell flowers," she said firmly." I *share* them!"

Asheville Citizen September 13, 1959

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Mrs. Fairchild Dies At 99, On Birthday

Mrs. Chloe Eunice Fairchild, 99, of 14 State St., West Asheville, died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday in a local nursing home after a long illness.

Mrs. Fairchild was born 99 years ago Thursday in Buncombe County to a pioneer Western North Carolina family. Her family settled in the Enka area immediately after the American Revolutionary War and received the first land grant in 1796.

Mrs. Fairchild was the wife of the late George Washington Fairchild, who died in 1955. Prior to 1913, Mrs. Fairchild and her husband operated a general store in West Asheville and owned and operated the first auto garage west of French Broad River. They sold their first gas from 50-gallon drums.

She was a member of Wesleyan Methodist Church, and a member of the Womens Bible Class.

Mrs. Fairchild was active in the PTA until the early 1920s.

Surviving are seven daughters, Mrs. Metta Case, Mrs. Ruth Sileo, Mrs. Zula Johnson, Mrs. Wilma Hodges and Mrs. Alice Beaver, all of Asheville, Mrs. Anna Dinterman of Miami, Fla. and Mrs. Lucille Sadtler of Alexandria, Va. two sons, Roy D. of Candler and Jack L. Fairchild of West Asheville; a sister, Mrs. Rosa Anderson of West Asheville, who is 94 years old; a brother, Bron B. Penland of Candler; 13 grandchildren, 37 great - grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 3 p. m. Saturday in the new chapel of Anders-Rice Funeral Home, 1428 Patton Ave.

The Rev. Watson C. Black and the Rev. John Harris will officiate.

MRS. FAIRCHILD

Burial will be in the Penland family cemetery at Enka.

Pallbearers will be Jim Currence, Frank Worley, Curtis Batts, Lope Netherton, Bob and Bill Jarvis. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Men's Bible Class of Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Fairchild Dies On Her 99th Birthday

Mrs. George W. Fairchild of 14 State St. died early this morning on her 99th birthday in a local nursing home.

She and the late Mr. Fairchild celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1938. She was the grandmother of Mrs. Sylvia Stephanofsky, a telephone operator with the Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Co.

Funeral arrangements are under direction of Anders-Rice Funeral Home.

Dr. Fay New Master Of Kadosh

JAN 7 1965

Dr. Scott S. Fay of Asheville Tuesday was installed as Master of Kadosh, Asheville Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

The ceremonies were held in the Masonic Temple at 80 Broadway.

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Other consistory officers, installed at the same time, are Emett D. Chandler, KCCH, prior; Craig K. Reeves, preceptor; Charles C. Ricker, KCCH, treasurer; Arthur Gladstone, secretary; Frank H. Hill, almoner; Max Woodcock, chancellor; Herschel Townley, master of ceremonies; Vernon P. Fulbright, expert; Earle R. Scruggs, assistant expert; John B. Reynolds, captain of the host; Roy C. Reese, prelate; and Robert S. Hubbs, tiler.

All are 32nd degree Masons, except Fay and Scott, who hold the 33rd degree.

F. Gudger Cabe, 33rd degree, venerable master of the Lodge of Perfection, was installing officer. Jack M. Sentelle, 32nd degree, KCCH, was marshall.

E. Paul Martin, 32nd degree, KCCH, of Waynesville, is retiring Master of Kadosh of the consistory.

DR. SCOTT S. FAY

Asheville Citizen January 7, 1965

Duncan's error turned 3 things

World War I Vets Get Together

Veterans of World War I met Sunday at the Legion Home at Haywood Road and Cloyes Street in observance of the 50th anniversary of the American Legion, professional veterans' organization. Looking at canteens, messkits, old uniforms and other memorabilia of the "War to end Wars" were, from left, Dr. S. Fay, Frank Ewers, commander of Legion Post 335; Sam Arvidson, William Duesser and George Rickman. All are from the Asheville area. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

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MARCH 30, 1925

SERVICE HELD FOR FORMER TREASURER

Body of A. H. Felmet, Aged Citizen, Is Laid to Rest in Green Hill Cemetery — Died Saturday Morning.

Funeral service for A. H. Felmet, 77, former treasurer of the City of Asheville, who died at his home, 165 Montana Avenue, West Asheville, at 5:45 o'clock Saturday morning, was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the West Asheville Methodist Church. Interment was at Green Hill Cemetery in West Asheville. Officiating were Rev. W. L. Colson, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist Church; Dr. Dan Atkins, Rev. R. S. Howie, of the Haywood Street Church, and Rev. J. M. Folger, of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church.

Active pallbearers were: Morgan Alexander, Emile Alexander, Lewis Alexander, Jack Felmet, Holt Felmet, and Liston Hayes. They are five grandsons and a nephew of the deceased.

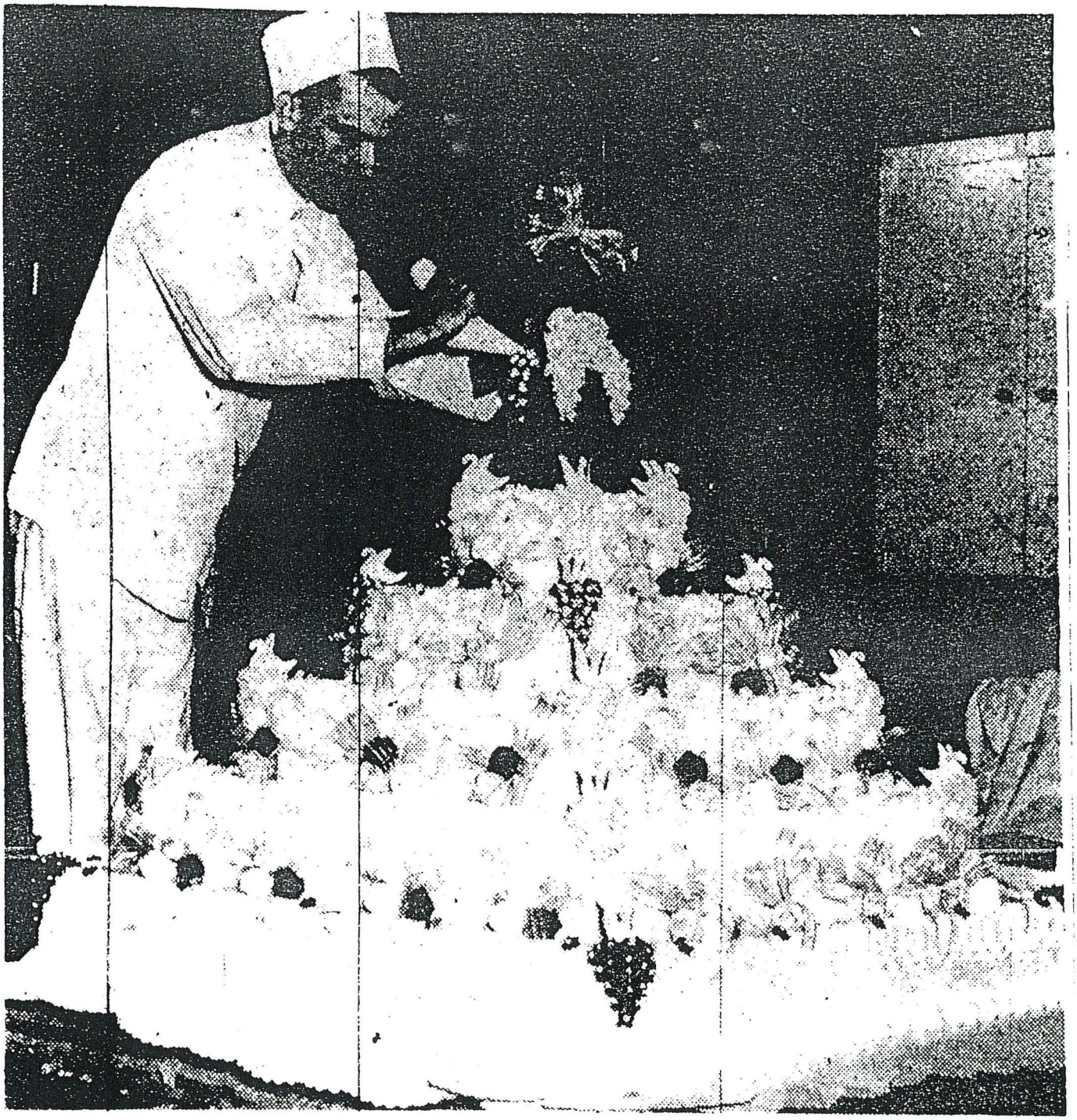
Honorary pallbearers were: Gallatin Roberts, J. K. Bell, J. W. Eidson, George A. Digges, Jr., G. W. Owenby, and R. C. Crowell.

Members of the Zeb Vance Camp of Confederate Veterans acted as an honorary escort. Mr. Felmet was adjutant of the Camp.

TALENTED ASHEVILLE GIRL

Miss Frances Felmet, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Felmet, 174 Brucemont Circle, Asheville, appeared on Tuesday evening in her graduate recital as a senior in dramatic art at Greensboro College. Miss Felmet is one of the most talented students at the Greensboro institution and besides high honor in dramatic activities, she has edited the college magazine this year and has been active in various other fields.

Asheville Citizen May 5, 1929



THE ULTIMATE IN CAKES—Quality Bakery produced this giant cake weighing approximately 800 pounds for Sears, Roebuck and Company. It contains some 125 dozen eggs, 125 pounds of shortening, more than 150 pounds of sugar and more than 150 pounds of flour. Baker A. F. Felthaus puts on the finishing touches here. The cake will be served to Sears customers tomorrow night when the store celebrates its birthday.

Asheville Citizen-Times, October 1, 1952

Lieut. Fleming Is With Forces In Philippines

Lieutenant E. Pearce Fleming 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs Pearce Fleming, of 234 Shelburne road, West Asheville, is one of the ~~Asheville residents fighting with~~ General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines.

Lieutenant Fleming entered the army in December, 1940, as a second lieutenant. He is a graduate of Lee Edwards high school and of North Carolina State College He was a member of the R. O T C unit there prior to his graduation in 1939.

Asheville Times February 7, 1942

Marshall Hall Fletcher, general practitioner (1885)

Marshall Hall Fletcher, beloved practitioner, graduated from Bellevue Medical College in New York. After practicing briefly with his father, he came to Asheville to practice surgery in 1885. Active in civic affairs, he originated the Board of Health to supervise all matters concerning the city's health. Service on that board came to be recognized as a sign of distinction for physicians. Forward looking in its rulings, the Board of Health carried near legislative authority. Its accomplishments and influence were immeasurable before the state government became active in public health. During the city's 1909 smallpox epidemic, there were 109 cases with four deaths reported. Dr. Fletcher, with three fellow physicians, conducted a house-to-house canvass, vaccinating all unvaccinated individuals.

For many years, Fletcher was chairman of the Asheville School Board. Hall Fletcher School in West Asheville is named in his honor. He served as chief of staff of Mission Hospital for twenty-two years, a record that today seems incredible. He relinquished that post in order to volunteer for military service in World War I. He was 59 years old. He served in Base Hospital #65 overseas. His health failed when he returned after the war, and he died in 1925 at his Haywood Street home. His daughter, Mrs. Lillian Smathers, became active in local affairs after Dr. Fletcher's death, and served on the board of Mission Hospital until its merger in 1951.

Pfc. Alvah Flynn Is Signal Operator

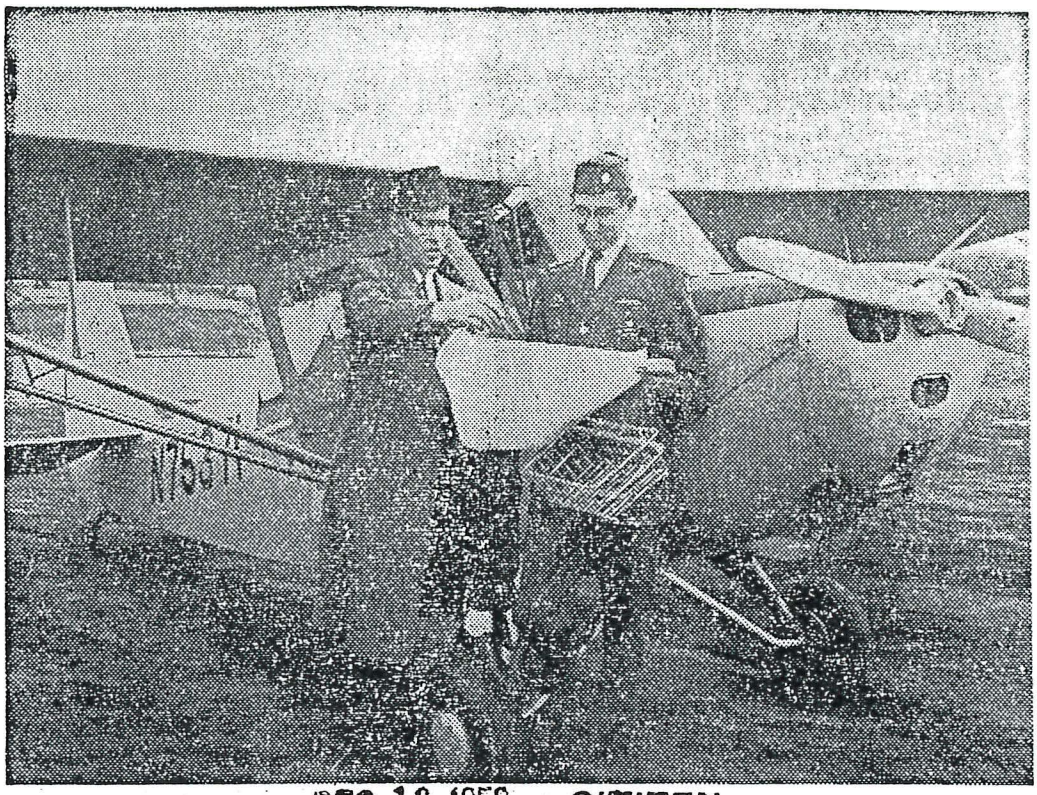
Pfc. Alvah W. Flynn, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Flynn of 145 Riverview drive, has been graduated from the signal battalion at the marine base at Camp Lejeune, New River, as an operator of signal equipment. Flynn enlisted in the marine corps in October, 1942 and took his boot training at Parris Island, S. C. He is a graduate of Thomasville high school and attended N. C. State college and Cecil's Business college here before enlisting.

FLYNN

Asheville Times May 1, 1943

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE FOLLETT SR. will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home, 85 Tremont St., Sunday. An open house will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. and all relatives and friends have been invited to call. The Folletts have seven children, four of whom reside in Asheville. The four: Mrs. Charles Crowder, Mrs. W. Y. Frazer, Mrs. Fred Sprinkles and William Follett. Two of their children reside in Florida and one in Maryland.

Asheville Citizen September 11, 1960



DEC 19 1958 CITIZEN

—Citizen Photo

A TREASURE HUNT will be on when the West Asheville Business Association drops 500 ping pong balls redeemable in cash or merchandise prizes Saturday at 1 p.m. on Haywood Road. The event is a climaxing feature of the Holidays Festival conducted by 36 firms along Haywood Road. The balls will bear numbers, designating the addresses on Haywood Road where the balls may be redeemed. In photo are Albert Fortune, Holidays Festival general chairman, and Lt. Col. Milton Sellers of Civil Air Patrol, who will pilot the plane when Lieut. R. V. Reece drops the ping pong balls. An hour earlier, cash prizes totaling $900 will be awarded in a drawing, with registrants having not been required to make a purchase or be present to win. The drawing takes place at the intersection of Fairfax Avenue and Haywood Road at noon Saturday.

Asheville Citizen December 19, 1958

ALBERT FORTUNE RECALLS EARLY MALVERN HILLS

I had the great pleasure of speaking with Albert Fortune of School Rd recently about his recollections of the early days of Malvern Hills. Albert is an active 97-year-old. After he returned from WWII in 1947, he owned and operated Fortune Hardware which was on the corner of Haywood and Brevard Roads in West Asheville for several decades.

Albert and his wife, Lina, bought their property at 66 School Road in 1947 after seeing a "For Sale" sign tacked to a tree in the development that was still mostly wooded. All but a dozen or so lots were unsold at that time. Albert and Lina purchased 2 lots for $1,500 each.

Because building materials were scarce and expensive after the war, Albert harvested 13 tall pines along School Road for framing. Of 15 oak trees, he took down only 2 for the home site with the remaining oaks standing today as a reminder of the woods that were once Malvern Hills.

Albert first built a garage apartment to live in while building his home. Before the garage, he and Lina had no place to live so Mrs. O.E. Starnes, with a large house on Houghton Place, let them stay in the servants' quarters.

With no building blocks available in Asheville at that time, Albert leased a truck and drove to Bluefield, WV to haul 1,000 blocks back to School Road himself. All the masons Albert knew were still at war. A retired mason, Noah McDonald, came into the hardware store one day and Albert asked him if he'd lay the block. Noah agreed if Albert would mix the mortar and carry the blocks to him!

Albert and Lina raised a son, Larry, and a daughter, Marie, in that house. Lina taught at Vance Elementary for 35 years and died in 1990. Albert says he still loves Malvern Hills.

The original Malvern Hills property was acquired in the 1920s by Asheville School, planned as a development for the parents of Asheville School students. The development was extraordinarily well designed and surveyed for its time. Albert doesn't know of a single property line dispute in all these years. However, sales of lots did not meet the School's expectations and not more than 10 lots were developed before the stock market crash of 1929. After the crash, the development languished and Imperial Mortgage foreclosed on the property just before 1945.

The Malvern Hills development provided a glimpse into the now progressive use of underground utilities by putting power and phone lines in wooden tubes underground with manholes placed every 500 feet. Another nice touch was the ornamental street lights at intersections which stood until the 1930s. Unfortunately, vandals stole all the underground electric lines, pulling them out through the manholes when the price of copper soared during the War. Carolina Power and Light put in above ground power poles in 1944/45. Phone lines, sheathed in less expensive lead, remained in use underground until the 1950s when they were finally added to the poles.

The original plan for the Malvern Hills development called for a covenant that restricted building costs to a minimum of $3,000 on Arthur Rd and $4,000 for the rest of Malvern Hills. The covenant became obsolete during WWII. Building in Malvern Hills finally began to increase as men returned from the War.

In 1948, Albert and a group of 4 or 5 other residents created the Malvern Hills Community Club for the purpose of controlling the quality of construction. This is the origin of our present day Club. The members of the club approached new property owners in hopes of convincing them through friendly conversation, rather than resorting to covenants or legal measures, to build to a higher standard. Some of the homes being built were GI houses, simple box-like designs that were adaptable to a more decent structure. The Club was successful in its first project, and the new owners agreed to make improved modifications after speaking with the committee. As the community grew, the Malvern Hills Community Club expanded its role.

Malvern Hills continues to be a lovely part of Asheville with its diverse homes, old trees, sidewalks, and friendly neighbors. How wonderful to be able to hear about its origins from Albert. Living history!

--Reported by Stephen Canner

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Asheville News

By BERTHA W. HALEY

Mr. S. J. (Jack) Fortune, well known business man, and owner manager of the Ideal Paint and Hardware Company for 31 years on Haywood Road in West Asheville, retired from business in January, 1955, to as he put it "to take it easy."

Since his retirement Mr. Fortune continues to live fully and enjoy each day as it comes. And among his hobbies he is interested in his flower garden and fishing.

Mr. Fortune opened the Ideal Paint firm on Haywood Road in West Asheville back in the early 20's. And as this section continued to develop in business, he too continued to expand his firm. He first opened his store at 618 Haywood Road, and after that made several moves, each to larger quarters,—442 Haywood Road, and from there he occupied the building at 717 Haywood Road, and as business continued to grow he moved on to 727 Haywood Road where he continued until his retirement.

For the past ten years Mr. Fortune has been in active work with the Trinity Methodist Church in West Asheville. And among other activities he is a member of the Board of Stewards, member of the finance committee, etc.

And prior to his above church activities, Mr. Fortune was for years active with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, having served as superintendent of the Sunday School of that organization, and among other officse held those of trustee and active member with the board of Stewards. He is past treasurer of the North Carolina Wesleyan Methodist conference.

In a little chat over the telephone, Mr. Fortune told us a little bit about his wife, — his helpmate. She is the former Miss Callie Joe Lineberger from Rock Hill, South Carolina; educated at Spartanburg, South Carolina high school; Asheville Normal school, Asheville; and the University of California. Mr. and Mrs. Fortune were married June 3, 1930, and have one daughter, Beverley Joe, "married now," Mr. Fortune tells us, "and making her home in Haw Creek."

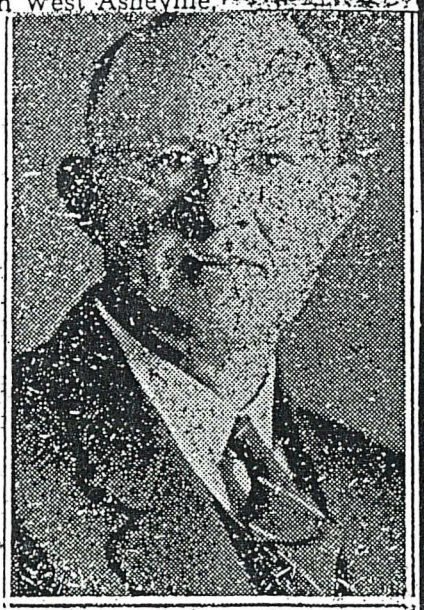
Down through the years Mr. Fortune has had two retreats: his country lodge in the Mills River section and the sea coast. At his country ranch he is known intimately and affectionately as "Jack," and while there he has among other constructive activities, "thought through various problems" and came away with sound solutions. And there he enjoys one of his hobbies, hunting with his friends.

His other hobby has been, and still is fishing on the sea coast of the Carolinas and in the Western North Carolina mountain streams. And for a number of years his fishing companions Messrs. W. A. Kilgo and J. H. Parris, and on occasion Mr. R. T. Cecil of the Cecil's Business College, went along.

Deeply interested in welfare works, Mr. Fortune is helpfully interested in the sick. He has been, for a number of years member of the board of directors of the Aston Park Hospital.

He is a member of the Optimist Club, and for a number of years was a member of the West Asheville Men's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortune make their home at 40 Westwood Place in West Asheville.



MR. S. J. (JACK) FORTUNE

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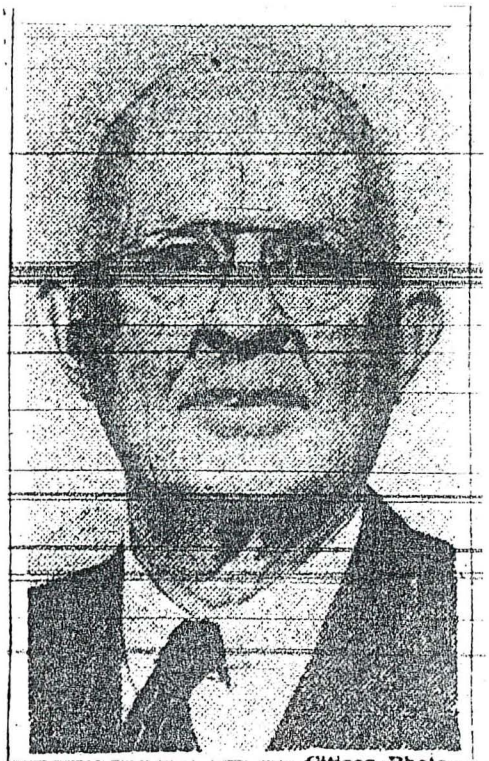

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S. J. FORTUNE

S. J. Fortune Ends 35-Year Career Here

S. J. Fortune retired yesterday after 35 years in the paint and hardware business in West Asheville.

Also retiring was Mrs. Fortune, who has served for 20 years as secretary of Fortune's Paint and Hardware Co., 727 Haywood Rd.

Management of the business will be in charge of L. A. Fortune, a son, and E. L. Fortune, a nephew.

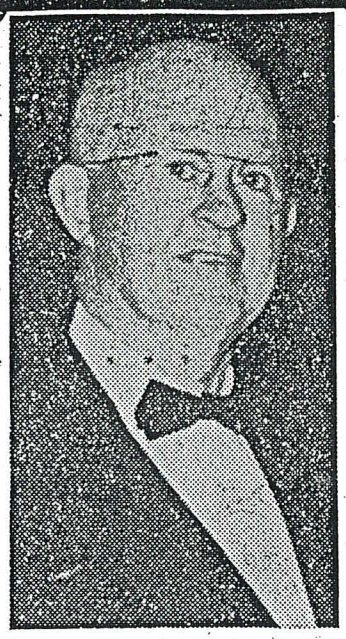
L. A. Fortune will head the retail department and E. L. Fortune the wholesale department.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Fortune will leave Saturday for an extended vacation in Florida.

Fortune was born and reared in McDowell County, moving here in December, 1919, and opening the business in West Asheville. Now 65, he is chairman of the board of Aston Park Hospital, a Mason, and a member of the boards of stewards and finance of Trinity Methodist Church. A life member of the Optimist Club, he is a former vice president of the civic organization.

Fortune is also widely known as a sportsman, his hobbies being hunting and fishing.

Asheville Citizen February 10, 1955



S. J. FORTUNE

Fortune, 76, Hardware Veteran, Dies

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S. J. Fortune, 76, retired West Asheville hardware merchant, died at 10:10 p. m. Thursday in a local hospital after a long illness.

He founded Fortune's Paint and Hardware Co., in 1919, and retired from the business in 1955. The firm, now in the hands of a son and a nephew, is located at 727 Haywood Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortune lived at 66 School Road.

He was once chairman of the board of trustees of Aston Park Hospital, an official of Trinity Methodist Church, and held a life membership in the Optimist Club, of which he was once vice president.

Mr. Fortune was a native of McDowell County.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Groce Funeral Home.

PICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MISS SADYE BOWLES of Greensboro, formerly of Asheville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank Foster, and Mr. Foster at their home on Majestic avenue. Miss Bowles, who has just returned to the States from a three weeks' visit in Honolulu with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kinney, is pictured as she shows her mother souvenirs of her trip, including a purse made in Hawaii. While visiting the Kinneys, Miss Bowles took a three-day flying trip to the Island of Hawaii and stopped at the Volcano House there. The trip to and from Honolulu also was made by plane. Landing in San Francisco, Miss Bowles visited friends in Oakland, Calif., and came to Asheville by train, stopping en route for a visit in Salt Lake City and in Denver.

Asheville Citizen August 27, 1948

Pvt. Fowler Goes To Fort Monmouth

Pvt. William Deitz Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fowler of 23 Herron avenue, has been transferred from a training base in Atlantic City to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, it was learned here today.

PVT. FOWLER

He has been in the army since March and is classified as a linesman in the signal corps.

Pvt. Fowler is a graduate of Lee Edwards high school and before entering the army was employed at the American Enka corporation near here.

Asheville Times May 13, 1943

—Citizen-Times Photo

BIDDING ADIEU to the life of a uniform policeman, W. Bruce Fox took a last look around the locker room at the police station where he logged 36 years of duty. Looking on as Fox hung up his uniform were Police Chief A. R. Sluder (center) and several of Fox' fellow officers.

Turns In Badge No. 1

Policeman W. Bruce Fox Winds Up 36-Year Career

By LEWIS W. GREEN
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

Badge No. 1 of the Asheville Police Department was turned in at the 7 a. m. change of shift Friday, and the harness came off for the last time for the man who had more years in uniform than any other person on the force.

And W. Bruce Fox, who lives at 76 Blue Ridge Ave. in West Asheville with his wife, looked back across a 36-year law enforcement career with his only regret that of having to take the uniform off.

Old timers in the department say, Fox, who was the epitome of a uniformed officer, was a policeman who didn't leave any enemies behind—either in the department or in the public, a rare thing for a man who has devoted his life to enforcing the law.

The old pro weathered many administrations and exhibited rare talents in his many years on the job.

His was a job out on the beats that for the most part goes unappreciated by the general public.

Fox, who was 60 Friday, signed on the force as a rookie in 1926 under Chief W. R. Messer.

"I didn't know whether I'd like it or not," the big Irishman said, "but the longer I stayed the more I knew I had to stay."

Outside of a few months with the vice squad, Fox stayed in the uniform division.

"Sure, a lot of people criticize the man on the beat when they don't realize the job that must be done, and what orders we have received, or what we might be running up against on any given assignment," he said.

In his years he has tusseled with too many drunks to remember.

"I remember the first white man I ever arrested, and the first colored man—they're both dead now, then after that it runs together in my memory," he said.

He said the two bigger cases he worked on that stand out were the murder of State Highway Patrolman Penn and the Cooper case on Montford Avenue some years back.

One of the constant situations he had to cope with, and that never failed to confound him, was someone wanting a man arrested in his own home without a warrant.

"People now are getting to realize that police can't do that. I think today people are more aware of their rights than ever before," he said.

When he first started, Fox said, there were only two cars in the department, both 1924 Chevrolet touring cars. One was used in West Asheville and one in the city.

Fox is grateful to his wife for her forbearance during his career. It takes a special kind of woman to understand about a policeman, he said. He married the former Miss Clara L. Hutchinson, daugher of Dr. W. G. Hutchinson of Hendersonville, in 1931.

"I couldn't ask for a better woman," he said.

Fox lived for a time during his childhood at the old Zeb Vance home, now a state historic site near Weaverville. His father owned the old place for many years.

Children have a special place in the towering, genial officer's heart. He related an incident when a group of children were playing under a lawn sprinkler, and as children will do, raised an unholy amount of noise. A woman in the neighborhood threatened to call the police.

"Oh, goody goody," chorused the joyous kids, unaware of the lady's larger implication, "we'll get to see Mr. Fox."

An Asheville policeman must exercise much more patience than in most other cities since it is largely a tourist town, and Fox was lauded by Chief A. R. Sluder and his other officers for his excellent manner in handling out-of-towners.

Chief Sluder praised Fox as a loyal public servant, and lauded him for his dependability and courage.

"I remember when Bruce stood toe-to-toe with an armed man who meant to shoot him and took the gun away from him," Sluder said. "He's lived up to the letter of the law, and what that badge stood for, Bruce stood for too."

And the men he's worked with over the years had nothing but praise for Fox's deportment as an officer.

Det. Sgt. R. D. Poore, who spent his first months on the force under Fox, said he was glad he had the old pro for a mentor.

Det. Sgt. H. F. Holland said it had been a pleasure to work with Fox, who could handle any unpleasant situation with sympathy, and Det. Sgt. C. R. Owen said Fox wore the uniform well and was a credit to the department.

"I'm a rookie compared to Bruce," said Asst. Chief J. C. Hall, who by no means is a novice. "I've always found him agreeable, dependable and affable. He gave the men who broke in under him good advice and training down through the years. He's a professional in every sense of the word."

Fox plans to fill his retirement days with his hobbies—gardening, fishing, hunting and baseball. "And I'll do some work," he said, "I just can't sit down and do nothing."

He and his wife are members of Calvary Baptist Church, but Fox said changing shifts had prevented him from participating in many church activities.

"It was just a job when I first came here," Fox said, "but now it's a specialized profession with a lot of training involved. You learn something every day."

He looked around Municipal Building, where he had spent the many years, and told his story with one short sentence.

"I've enjoyed it all, every bit of it."

Asheville Citizen 1962

FRANK, SURVIVOR OF PLANE CRASH, ARRIVES HOME

Lieutenant Was Serving On 'Iron Duke' With 3 Asheville Men

Four Asheville men were serving on the Liberator bomber, "Iron Duke," when it crashed into the North Sea February 17. Three of these men, Lt. L. M. (Mac) Duncan, S. Sgt. Edwin Joe and Sgt. Edward Jack Hensley were lost.

The fourth, Lt. Charles M. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Frank of 1062 Haywood road, has arrived at his home to spend a 30-day leave.

Overseas Seven Months

The lanky, soft-spoken lieutenant has been overseas with the eighth air force for seven months. For his overseas service, he holds the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf cluster and the European theater of operations ribbon with three battle stars.

Since the plane on which he was serving as co-pilot crashed, he flew one other mission with another bomber crew and served as a "fill in" at an eighth air force station in England before returning to the States.

"The cause of the crash of the 'Iron Duke' was later determined as ice on the ailerons," he said yesterday. "We were going out on a mission that day and the weather was very bad. We were flying at about 8,500 feet when the plane did not respond to the control and began losing altitude.

"Both 'Mac' and I wrestled with the controls on the way down. Just as soon as he saw it wasn't any use trying to right the ship, 'Mac,' who was pilot, gave the order to abandon the plane.

Gave Order To Bail Out

"I gave the order to bail out and waited until the others had time to jump. At about 2,000 feet, I bailed out. It was so foggy, there was no way of telling how many got clear of the plane before it crashed. Just after jumping, I saw three other chutes before a cloud cut off all vision."

After falling in the icy North Sea, Lt. Frank and three others were picked up by British minesweepers and were taken to England. Others who escaped were the bombardier, the navigator, and the engineer.

LT. CHARLES M. FRANK

Asheville Citizen May 30, 1945

SGT. CHAS. FRANKLIN AWARDED SECOND AIR MEDAL, LEAF CLUSTER

Technical Sergeant Charles E. Franklin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Franklin, Sr., of 20 Westwood place, West Asheville, has been awarded the Air Medal, and a bronze oak - leaf cluster for the Air Medal, by the Northwest African coastal air force, it was learned here today in a release from the army public relations office.

FRANKLIN

This is the second Air Medal award to be presented to Sgt. Franklin, the first having been awarded several months ago for "meritorious achievement" while participating in anti-submarine flights off the Atlantic coast of the United States in 1942. The operaair medal was given for participating in aerial operations as a bombardier in a B-24, in anti-submarine warfare against the enemy, since being stationed in Africa.

Holds Silver Star

In addition to these medals Sgt. Franklin was awarded the Silver Star award, while stationed in England, for extraordinary service.

He enlisted in the army November 7, 1940, and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for training and then was transferred to Langley Field, Va. After war was declared by the United States, he was assigned to Mitchel Field, N. Y., for two months special training.

The September, 1942, issue of the American magazine carried a story on a United States army Flying Fortress, on which Sgt. Franklin was serving as bombardier, and the author described the ship as having sunk "more submarines than the censor will allow me to tell."

Describes Sinking

The magazine story described the sinking of one enemy submarine off the Atlantic coast by bombs released by Franklin, and told how members of the Fortress crew are trained in their work.

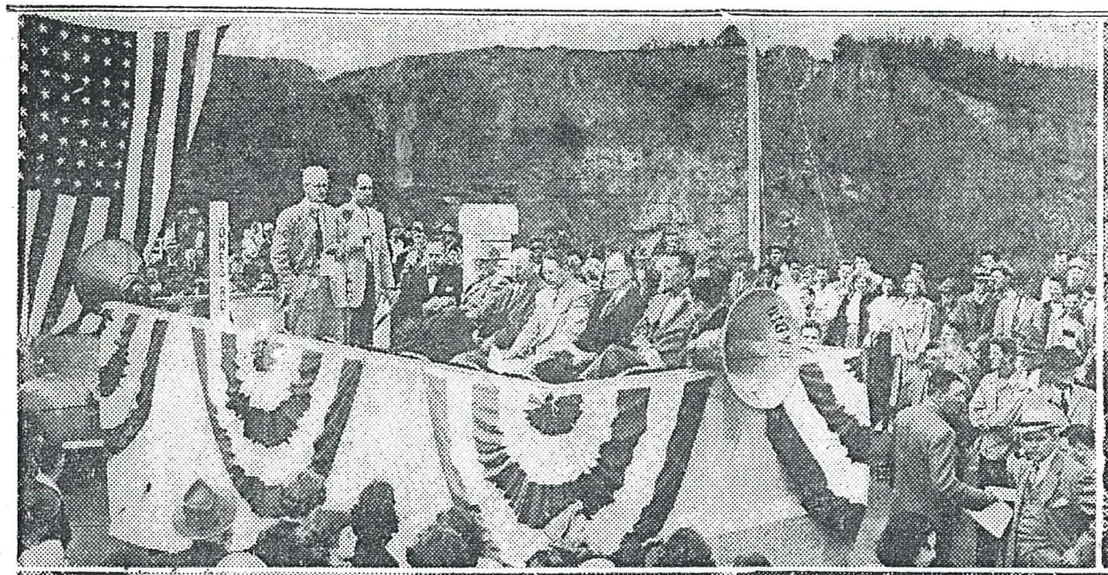
Sgt. Franklin was graduated from Lee Edwards high school in the class of 1937 and was employed by the American Enka corporation before volunteering for service.

His wife, the former Miss Mildred Reeves, and their small son, John Charles, are residing at 132 Ashefield avenue

Asheville Times August 30, 1943

SECTION TWO
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1950

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN



THE NEW SMOKY PARK HIGHWAY BRIDGE was opened—for a few hours—yesterday in ceremonies attended by State and City officials and several thousand onlookers. The top left picture shows L. Dale Thrash, 10th Division highway commissioner, speaking to the crowd assembled at mid-bridge. Seated on the platform are: L to R, Dr. Henry Jordan of Raleigh, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission; Mayor J. Ray Shute of Monroe, retiring president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities; E. B. Jeffress of Greensboro, former SH&PWC chairman; Mayor Clarence Morgan of Asheville, the Rev. Wayne Williams of Oteen, Percy Ferebee of Andrews, chairman of Western North Carolina Associated Communities; Gene Ochsenreiter (head partially visible), president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce; and Governor W. Kerr Scott. Part of the dedication crowd and hundreds of automobiles waiting to cross the bridge are shown at top right. The dedication of the bridge couldn't keep away little Carolyn Freeman (bottom left) even if she was confined to the wheelchair pushed by her mother, Mrs. Clyde D. Freeman of 516 Westwood Place. Also on hand was a small dog being petted by young Clyde Freeman Jr. Governor Scott (bottom center) delivers his remarks as Mrs. W. Dillon Chambers, president of the Asheville Garden Club Council waits to cut the ribbon opening the bridge. Several hundred cars (bottom right) managed to cross the new bridge before it was closed a few hours after the dedication for further work. (Citizen Photos)

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July 5, 2005

Karen H. Loughmiller
West Asheville Branch Library
942 Haywood Road
Asheville, North Carolina 28806

Dear Ms. Loughmiller,

I am writing as a follow-up to your e-mail of Tuesday, July 5, 2005 about the cost of the History of West Asheville CD.

Enclosed you will find my check for $12.50 to cover the cost of the CD and shipping & handling.

As I said in my e-mail to you, I have a copy of the CD and of newspaper coverage at the time of its release. My cousin, Mrs. Jack (Dorothy) Smith, lives in West Asheville at 37 Princeton Drive. She and her daughter (Barbara Felmet) sent me my copy of the CD-ROM produced by the History of West Asheville Project.

I would like for you to send the CD-ROM and related materials to

Mr. J. Kenneth Sanford
74 Fairway Ridge
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

We recently visited Ken and his wife (Judy), and I mentioned the CD-ROM and the project it reports. He was very interested, and I promised him that I would look into getting him a copy of the CD. When we were in high school, Ken lived out toward Enka and attended the Sand Hill School. Since I lived in West Asheville, I attended Lee H. Edward High School. Through our teen years, there was a remarkable group of young people at the West Asheville Baptist Church. Nane Starnes was then the pastor. In that group (all very active in church) were Betty Lou Winchester, Dale Ryan, Richard Barnett, Ken Sanford, Billy Garren, Bill Snyder, and K. T. Huffman. There may have been others that I just don't remember. All of these went off to college in 1949-1950 – All are dispersed around the country. Dick Barnett is an Emeritus Professor of History (Wake Forest); Dale Ryan is a retired Physician; Ken Sanford is a retired public relations man & journalist (UNC Charlotte); Billy Garren went to Clemson, I think, and I don't know where he is now. I am a Professor Emeritus of Political Science from the University of Evansville. Betty Lou Winchester married a journalist and now lives in Winston-Salem. K. T. Huffman has kept the family home at 20 Salola, but he is retired from the Washington, D. C. Police Department. Bill Snyder was going into the ministry, and I think he did, but I don't know where he is now.

Perhaps Ken will write to you about his memories of those good days at West Asheville Baptist Church.

Sincerely,

Don Freeman

Enclosure: Check for West Asheville CD-ROM, $12.50

Two Sons Are Visiting Mrs. Eva Ledbetter

Fullam **Kirkpatrick**

Staff Sgt. James Fullam and Sgt. Jesse Kirkpatrick, sons of Mrs. Eva Ledbetter of 184 Brucemont circle, are visiting their mother while home on furlough.

Staff Sgt. Fullam has been in the service for two years and is stationed at Camp Lee, Va., where he is a company mess sergeant. He is well known in Asheville, being a former member of the Cosmic club, and was employed by the American Enka corporation before enlisting. Fullam would like to see active duty somewhere at the front. He has been at Camp Lee ever since his enlistment and has moved only two blocks away from his original quarters. "I'll never get to the front at that rate," he said.

Sgt. Kirkpatrick, who enlisted at the same time, is in the air corps at Bryan, Texas, where he is serving with a ground crew squadron. He enlisted a month after graduating from Lee Edwards high school and believes that his chances of seeing action are good.

Asheville Times June 16, 1943

Eileen Fulton

At left is Eileen Fulton as a younger Lisa Grimaldi on "As the World Turns," and at right as she appears today.

SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Asheville-born actress prepares to celebrate 50 years of the soap opera 'As the World Turns'

"As the World Turns" celebrates its 50th anniversary today with soap star and Asheville native Eileen Fulton still acting out conniving plot twists.

Born Margaret McLarty, Fulton has played Lisa Grimaldi for 46 years. She won the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 2004. She also has starred in the Broadway production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

I reached Fulton on the set of the show and she took a half hour from her busy day to speak with me about her life as a star, her years lived in Asheville and what the future may hold for her famous character, Lisa Grimaldi.

She has a pleasant and soft voice, the teensiest trace of North Carolina still lingering in a few of her vowels. A graduate of Lee Edwards High School, now Asheville High, she lived in Western North Carolina for years. She also lived in Marion.

Here's how my interview with the once-scandalous, naughty-but-nice girl — known as the first bad-girl on TV — went:

SR: When did you realize you would become an actress?

Eileen: I knew I'd become a celebrity and entertainer from the time I was 2 years old. People would ask children what they wanted to be when they grew up and I immediately said,

SUSAN REINHARDT
Columnist
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"I want to be a movie star."

SR: How many husbands have you had on the show, and who was your favorite?

Eileen (laughing): I've had eight, and Bob was my favorite because he was my first. Except in real life I'd like to forget my first.

SR: Is your character as busy now as when you first started in your career?

Eileen: Not really. I've recently been busy because we're getting ready to air this 50th anniversary show, which is not to be missed. Seven of us women, we take a bus and it's wrecked ... (this is when the soap shows famous scenes from past episodes). Lisa also has another nightclub storyline coming up, a charming storyline.

SR: When did you like the character of Lisa best?

Eileen: I liked her best in the beginning when she was naughty. I've done a lot of movies and plays. I'm an actor because I like to bring in a lot of different (characters) ... Lisa was a liar and conniver and she fell madly in love with a lot of people at a rapid pace.

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Visit **CITIZEN-TIMES.com** to see a synopsis of 50 of the show's greatest moments.

SR: Kind of like Erica Kane? (Susan Lucci from "All My Children.")

Eileen: Erica came after me. Her character was fashioned after mine.

SR: I heard someone say you once refused to drop your dress on the show. Any truth to that?

Eileen: Oh, no. I DID drop my dress. I was wearing something from wardrobe I absolutely hated. I said, 'I will not wear this!' I took it off and walked off the set. I probably stepped on it and jumped up and down on it. I like to look right so I supply my own clothes.

SR: Do you have problems with your wardrobe now?

Eileen: The wardrobe department is great. But I'm hard to fit, long-legged and busty, so I have my clothes made for me.

SR: What are some of the favorite memories or things that happened over the years you've done on the show?

Please see REINHARDT on E8

Anniversary episode

What: CBS soap "As the World Turns" will air its 50th anniversary episode. Eileen Fulton, who has played Lisa Grimaldi for 46 years, will be featured as one of the "Seven Divas," the seven grand dames of Oakdale.

When: Anniversary show airs at 2 p.m. Monday (April 3) on CBS. The show began April 2, 1956, and has earned 12 Daytime Emmy Award nominations this year.

A few of the 50 "Greatest Moments" from the show:

◆ Daytime's first witch, Lisa (Eileen Fulton) imagines life married to Bob Hughs (1960).

◆ Kim and Nick in Greece for daytime's first European remote (1980).

◆ James attempts to gaslight Barbara (1982).

◆ Paul Shaffer performs at Betsy (Meg Ryan's) wedding reception (1983).

◆ James returns from the dead (1986).

◆ Margo is brutall (1992).

◆ Lisa mourns he husband Eduardo

◆ Lily and Rose fi they're sisters (20

◆ Carly tells Gwer has died (2005).

Fulton, Eileen

REINHARDT:

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Eileen: I loved the time when I was forced to marry someone I hated and treated him like a dog ... One time, back when we were doing the show live, I caught the studio on fire making cherries jubilee. (Fulton said they'd rehearsed the scene and the dessert wouldn't flame, so come show time, they added some sort of igniting fuel to the recipe.)

Walter Cronkite was mad because his office was near our studio and he could smell the smoke.

SR: Were you ever killed off the show and brought back?

Eileen: Never was. They threatened to kill me off — it was over a difference of opinion, plus I quit three times "forever."

(The first time she quit was two years after she began the show).

I left for a year. Lisa was supposed to be raped repeatedly and lost her mind and was running down a dirt road but it was another actress. I was out by the pool like everyone does (in Hollywood). After two weeks when they said, 'Lisa take down your hands,' — they were covering her face — they announced 'The part of Lisa is now being played by Pamela King.'

Two other times I quit. (She believes she was just tired and needed a break.) I made some demands back in '83 and '84 I didn't get and so I did a lot of dinner theater.

One day when I was sitting by the pool reading the paper, I learned the character of Lisa was going to be killed off. I called the studio and said, 'Look, if you're going to kill her off, I'll come back and die.'

SR: Do you consider yourself a diva?

Eileen: Some have said I'm a diva, but no. I'm a fine actress. I think a diva is someone who's insecure and my demands have been related to my career (choices).

SR: Do you plan to retire any time soon?

Eileen (admitting she's 72): Not as long as the show is on. I love the show and the cast.

SR: Anything new and exciting coming up for Lisa or things you'd love for her character to do?

Eileen: Lisa owns this hotel and dress shop and the wonderful new nightclub called Crash. I hope she does something bad in the next few years. I think she should get rip-roaring drunk. Or go nuts.

SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Eileen Fulton, who plays Lisa Miller Hughes Eldridge Shea Colman McColl Mitchell Grimaldi Chedwyn on the CBS soap opera "AS the World Turns," is shown with her first husband on the show, Don Hastings, who plays Dr. Bob Hughes. Both Fulton and Hughes started on "As the World Turns" in 1960 — Fulton in May and Hastings in October. They remain on the show today in their original roles.

SR: How about two or three more of your favorite past storylines for Lisa?

Eileen: I liked the Willows story where Lisa runs away and goes to this inn and the handsome innkeeper thinks she looks just like his dead wife, Ruth. There's one room she couldn't go in, but she got the key and there's a portrait that looks very much like Lisa.

(Eileen said the makeup people fixed her up to look like a decomposed corpse of Ruth.)

SR: What are the most boring and exciting parts of your job?

Eileen: The most boring is it's hard work and it's in Brooklyn. The most exciting part is I'm recognized and can get club work (such as singing, one of her first loves).

SR: Do you get tired of being recognized and giving autographs?

Eileen: Out in public the people are very sweet and quite often say how much they enjoy my work. I never get tired of hearing that ... or giving autographs.

SR: That's very gracious of you.

Eileen: That's what I've been told.

SR: Do you have any plans to one day return to Asheville to live?

Eileen: No, I'll stay in New York. Asheville's beautiful, and I come back to visit about every year, but I love New York.

West Asheville People

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Gaines Is Given Rank Of Lieutenant

Lt. Hoyt D. Gaines, son of Mrs. Janet Cook, 60 Logan avenue, West Asheville was graduated in aerial observer class 43-E today at Brooks Field, Texas.

LT. GAINES

He received his lieutenant commission at the armored forces candidate school, Fort Knox, Ky., before being sent to Texas.

Lt. Gaines was associated with the city of Asheville prior to entering the service.

Asheville Times May 24, 1943

T. Sgt. Gamble Is Visiting Relatives

Technical Sgt. H. Malcolm Gamble of the army air forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Gamble of Gastonia, is spending a 15-day furlough with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Putnam of 158 Brevard road, and his relatives here.

GAMBLE

Sgt. Gamble, who is an aerial gunnery instructor at March Field, Calif., entered the service in April, 1942. He received basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., and also attended aviation mechanics school there. He received aerial gunnery training at Las Vegas, Nev. There he was awarded his silver wings.

Sgt. Gamble instructs air crews for B-24 combat duty. He has been stationed at Kingman Field, Ariz., and March Field.

Prior to entering the service Sgt. Gamble was a photographer for the Citizen-Times company. His wife, who also returned from California, has been residing at March Field with him. They will return to March Field Saturday.

Both Sgt. and Mrs. Gamble are members of the West Asheville Methodist church and were active in young people's work there before leaving the city.

Asheville Times May 12, 1944

Asheville Citizen January 26, 1952

GAMBLE

GLENN

TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS, of the Asheville Citizen-Times, Malcolm Gamble and June Glenn Jr., took top honors last night in the photographic contest of the North Carolina Press Association. Gamble won first prize and Glenn second. (Citizen Photos)

C-T Cameramen Win Press Awards

Two Asheville Citizen - Times photographers, Malcolm Gamble and June Glenn Jr., were signally honored last night when they were awarded first and second places respectively in the photographic contest conducted by the North Carolina Press Association. The awards for 1951 were presented at the annual banquet held at Duke University.

Gamble's first prize winner was "Still of the Night," photographed on Patton Avenue after midnight and shows B. J. Johnson, veteran street cleaner, pushing a lonely broom on the deserted thoroughfare.

This picture was carried as the featured shot for a full-page layout entitled "Asheville After Midnight." It has a strong atmospheric quality plus the ghostly quality associated with a practically deserted street.

The street flusher had just passed along Patton Avenue a few minutes before the picture was made and th wetness of the pavement tended to step up the contrast and enhance the value of the reflected lights.

1951
PRESS AWARD

North Carolina Press Association

Member North Carolina PRESS ASSOCIATION

Best Photograph

Daily Division

FIRST PLACE

H. MALCOLM GAMBLE

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES

Asheville, N. C.

January 25, 1952

Beatrice Cobb
Secretary

Thomas J. Lassiter
President

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Gamble's photos portray an Asheville from a bygone era

Visiting our past

A camera club that met in the Bledsoe Building in West Asheville in 1936 ushered Malcolm Gamble into a career as one of the most important photojournalists in Western North Carolina.

Rob Neufeld

One of his shutter-brothers was John E. Jones, city editor at the Asheville Times. Jones brought his protégé on board as a copy boy.

Gamble pulled tape off the teletype machine and got first news of Hitler's invasion of Poland when five bells announced the "flash" item. He also departed at a moment's notice to photograph "spot" news, emulating the heroes of newsreels and comics.

Only a few months after Jimmy Olson first headed out with Clark Kent, Gamble was called to action by Jones upon the hearing of an explosion at the quarry where Westgate Mall now stands. Handed a Speed Graphic camera, Gamble ran half a mile from Jones' house on Oakwood Street through pre-Patton Avenue woods to get to work.

Work, in that time of hard news with no qualms, meant snapping pictures of rescue men putting parts of bodies of African-American laborers into bags.

That December, Gamble went with a reporter, Doug Brookshire, to cover a strike by Asheville Mica Co. workers at their Swannanoa River plant. The eager newspapermen climbed atop a tobacco warehouse to view the picket line. A thrown bottle hit Brookshire in the face and busted his glasses. When Gamble went to photograph a woman warming herself by a streetside fire, a strike leader threatened him, evidently not possessed of the modern protester's penchant for publicity.

Picture the worlds of John Dos Passos, John Steinbeck and Carl Sandburg. Like Sandburg's Chicago, Asheville was a husky, brawling place of big shoulders.

There were some stories and photos that the newspaper withheld, despite the drama. As a reporter/photographer with the Citizen-Times in 1946, Gamble visited Mission Hospital to document accidents. There was a boy whose airborne car had smashed into a building. Gamble got the doctor's and then the boy's permission to photograph him. The young man struggled to a sitting position and smiled, "I'm just a publicity ham."

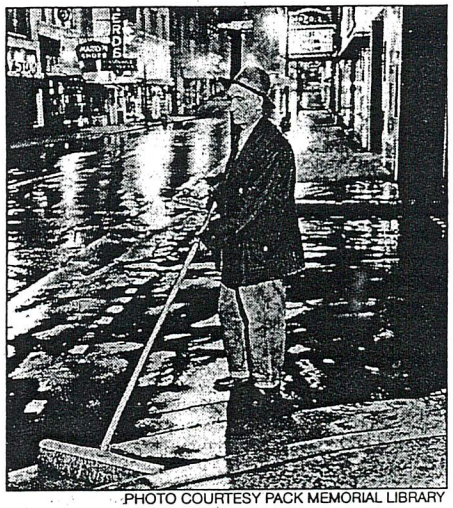
By the time Gamble got back to the office with his film, a pertinent piece of news had preceded him. The boy had died. The usually unblushing news business stepped aside for heartbreak.

When the 1950s emerged from the postwar years with a feeling of modernism, Asheville and Gamble retained their populist touch. Photographing two patricidal teenage boys in a rural jailhouse, Gamble mixed his chemicals in a Biltmore Ice Cream pan, and sent the resultant print line-by-line via a Graflarger attached to the jail's telephone connection.

In 1951, Gamble created a photo spread called "Asheville after Midnight." He found a street cleaner named B.J. Johnson working on Patton Avenue at 1:30 a.m. Gamble kept his shutter open for 15 seconds, while the street cleaner stood still and Gamble set off flashes. The photo won the North Carolina Press Association Award and has become a symbol of Gamble's Asheville of yore.

Gamble photos on exhibit

"My Town, My Times: The Photographs of Malcolm Gamble" is on display at West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Road, from Sunday to Sept. 25. The opening and reception is at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Call 251-4990 for more information.



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Malcolm Gamble photo of Asheville street cleaner B.J. Johnson was part of a 1951 feature of the city's graveyard shift.

Rob Neufeld writes the weekly local history feature, "Visiting Our Past," for the Citizen-Times, and may be reached art RNeufeld@charter.net or 768-2665.

Ewart Ball/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Malcolm Gamble of Enka snapped pictures of Bob Hope, Rod Stewart, Presidents Nixon and Reagan and other celebrities during his 40 years as a photographer for the Citizen-Times. But mostly, he chronicled everyday life in WNC.

Photographer's works chronicle vibrant history in mountains

ASHEVILLE — He spent more than 40 years making photographs for the Asheville Citizen-Times, snapping pictures of mountain men and women and millionaire movie stars. But Malcolm Gamble never considered it work.

"It was more like a hobby," said Gamble, now 83 and retired for almost 20 years from the newspaper game. "I enjoyed meeting a lot of different people."

Today, more than two dozen of his photographs will go on display at the West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Road. Gamble donated more than 6,000 images to the Asheville-Buncombe Library System — together they chronicle local history from the late 1930s through the mid-1980s. Since retiring, Gamble and his wife, Cybil, have traveled the world, and he still carries a camera everywhere. "I wouldn't be caught without one," he said.

For more on Malcolm Gamble, see today's Arts & Living section, **page E1**.

TONY KISS

GAMBLE: Taking pictures at a time when pictures didn't lie

pair of scissors. I could have killed that guy, but he thought it was very funny."

On-the-job training

In his early days with the paper, there were no full-time photographers, Gamble remembered. Pictures were shot by professionals, who then provided them to the papers. But finally, the Citizen and Times hired their first photographer, and Gamble became an assistant, "mixing chemicals" and he was eventually given duties as a reporter/photographer.

In 1942, just after the United States entered World War II, Gamble quickly joined the old U.S. Army Air Corps but was never sent overseas. At war's end, he returned to Asheville and, in 1947, rejoined the newspapers for the princely sum of $45 a week.

"The reason I switched finally to photography, I would get stories from people and the next day, they would say 'That's not the way I told you that.' And I got tired of hearing that. In those days, the story goes that pictures couldn't lie. Now, they do lie in many ways."

He remembers covering the big breaking stories, including a deadly quarry explosion near where the Westgate shopping center now stands. "Patton Avenue, where we know it now (near Bi-Lo, Kmart and other current landmarks) was not built — it was just a forest, and Louisiana Avenue was a dirt road. Word came that there had been an explosion at the quarry and they handed me a Speed Graphic, and I ran across country and shot pictures. "

Through the years, Gamble and other Citizen-Times photographers changed equipment, moving from the bulky Speed Graphics to Rolleiflex cameras to 35-millimeter models.

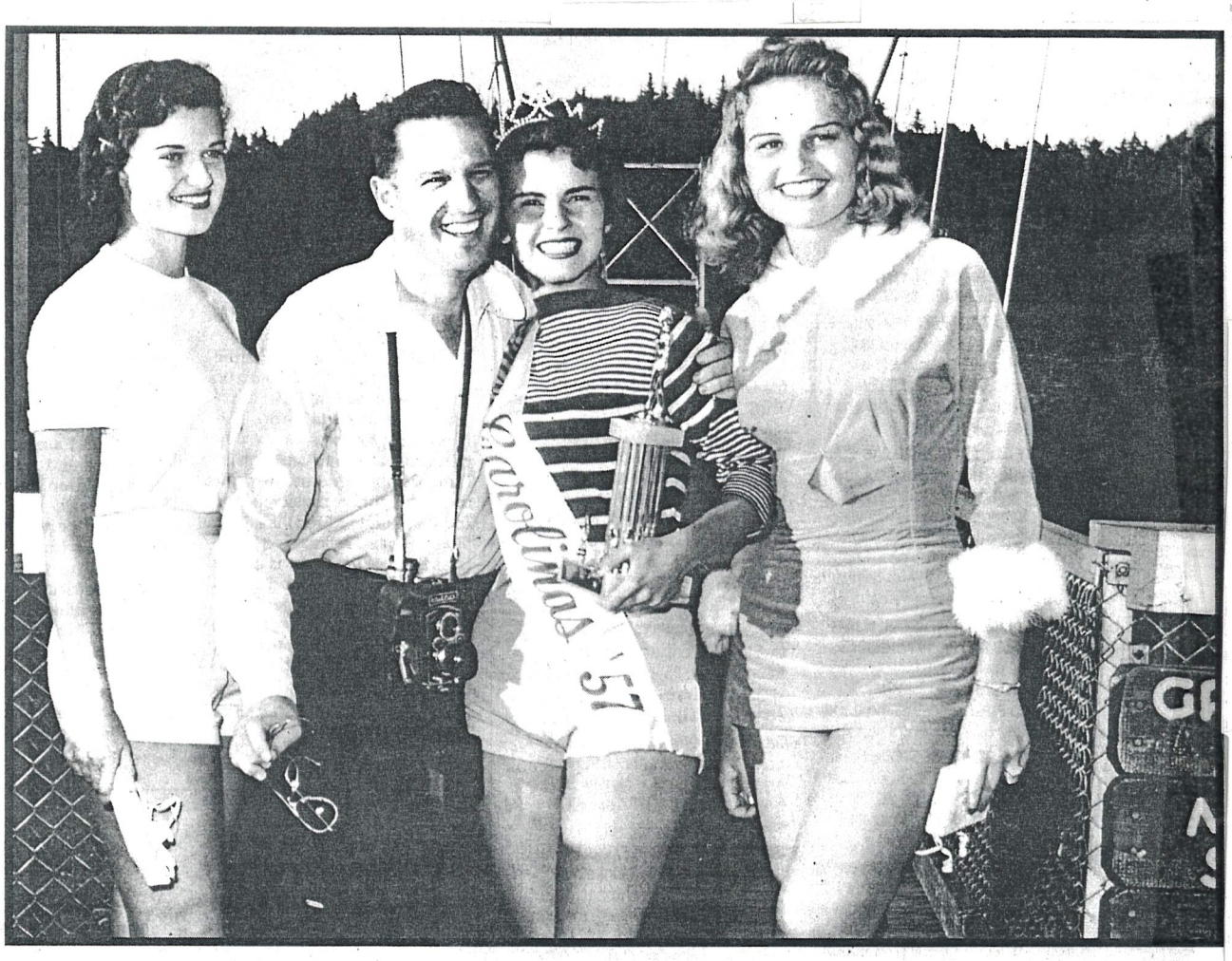
Today, Citizen-Times shooters use digital cameras, and Gamble has one, too.

"I hate digital, but I shoot it," he said. "I hate it because I don't know what's going on in there. With film, I knew it all."

ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF MALCOLM GAMBL

Above left, photographer Malcolm Gamble worked for the Asheville Citizen-Times from 1937 through 1986, except during World War I and a few years after.
At right, Malcolm Gamble won a North Carolina Press Association award for this 1951 image of a street cleaner on Patton Avenue. The picture was shot at the corner of Patton Avenue and Church Street, just in front of the Drhumor Building. The Imperial Theatre seen in this image is long gone — the location is now a parking lot and the Eckerd drug store is the current home of the Stella Blue nightclub.

Malcolm Gamble made thousands of images during his long career at the Asheville Citizen-Times. Though he photographed movie stars and presidents, he also found inspiration in the mountain men and women living around the region. Gamble said the best part about working at the newspaper was "meeting a lot of different people."



Exhibiting the pictures of a lifetime

Former news photographer has show at West Asheville Library

COURTESY OF MALCOLM GAMBLE

As a photographer, Malcolm Gamble also found inspiration in the simple scenes of everyday life — such as his dog playing in his shoe.

By Tony Kiss
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

ASHEVILLE — Back in 1937, Malcolm Gamble walked into the decrepit old offices of the Asheville Citizen and Asheville Times to start work as a copy boy. Who would know that it would change his life forever?

"I was paid $7 a week," he said. "I was 15 or 16, very young. My job was to pull stuff off from the AP wire when it came in. I worked in the library, I did a little bit of everything."

Gamble stayed with it, moving into the job of reporter, then photographer. Except for duty during World War II and a few years after, he worked for the newspapers until 1986, shooting thousands of photographs, from mountaineers to beauty queens, the poor and the presidents (Reagan, Nixon and George H.W. Bush).

Please see GAMBLE on E7

On exhibit

What: "My Town, My Times: The Photographs of Malcolm Gamble"
Where: West Asheville Branch Library, 942 Haywood Road
When: Through Sept. 25
Opening reception: 2:30 p.m. today

Ewart Ball/STAFF PHOTOGRAPH

Malcolm Gamble spent a lifetime making photographs in Western North Carolina — and though he retired from the Asheville Citizen-Times almost 20 years ago, he has continued carrying a camera in his travels around the world. Gamble began working for the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times in 1937 (they were then separate papers), and during his long career he photographed everyone from American presidents to pageant contestants, shown above.

Long retired, but still active and youthful, and always traveling somewhere with his wife, Cybil, Gamble's work has never been collected for a show — until now. Starting today, about 30 of his photographs go on display at the West Asheville Library on Haywood Road. He gave the library 6,000 of his old negatives, from which this show was assembled. "They have four or five of my good ones," he modestly said.

Days of typewriters, copy boys

Gamble, now 83 and an Asheville native, learned photo journalism the old-fashioned way, hitting the street with his old Speed Graphic camera and looking for a picture, no matter what it took, then dashing back to the newspaper at breakneck speed to make deadline.

In 1937, radio was still new in Asheville, television was decades away, and the morning Asheville Citizen and afternoon Asheville Times were fiercely competing daily papers, located at 25 Haywood St., in the spot now occupied by the Woolworth Walk art gallery.

"When the press ran, (the building) would move a foot from the vibration," he said. "That building was incredible. The newsroom was up on the second floor. Going down to the press was a steep, steep set of stairs and no railing. It was interesting going down those stairs when the press was running."

The newsroom was populated by eccentric and colorful characters who enjoyed stunts and practical jokes and some who overenjoyed the use of alcohol, he said.

In 1939, the newspaper moved into his modern new art deco offices, just around the corner at 14 O.Henry Ave., where it still operates today. Gamble and other staffers such as retired women's page editor Mary Ellen Wolcott carried their typewriters and equipment into the new space.

"We had fun, and we played a lot of tricks, but we did our job," she said. "We had a guy who worked the telegraph desk, and every morning you'd come in, and he'd cut your tie off with a

H. Malcolm Gamble was born at 21 Bartlett St. in Asheville, North Carolina, April 19, 1921. He was the 3rd child of Thomas Austin Gamble and Thelma Michael Gamble. His father managed a variety store, and the family moved often in Malcolm's younger years. He began school in Danville, Virginia. The family later moved to Texas for a while. "I thought 'The Eyes of Texas' was the national anthem!" Malcolm remembers. Returning to Asheville, he attended the old Murray School, and then Grace High School. Well-known Asheville educator Ira B. Jones (for whom Ira B. Jones Elementary School is named) was principal of Grace HS at that time. "At lunchtime he used to loan us his Oldsmobile to go downtown to get something to eat," Malcolm says. "You could do that in those days!"

The eyes of Texas are upon you
All the live long days
The eyes of Texas are upon you
And you cannot get away

Do not think you can escape them
From night till early in the morn
The eyes of Texas are upon you
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Malcolm's Favorite Joke:

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They bought a house and raised a family. They still went to watch the planes. Sometimes the man would say, "Honey, I'd really love to go up in a plane one time." But they had the children to educate, and then they were saving for retirement, so his wife always said, "Ten dollars is ten dollars."

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The couple got in the plane and the pilot took off. They flew around a while and there wasn't a word out of the old couple. The pilot banked the plane to the right and then to the left; still not a sound out of his passengers. So he did some loops and rolls; silence from the back of the plane.

So the pilot landed, and turned to help the old man and his wife, but he didn't see the wife anywhere. "Where's your wife?" he asked.

"She fell out." the old man said.

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E X H I B I T O P E N I N G

MY TOWN, MY TIMES

The Photographs of Malcolm Gamble

August 29 – September 25, 2004

"Still of the Night," by Malcolm Gamble
First Place, NC Press Association, 1951

Exhibit Opening and Reception
2:30 PM
Sunday, August 29
West Asheville Branch Library
942 Haywood Rd.

The Friends of West Asheville Branch Library and the Asheville-Buncombe Library System are pleased to present an exhibit of the photographs of West Asheville's own **Malcolm Gamble,** whose career as an award-winning news photographer at the *Asheville Citizen-Times* spanned 40 years. A longtime patron and Friend of the Asheville-Buncombe Library System, Mr. Gamble served on the Library Board for eight years, including two years as chairman. In 2003, he donated over 6000 negatives to the Asheville-Buncombe Library System. Selected by Mr. Gamble and the North Carolina Reference staff at Pack Memorial Library, these photographs reflect the richly varied assignments of local news photography in the 1950s. The exhibit was arranged and hung by Angie Dunfee.

Free and open to the public. Call West Asheville Branch Library, 251-4990 for information.

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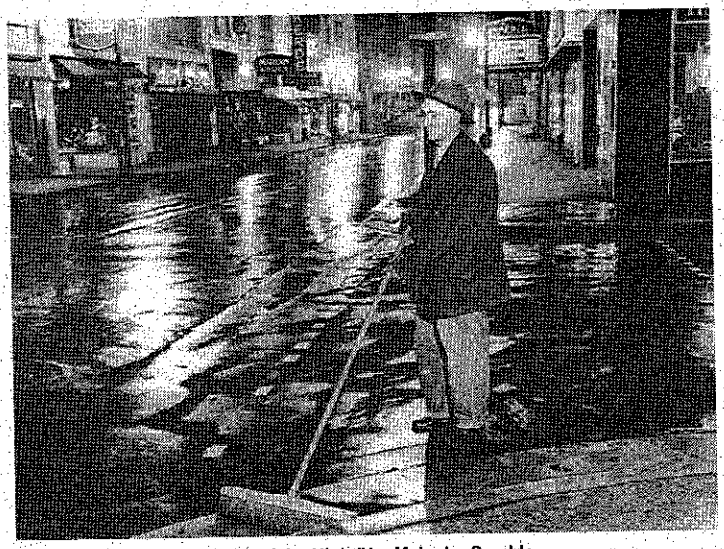


***"Still of the Night"* by Malcolm Gamble**
North Carolina Press Association Photograph of the Year, 1951

MY TOWN, MY TIMES
H. Malcolm Gamble Talks about His Career in News Photography

H. Malcolm Gamble's news photography of the 1950s and early 1960s reflects the focus of a hometown newspaper in that era. In 1950, Asheville, North Carolina, population 53,000, was Western North Carolina's largest urban center. WLOS-TV was a fledgling television station then, and many people did not even own a television set., and radio coverage of local news was slim. Most still got the news from a local newspaper. The Asheville *Citizen* (in the morning) and the Asheville *Times* (afternoon) were the region's major daily papers. They were delivered to urban homes by legions of "paper boys", and to rural subscribers by US Mail. Located in a new, modern building at 14 O. Henry Avenue in downtown Asheville, with a combined circulation in the thousands, and dual editions (city and state) of both papers, the 80-year old newspaper could rightly claim to be *"The Voice of the Mountains".*

Gamble himself started as a delivery boy for the *Times* on a West Asheville route, and later worked as a copy boy and a reporter before turning to news photography. Recalling the switch, Gamble says, **"I was a reporter for a while. I would write a story one day, and the next day I'd get a call from a politician saying, 'You didn't get that right.' After that happened a few times, I decided to be a photographer, because in those days, a photograph didn't lie!"**

As a staff photographer, Gamble began his day with an "assignment card" prepared by the editors, detailing the 6 or 7 pictures the editors wanted for the next edition. **"Dick Wynne used to say, 'This (assignment) is not much. But we need a picture. See what you can make of it.' That was a great attitude—he knew what we were up against on some of those assignments."** Shooting in black and white (using a Speed-Graphic for years, then a Rolleiflex, later a Leica and finally a Nikon), he went after the day's quota of photographs. **"The Asheville Citizen-Times bought the cameras for you: most papers didn't. When I first went to work for the paper they had three Graphics. I was low man on the totem pole, and I got the one that the range finder wouldn't work. For at least a year, I shot 'guess' focus, on a 5 1/4 inch lens, and that's doing pretty good!"** Returning to the office, he developed and printed his shots. Photographers took the pictures, but editors decided where to run them and how many columns they would get. **"They never ran the pictures big enough to suit us!"** he says ruefully. **"Ask any photographer: BIGGER is better! The editors had the final say, but that didn't keep us from telling them what we thought!"**

Typical assignments included the police and Court House beat, hospitals and schools, civic clubs, celebrities, political, social, and sporting events, and conventions, weather events and nature scenes, fires, wrecks, and new construction. **"When I started, most of us didn't own a car, so the paper would give us taxi tickets—usually Blue Bird. Often there wasn't much time between events—we really had to hustle to get everything in before the deadline. We went after a lot more hard news photographs in those days,"** Malcolm remembers. **"They always wanted pictures of wrecks—train wrecks and plane crashes especially were a big deal. They would send us out to get pictures of any new building. And whenever it snowed, the editors wanted a picture for the morning paper."**

In addition to coping with the daily time constraints, photographers dealt with a large cross-section of the public day in and day out.. Most people were nice, but there were some challenges. **"I was making a picture at the old Battery Park, and there was this couple that obviously reeked of money—you've seen the type. I'm setting them up, bringing them close together—you know, maybe him across her shoulder, something like that. I was on a deadline, and had to hurry. This woman says, 'Well, young man, that's not the way the New York Times would do it.' And I said, 'Well, this is not the New York Times, this is the Asheville Times!"**

Aviation, an early interest, was a strong element through most of Gamble's career. After the war, the availability of local flying services made possible on-the-spot coverage of events throughout the region. Aerial photography documented the changing face of Western North Carolina, and offered dramatic new perspectives on familiar places. It was popular with the public, and Gamble frequently received aerial assignments. Flying out of the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport or the Emma Airfield, often with pilot Lacey Griffin at the controls, he spent hours in the air on his way to events or snapping bird's-eye views of Asheville area. **"I loved flying."** he says. But there were some close calls.

"Once when the French Broad River flooded, Earl Freeman (a reporter) and I decided to get some pictures. He was also a pilot for the Civil Air Patrol, which kept a plane at the Emma Airfield. The fuel pumps at Emma were kept locked when the manager wasn't there, which was most of the time. We got out there, and Earl checked the fuel level in the plane with a stick. When he pulled it out, there was nothing on it! We couldn't get any fuel— everything was locked up tight. Earl said, 'We'll just fly to Hendersonville and get some gas there.' So we took off, and I shot some pictures along the way. We got there, and <u>it was under water</u>!' Earl looked at me with his eyes big as saucers and said, 'Well, if I can get this thing up to 10,000 feet, I can glide into Emma!' And that's what we did."

Gamble's professional career took off in the 1950s. In 1951, his photograph of an Asheville street sweeper was awarded first place by the Carolina Press Photographers Association, and in 1954 the Association named him Photographer of the Year for North and South Carolina. **"The award was given on the basis of a portfolio of work. I included a photo of a cow falling off a cliff—it was a really incredible shot, until you knew the story. The cow had gotten hung up over the high bank there where Westgate is now. They finally had to shoot her, and she fell. When I told the judges how I made the shot, one of them said, 'If I had known that, I wouldn't have voted for you!' But it was too late then!"**

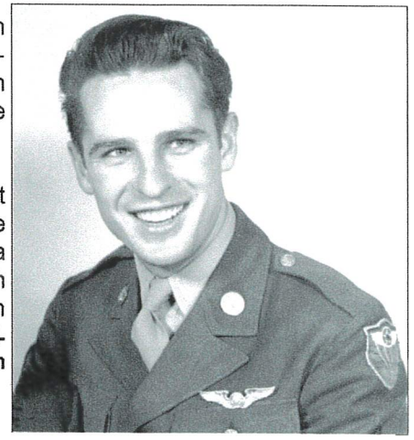
The news-heavy 1960s were a time of transition for the *Citizen* and *Times,* as ownership passed out of local hands for the first time. **"I was sorry to see local ownership end. We did our assignments the same way, but there was more editorializing in the content."** People were increasingly interested in national and world news, but there was still plenty of local news to cover, and Gamble, noted for speed behind the wheel, was often first on the scene. **"There were some people who wouldn't ride with me. Claude Ramsey rode with me to a bank robbery in North Asheville in the 60s,"** he recalls. **"I guess I might have burned a little rubber getting there. Anyway, he took a taxi back!"**

By the early 1970s, news photographers were using 35 mm cameras—usually Nikons—which were smaller and easier to carry around, and considerably cheaper on film. They offered virtually unlimited shooting. But less was riding on the individual photographer's skill and judgment. **"One time we were down at Chapel Hill covering a football game. Some photographers from LIFE magazine were there. They took 100,000 shots that afternoon—the magazine ran 3. I call that machine-gunning. I told them, 'My 6-year old daughter could shoot like that and get something sensational!'"**

Gamble officially retired from the paper in 1986, but he continued to work part-time for another couple of years. Thinking back to the early decades of his career, he says, **"I've known and worked with so many good photographers: Ewart Ball, Jr., Ewart Ball III, Frank Clodfelter, Allen Culbertson, Earl Freeman, June Glenn, Don Hunter, Dick Mauldin, Hugh Morton, Robert Putnam, Bill Sanders, Bill Warren, Juanita Wilson, and so many more. We started out together, taking black and whites. Shot 'em ourselves, developed 'em ourselves, printed 'em ourselves. We taught each other. The whole key was the Truth. There was no embellishment, no 'spin'. News photography is 1/2 photographic skill and 1/2 dealing with people. I liked people and I liked the work. I had a career that was almost more of a hobby."**

Asked if he misses the work, Gamble replies: **"You know what I really miss? I've missed meeting the people, more than anything else."**

H. Malcolm Gamble
Biography



H. Malcolm Gamble early in his career.

H. Malcolm Gamble was born at 21 Bartlett St. in Asheville, North Carolina, on April 19, 1921. He was the third child of Thomas Austin Gamble and Thelma Michael Gamble. His father managed a variety store, and the family moved often in Malcolm's younger years. When they returned to Asheville, Malcolm attended the old Murray Hill Elementary School and then Grace High School.

While living on Majestic Avenue in West Asheville, Malcolm began working a West Asheville paper route delivering the *Asheville Times*. With his earnings, he bought his first camera, a Speed-Graphic. In his senior year, he took a job as a copy boy at the *Citizen*, earning $7 a week. About the same time, he joined with young local photographers Johnny Jones, Roger Deloach, and Charles Mills to run a small studio in the Bledsoe Building on Haywood Rd. **"We did all our own developing. Johnny would buy a box of photographic paper, and we would put a dime in the box for every sheet we used."**

Graduating from Grace High School in 1937, Malcolm worked for the paper until he joined the Air Force in early 1942. On February 17, 1942, he married Rosemary Putnam in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In the service, he trained as a gunnery instructor for the Air Force, and became head of a gunnery school in Arizona. He later served as a flight instructor. After the war, the Gambles returned to Asheville. In 1947, a call from old friend (and later City Editor) Johnny Jones brought him back to the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, for a weekly paycheck of $45 a week. **"Pretty good pay in those days!"** he remarks.

The 1950s and 1960s were busy times. Malcolm and Rosemary bought a home on Shepherd Drive, just off the Leicester Highway, and settled down to raise their children, H.M. "Mickey", Jr., Robert, and Sue Ellen. Malcolm's photographs received recognition: He won numerous awards throughout the period, and in 1954 the Carolina Press Photographers Association named him Photographer of the Year for North and South Carolina. Papers such as the *Charlotte Observer* and the *Atlanta Constitution* sought to lure him away from Asheville, but failed. **"This was where I wanted to raise my family,"** he says.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Malcolm, now an old hand in the business, continued to shoot the news across Western North Carolina as 35 mm cameras and then computers began to alter news journalism. In 1986, he retired from the paper; shortly afterward, he lost Rosemary to cancer. Malcolm remained active in the community, serving on the Board of the Asheville-Buncombe Library System for eight years, two as Chairman.

After a whirlwind courtship, he married Sunday School classmate Sybil Duckett. They recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. He and Sybil enjoy traveling and activities at Trinity United Church in West Asheville, where Malcolm has been a member since 1937. Looking back, he says, **"I've been so lucky in my life, in everything."**

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Comments of H. Malcolm Gamble

Section 1: Area Landmarks

Asheville-Hendersonville Airport nears Completion: *"I flew out of this airport so many times. When I made this shot, they were nearly ready to open the new terminal."*

Asheville-Biltmore College: *"A lot of people don't know that Asheville-Biltmore College, now UNC Asheville, began in this building on Sunset Mountain—the old Seely's Castle. This shot was later used on a postcard."*

Ferris Wheel and Merry –Go-Round at Recreation Park: *"The paper ran a lot of pictures of Recreation Park in the 1950s and early 1960s. It was a great place to go in those days, and there were always lots of people there, so a photographer could get some really interesting shots, like this one of the merry-go-round. The ferris wheel shot is a timed exposure—people always seem to like that effect."*

Mount Mitchell Parking Lot: *"We did pictures of Mount Mitchell several times a year. There was a travel explosion in the 1950s, because finally almost every family had a car, and gas was cheap. We did a lot of shooting that promoted the appeal of the area as a tourist destination. Mount Mitchell was one the places that tourists came here to see, and local people loved to go up there too. The crowded parking lot you see here was not unusual in those days."*

Thomas Wolfe Memorial: "*This was a nighttime sound and light show to celebrate Wolfe's birthday, October 3. This photo was taken in 1960; at that time the Wolfe House Memorial was still a fairly new thing. It was beginning to be a definite tourist attraction—I wouldn't say huge numbers, but it was surprising the number of people who came here because of Thomas Wolfe. You could often get an interesting shot at The Old Kentucky Home."*

Section 2: A Tough Job, but Somebody's Got to Do It

"The Carolina Press Photographers Association had a beauty contest every year. Each photographer would sponsor a girl. In 1957 I sponsored Marcie Hampton from West Asheville, and she won! Naturally, someone took pictures!" On the swinging bridge at Grandfather Mountain.

Section 3: Maria Beale Fletcher Homecoming Parade

The Winky Special: *"I thought this was a great shot!"*

Rhododendron Club Float: *"Throughout the 1950s and into the 1960s, there were a lot of parades in Asheville. The whole community participated, and the paper usually gave them a lot of coverage. The Rhododendron Club was one of the well-known clubs at that time. Everybody wanted to be part of this parade!"*

Maria Beale Fletcher: *" Maria Beale Fletcher was Miss Asheville, and then Miss North Carolina before becoming Miss America. She was a superbly easy person for photographers to work with—she was so nice to everyone. This photo was taken near her home in East Asheville."*

Maria Beale Fletcher with Eliada Home Children: *"As I said, everyone turned out for this parade. At that time Eliada Home brought the children out for most civic events. I think Maria kind of reminds you of Audrey Hepburn in this shot."*

Welcome Home Miss America: *"There was so much excitement and pride here when she won the title! It was the biggest thing that had happened to Asheville in a long time. I think more people attended that parade than any other parade that I remember here."*

Section 4: Sports

"Local high school sports were really important here throughout the 1950s and into the 1960s. Lots of kids participated, and the paper gave them a lot of coverage, particularly when the paper was still locally owned. You always tried to get a sports shot at some critical moment—like the one of the high jumper or the relay race runner. I really like the way the steeplechase shot turned out—you can just feel that horse coming over the hurdle. I always enjoyed taking the sports shots—we all did. I got some great shots of the basketball tournaments they used to have at the old City Auditorium."

Section 5: Urban Aerial Views

"Of course, we had to fly pretty low to get these shots—about 300 feet or so. The thing about flying low was that you cut out the haze. We always shot through an open door or window. There was a character in Asheville in those days who used to cal the FAA on us and complain about us being too low every time we did these flights. We always notified the Tower before we took off, because we were flying lower than regulations allowed. You probably couldn't get away with that now."

Pritchard Park: *"You can see a lot here that's gone now.* **Penney's, Bon Marche, Woolworth's,** *on Haywood St. The* **George Vanderbilt Hotel** *was still in business. Do you see the old city bus there?"*

Vance Monument: *"A lot of this has changed—***Barefoot & Tatum's Drug Store** *and the* **Pack Square Pharmacy** *are gone, to name a couple. Do you see the old Paramount Theater back there on College St.? I went to my first Brigitte Bardot movie in that theater!"*

Section 6: Landscapes

Autumn, Beaver Lake: *"It's very hard to capture the vibrancy of the fall season in black and white, but I think I did pretty well in this shot. It's one of my favorite pictures."*

Infrared Forest/River: *Infrared photography uses a special film to create a more dramatic shot. Ansel Adams shot mainly infrared. When you take an infrared shot you have to set the range finder just back of "Infinity". I always thought that "back of Infinity" was a concept unique to photography."*

Woods in Winter, Biltmore Forest: *"A lot of folks thought this shot was really striking. One of the banks used it for their Christmas postcard that year. Incidentally, my daughter was in the paper a half a dozen times—whenever it snowed they always wanted a nice shot for the morning paper, and she was convenient! City Editor Johnny Jones used to say that the paper ran more snow pictures that came off the Leicester Highway (Gamble's neighborhood) than anywhere else!"*

Section 7: Aerial Views, Asheville Area

"I took a lot of aerial shots. I remember one time when a local pilot crashed his plane on Mount Mitchell and a photographer from the paper had been out to get some shots. At that time the paper didn't have the facilities to transmit photos to the AP. So they sent me with another pilot to fly the pictures down to Greenville, South Carolina. We got started, and down just below Saluda this layer of clouds came. The pilot looked at me and said, 'I'm turning back. I don't want my picture in the paper, do you?!'

French Broad River along Amboy Rd., West Asheville: *"This shot shows Carrier Field on Amboy Rd. in West Asheville. You can see a plane beside it. My first flight ever was out of carrier Field. Pilot Joe Musleh took me up in his Tri-Motor Ford. It cost $5. You know, a B-26 landed there after the war (WW II), but the runway was too short for it to take off. They didn't think they would be able to fly it out. Col. Boyd (later General Boyd, in charge of the X-15 program) from Alexander came out, attached jets under the wings, and he flew it out of there. People were totally amazed at the time. You can see the dirt track for the New Asheville Speedway there too—it was just getting started then. You can see some of the Pisgah View Apartments on the hill to the left."*

Craven St. and the French Broad River: *You can see the Southern Railway Bridge toward the top, then the Smoky Park Bridge, then the Smith Bridge. Smoky Park Bridge was just one bridge in this picture—it was before they added the extra lanes. This is the old Smith Bridge that was replaced in the 1980s. Along the river on the left you can see the old W.S. Harrison Auto Parts place—that's John Bell's place now. You can see Hillcrest Apartments at the upper right, and Westgate at upper left."*

Swimming Pool at Recreation Park: *"This is another shot from Recreation Park. That swimming pool was busy whenever the Park was open. You can see Henrietta the elephant in the upper right, and the Kiwanis miniature train in the lower right."*
The Indian elephant "Henrietta" was 11 years old when this picture was made. Swannanoa River is visible in lower right corner.

Southern Railway Yard: *"Here you can see the roundhouse, and a few trains on the tracks—by then the railroads had lost a lot of business, so it wasn't nearly as busy as it was even 5 years before. My father-in-law worked in the Roundhouse. In fat, he had a heart attack and died there. You can see the haze in this photo."*
Meadow Rd. runs behind the Roundhouse, with the Swannanoa River in the trees behind the road. Carrier Bridge is to the far right, and Carrier Field is visible toward the top of the picture.

Section 8: The River in Winter

"Any kind of unusual weather rated a picture, and winter weather especially. We had to get out on those roads and go—boy, I tell you, there were times I slid all over the place. Never got hurt, though. And I always got the picture!"

French Broad River Frozen Over, Amboy Rd.: *"I've taken a lot of winter pictures along this stretch of the river—it would always freeze over first right here, at Harrin Sand and Gravel."*

French Broad River Frozen Over, Marshall, NC: *"I don't think I'd ever seen this much ice in the river. It's been a good while since this has happened around here."*

Section 9: Wrecks of One Kind and Another

Plane Crash at Crossnore, NC: *"This plane crash at Crossnore happened at noon on a Sunday, just church was letting out. The pilot was one of the orphans from the Sloop's school down there. The tip of one of the wings just grazed a lady's ear—otherwise nobody was hurt. The pilot walked away without a scratch. This picture ran in LIFE magazine."*

Wreck of Truck Hauling Chickens: *"This wreck happened on the Old Fort Mountain—you know how bad that old road was. There were chickens, feathers, and chicken crates scattered all the way down the mountainside. You never saw such a mess."*

It's All Over Now: *"Now this picture was made right outside the Citizen-Times building. This guy had was coming down the street, he'd already hit 4 or 5 cars before he ran into the one that stopped him. The city detectives just happened to be there. The guy was in pretty rough shape, but don't you think he's dressed nice?"*

House Fire: *"The paper ran a lot of pictures of fires. I always hated to go to a house fire—you knew that was somebody's life going up in smoke. I thought this picture came out pretty well, though, because you can see the flames. Sometimes that was hard to get."*

Train Wreck near the Southern RR Yard: *"Train wrecks were a big thing. There were always a lot of spectators at train wrecks. It was unbelievable to see all that steel—we're talking about tons of it—tossed off the tracks and pulled out of the road bed. It was something to see. I remember a train wreck in Newton, NC. Bill Warren (another photographer) and I were the first ones on the scene. As wew were walking along the tracks, Jesse James Bailey came up to us and wanted to know what we were doing there. He had once been Sheriff of Buncombe County and also, at one time, Sheriff of Madison County. He was working for the railroad at this time. He told us that we didn't have permission to be there, and threatened to arrest us. Bill said to me, 'You take the photos, Malcolm, and get 'em back to the paper. I'll let him arrest me.' But Bailey was just talking—nobody got arrested. That picture won best in the state that year."*

Section 10: The Public Library in the News

Pen & Plate Club Gives Library $500: *"Well, this was news for two reasons: $500 was a substantial donation to the library, and of course, since Jamie Clarke was presenting it, that was another reason to cover it. Jamie used to write editorials for the paper. He had an office right next to mine. There was a sort of an overhang out in the hallway and we used to go out there and see who could jump up and touch it. Well, later on, after Jamie got to be a Congressman, he got an award from the TVA, and the paper sent me to cover it. The TVA people were all dressed up very formally, and acting like it was a very serious affair. They went on and on. I waited as long as I could, but you know, I had a deadline. Finally, I stuck my head in there and told Jamie I needed to get a picture and get back. He came out, and there was an open doorframe just across the hall—he started jumping up, hitting that doorframe, and that's how I shot the picture! The guys from TVA didn't know what to think."*

Mrs. Coxe Berlage and Mary Parker: *"We usually covered anything going on with The Friends of the Library. And in this picture is one of the best friends this library has ever had, and a good friend of mine too—Mary Parker."*

Opening Day, North Asheville Branch Library: *"They sent us to get pictures whenever a new building went up somewhere. Of course, at that time, these new branch libraries were a big deal, because it was the first time Asheville had branch libraries, and people were really proud of them."*

Section 11: Portraits

African-American Woman: *"I can't remember exactly where I made this photograph. I think it's really a good picture because she's so gracious and dignified, and her friendliness comes through so well."*

A Shared Treat: *"Some days they would just send us out to look for pictures—that's how I got this one. Photographing children was always a mixed bag, but they seemed to react favorably to me."*

Lady Feeding the Ducks: *"This was in Biltmore Forest. We did a fair number of animal pictures. One time the paper sent June Glenn and me to get a photograph of the first robin of Spring—that was trhe Editor's idea! Of course, there's robins here all year long. We went down to Aston Park, and I don't know if you've ever tried to get close to a robin, but it's not easy. Whenever I'd think I had a shot, off they'd go. June finally got one that they ran. Another time I had an assignment to get out to Jonathan Creek and photograph the beavers. It was a big thing—the beavers were coming back to Western north Carolina. So I got there, found a place on the creek bank where you could see the beavers had been at work, and sat down to wait. I sat there all day long. Never did see a beaver. I came back to the paper and looked up 'beavers' in the encyclopedia. It said that beavers were nocturnal animals—they work at night!"*

Still of the Night: *"This photograph was part of a layout about people who worked on the graveyard shift. I only took one shot."*

Triplets with Triplets: *"This is one of the few shots I ever took that was at all posed, but of course something like this, you had to pose it."*

Ginseng Dealer: *"I shot this with 35mm film. This man had a little place down on Broadway. I liked the look on his face. He had a certain presence about him that came through in the photograph. You can see a T.S. Morrison calendar on the wall behind him."*

Uncle John Stepp: *"This is Uncle John Stepp from Black Mountain. This is another one of those pictures that I got when I was just out looking one day. I did take a little time with this one, though."*

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"Why didn't you *tell* me?!" demanded the pilot.

"Well," said the old man, "Ten dollars is ten dollars."

H. Malcolm Gamble was born at 21 Bartlett St. in Asheville, North Carolina, April 19, 1921. He was the 3rd child of Thomas Austin Gamble and Thelma Michael Gamble. His father managed a variety store, and the family moved often in Malcolm's younger years. He began school in Danville, Virginia. The family later moved to Texas for a while. "I thought 'The Eyes of Texas' was the national anthem!" Malcolm remembers. Returning to Asheville, he attended the old Murray School, and then Grace High School. Well-known Asheville educator Ira B. Jones (for whom Ira B. Jones Elementary School is named) was principal of Grace HS at that time. "At lunchtime he used to loan us his Oldsmobile to go downtown to get something to eat," Malcolm says. "You could do that in those days!"

The eyes of Texas are upon you
All the live long days
The eyes of Texas are upon you
And you cannot get away

Do not think you can escape them
From night till early in the morn
The eyes of Texas are upon you
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Owen Field/Carrier Field "This picture was made in the late 1950s – you can see that part of the Pisgah View Apartment complex has been completed. My first flight ever was out of Carrier Field. Harrin Sand and Gravel is there about top center. Pilot Joe Musleh took me up in his Tri-Motor Ford. We went up to about 300 feet, circled over the Biltmore Estate, and came back. It cost $5. You know, a B-26 landed there after the War, but the runway was too short for it to take off. They didn't think they would be able to fly it out. Col. Boyd (later General Boyd, in charge of the X-15 program) from Alexander came out, attached jets underneath the wings, and flew it out. People were totally amazed at the time.

One Sunday we were headed out to the old Asheville-Weaverville Speedway to get some shots, and they called us and sent us down to Cherokee—a bridge had fallen into the Oconaluftee River and 4 people had been killed. Traffic was backed up for miles. Lacy Griffin was the pilot, and we were flying a Super Cub. We landed on a slope in a wooded field—I can still remember weaving between the trees to land! I got out and shot the pictures. Then Lacy said, 'I can't get out of here with you in the plane.' So he took the film back, and I waited several hours til the paper sent someone to get me!"

. Among photographers with whom he worked in the course of his career were June Glenn, Ewart Ball II and Ewart Ball III, Bert Shipman, and Dick Mauldin. Looking back on his career in photo-journalism, Malcolm remarks, "In the early days, the whole key was Truth. There was no embellishment, no 'spin' back then."

Plane wreck in Cosmore, NC

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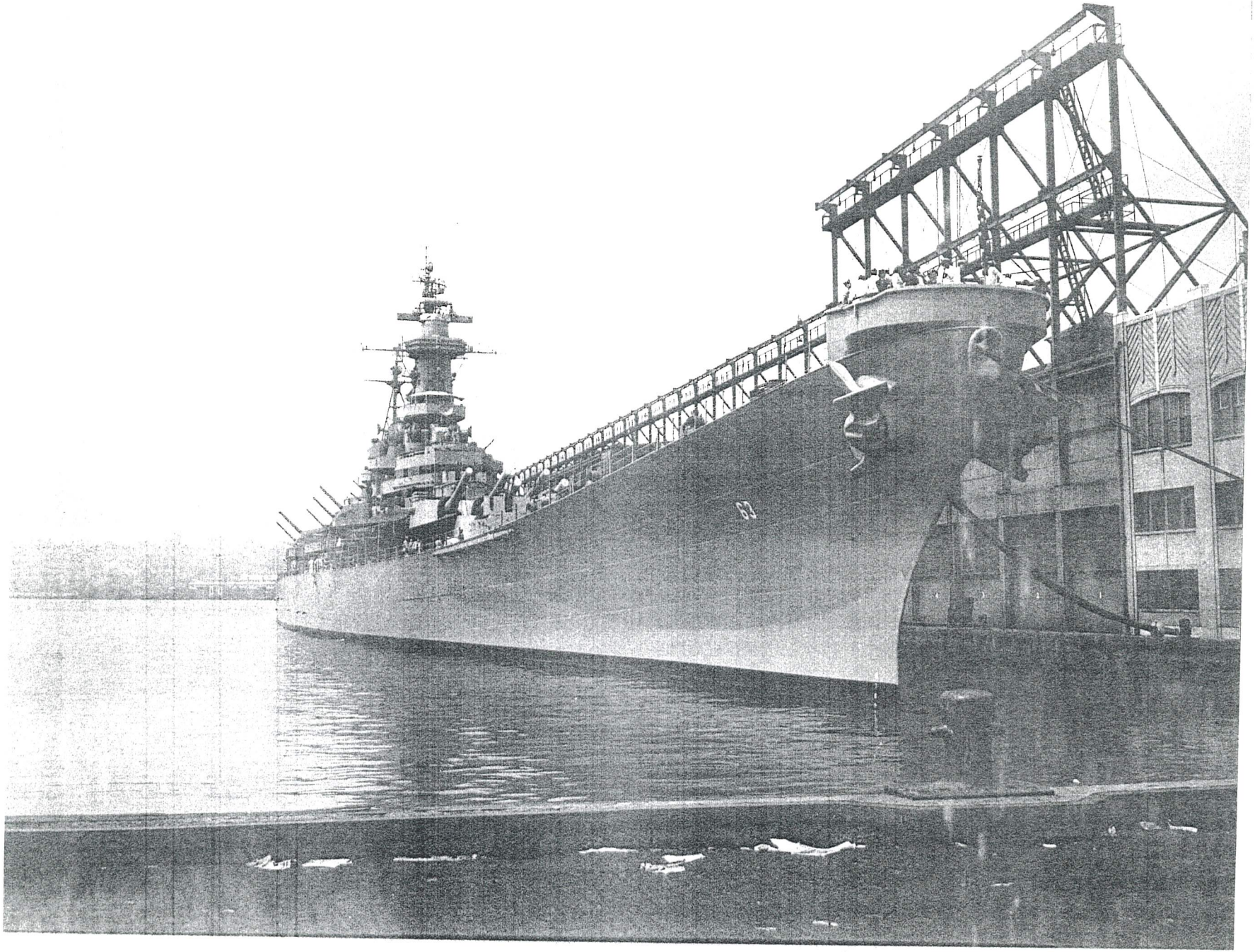

Battleship U.S.S. North Carolina in N.Y.C. 1949

Malcolm Gamble

Malcolm Gamble, home on leave, early 40s. Photo taken in studio of Asheville Citizen

H. Malcolm Gamble

Rosemary & Malcolm Gamble, late 1943

"Womanless Wedding", Trinity United Methodist Church, .
Left to right: Jim Kilgo (w/pipe), Malcolm Gamble (big curls & hat),
Solon Minton (at back w/long hair), , Ewart Ball II (groom),
Killian, bride, Ken (bridesmaid, w/veil), Roy Harwell (seated, front), and
Charles N. Arthur ("Pap" Arthur), standing, back right.

The Shoe Doctor

By NANCY BROWER

The sign in Gardner's Shoe Hospital reads: "We doctor them, heel them, attend to their dyeing and save their soles."

A-T 5/4/79

NANCY BROWER

Carl Gardner has been repairing shoes for 60 years. He said that is "too long. The shoes people are buying now are not worth fixing."

The 86-year-old man said the good old days for his shoe hospital walked away in leather shoes — shoes that could be heeled and half-soled and worn another year. "I took great pride in my work," the shoe doctor said.

"I was covered up with work on fine shoes — half soles, heels, repairing uppers. Now you don't have it," Gardner said. "This business has been ruined on account of cheap shoes shipped from overseas. You can't repair them."

"Still," said the shoemaker, "I've been in this business for a long time and enjoyed every minute of it. It's only lately that it's been a hard row to tend."

Standing (in leather shoes) at the foot-shaped last he has used for 60 years, Gardner said he began repairing shoes when he was 12 years old. "I learned from my father. He was a one-legged shoemaker. When I first came to Asheville (from Bessemer, Ala.), I made a lot of shoes: It was mostly orthopedic work, but some men wanted custom-made shoes. I'd make a pair of leather oxfords by hand for $50."

Gardner has operated Gardner's Shoe Hospital in Asheville since 1920, first on College Street, later on Broadway and, for the last 40 years, at 667 Haywood Road. He had a stroke two years ago that left him with partial paralysis of the left side. He is lefthanded. He shrugged off the mishap with, "I wasn't out of the shop a week."

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At one time, Gardner and his son, Jim, operated three shoe repair businesses here. The shop at 32 Broadway was closed due to Jim's health. Now the businesses are consolidated at the West Asheville location.

The high cost of leather for half soles and the popularity of composition-soled "easy walking" shoes has hit the repair business hard, Gardner said. The shoe polish and shoelace business has slumped, too. "I can't sell shoe polish, uppers have changed so much. We used to do a big shoe shine business. Men don't take the pride in a shoe shine they once did."

But in the busy days, Gardner's Shoe Hospital had 10 men bending over their lasts repairing sturdy leather shoes for men and women. A closetful of shoes was a rarity then and much repair work was done on a "while you wait" basis. Customers filled the chairs in the front of the shop at the corner of Haywood Road and Louisiana Avenue.

"I don't do any 'wait work' now," Gardner said. "I tell them to come back tomorrow. It's too nervewracking and there's just no need for it."

The shoemaker opens his hospital at 8:30 a. m. and closes it at 1 p. m. "I used to put in 10-12 hours a day, six days a week," he said. He is not, however, planning retirement. "Too many strings attached to it," he said, turning back to his last.

Carl Gardner home: 60 Dorchester Ave.

Judge J. C. Pritchard's "Labor Day" Address

He Was the Principal Speaker at the West Asheville Celebration Yesterday—Interesting Sporting Events—An Old Fashioned Basket Dinner.

The people of West Asheville celebrated Labor day yesterday with fitting exercises, and the day was one of the greatest in the history of the town. Besides a number of addresses, interest was added to the day by athletic sports and a baby show. There were more than 2000 people there for the day. The 200 yard dash was worn by Dr. Gardner; 100 yard dash by Charles Lineberry; the girls' race by Miss Minnie Plemmons, and the boys' 200 yard race by Clark Brooks.

There were a large number of contestants for honors in the baby show. The prize for the handsomest baby, under one year old, was awarded the child of Prof. and Mrs. Tucker of the West Asheville high school. The prize for the handsomest child over one year of age, was awarded to Mrs. S. A. Meadows.

County Superintendent A. C. Reynolds was master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers. The first address of the day was that of Rev. Fred Brown, who spoke upon West Asheville and its possibilities, and the free life enjoyed by the people of that village.

The principal address of the day was that by Judge J. C. Pritchard, who spoke upon "Good Citizenship." The crowd was deeply interested in this fine address, which dealt with many things of interest to the laboring people. In introducing his subject, Judge Pritchard congratulated the people of West Asheville upon the fact that although they had no policemen and no mayor, yet it was the best ordered crowd he had ever seen.

Asheville Gazette News September 7, 1909

AUTO STRIKES BUGGY IN WEST ASHEVILLE

JUDGE CHAS. JONES AND EMERSON EVE INJURED

Heavy Fog and Buggy Without Light Is Responsible for the Accident.

The heavy fog last night, and the absence of lights on the buggy of David Nicholson, was responsible for a collision between the buggy and Dr. Gardener's automobile in West Asheville shortly after ten o'clock. Dr. Gardener was returning to the city form the institution of the new K P. lodge at West Asaneville accompanied by Judge Charles Jones and Mr. Emereson Eve, who had also participated in the lodge exercises, when Mr. Nicholson's buggy approached. The darkness prevailing prevented Dr. Gardner from seeing the buggy, which carried no lights, and although the automobile was going at a low rate of speed, the collision which resulted upset the machine and the buggy throwing the occupants of both to the ground. Mrs. Nicholson who accompanied her husband, received a shock, but was otherwise unhurt, her husband escaping with a few scratches. Dr. Gardener also escaped injury but Judge Jones received a nasty cut over the left eye, while Mr. Eve had his arm broken. Judge Jones was taken to his home and Mr. Eve to the Berkeley hotel.

Dr. Gardener carried Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson to their West Asheville home in his automobile which was not injured. The accident is regarded as being unavoidable owing to conditions prevailing.

Asheville Citizen October 22, 1909

DR. GARDNER ATTACKED BY A NEGRO PATIENT

Believed to Be Insane—wife, Who Called Doctor, Said Man Was Poisoned.

Dr. G. D. Gardner had an exciting experience last night when he was attacked by a negro he was trying to relieve, who must have been temporarily insane. The negro is Elisha Manning and it was thought that he was poisoned.

Dr. Gardner was called by Manning's wife about 12 o'clock, and after some hesitation, he decided to go as the woman said that she thought her husband was poisoned. Dr. Gardner states that he had just entered the room and asked the man a question when he jumped from the bed and attacked Dr. Gardner with considerable vigor. He was smaller than Dr. Gardner, however, and the physician succeeded in overcoming him, but not before he had choked him for some time.

A negro man entered the room about that time and helped to control Manning. Dr. Gardner says he "stood not upon the order of his going," but hurried from the house without attempting to discover what was the matter. He had not heard from Manning today but supposed that he had improved.

Asheville Gazette News September 15, 1911

W. F. BUTTERICK WAS ATTACKED BY A DOG

W. T. Butterick was painfully injured yesterday shortly after noon by being attacked by a dog, which is said to have been the property of J. Dougherty. Mr. Butterick was bitten on the right leg and it was stated last night that the wound is a serious one. Dr. G. D. Gardner, who dressed the wound, ordered that the dog be held until this morning when it will be killed and its head will be sent to Raleigh for an examination to ascertain whether or not it has hydrophobia. Dr. Gardner stated last night that the animal had shown signs of that disease and the dog was taken to the police department.

Asheville Weekly Citizen March 5, 1913

DR. GARDNER TELLS HOW HE WAS HURT

Pistol Was Not in Miss Davis' Hands and Had Not Been, He Says.

REITERATES AFFAIR WAS PURELY ACCIDENT

Asserts Weapon was Dislodged and Fell When Miss Davis Moved Book Behind It.

Dr. G. D. Gardner, who was wounded by a pistol shot in his office several days ago, accounts of which have appeared in this paper, and who recently left the hospital, has recovered to the extent of being able to resume his practice. Dr. Gardner was not wounded so seriously as the papers and people inferred, it seems. In fact, he states that the hurt was little more than a flesh wound.

Dr. Gardner said that he desired to correct certain details of the accounts that have been published concerning the affair. In the beginning, he said, he wished to reiterate that the shooting was purely accidental. It was reported, and the papers were so informed, that the weapon was in the hands of Miss Mary Davis, former stenographer, bookkeeper and office girl of Dr. Gardner, when it was discharged wounding him. Dr. Gardner states that the pistol was not actually in her hands when it exploded nor had it been.

"Miss Davis had worked for me about a year and a half," said Dr. Gardner, "but she had not been in my employ for the past few months. Several times she came to the office to use my typewriter and on several occasions had worked on my books.

"On the day I was hurt I came from the Mission hospital about 1 o'clock and found Miss Davis there. A gentleman who said he had been in the employ of the National Casket company came in almost immediately and was consulting me. I am sorry that I did not get his name.

"The pistol was on a shelf of my bookcase in front of some books where it had lain for months. Miss Davis had stopped writing and I asked her to hand me a certain book from the case. In pulling it from the shelf the pistol was dislodged and falling several inches on the hard surface of the writing leaf of the desk below exploded and the shot struck me. The gentleman was in the office still when the accident occurred.

"I am sorry that I did not get to give the papers a direct statement concerning the details of the occurrence at the time but my physicians ruled that I should not see anyone."

"As the accident actually occurred it will be seen that Miss Davis had very little to do with it, whereas by former accounts it was made to appear that the weapon was in her hands when it was fired."

Asheville Gazette-News August 13, 1914

DR. GARDNER SHOT IN OFFICE SUNDAY

Well Known West Asheville Physician Said to Be Seriously Hurt.

Dr. G. D. Gardner, residing in West Asheville, is at Meriwether hospital suffering from a pistol shot inflicted upon him in his office on Patton avenue, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Davis, office girl for the wounded man, is said to have inflicted the wound accidentally. No arrests have been made. Dr. Gardner has made no statement. He is one of the best known physicians in the city.

Dr. E. B. Gleen is attending the injured man, who was shot in the lower edge of the right side of the abdomen.

Asheville Gazette-News August 3, 1914

NEW AUTOMOBILE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

While driving a new automobile which he had just purchased at West Asheville at an early hour this morning, Dr. G. D. Gardner suffered the loss of the machine by fire. Flames which enveloped the automobile before the occupant was aware of the fact that the machine was in danger practically demolished it. Dr. Gardner sprang from the machine before the gasoline tank, which had just been filled, exploded.

Dr. Gardner was unable to state how the flames originated. He came to Asheville in a buggy after making futile efforts to extinguish the blaze.

Asheville Citizen August 25, 1915

LOCAL PHYSICIAN MAKES QUICK TRIP

Dr. G. D. Gardner Comes From Charlotte to Asheville in Five Hours and Twelve Minues.

Records for time consumed on the trip from Charlotte to Asheville were broken yesterday by Dr. G. D. Gardner, of this city, who came to Asheville from the Mecklenburg capital in five hours and twelve minutes. His speedometer at the end of the trip showed that he had covered a distance of 156 miles. Dr. Gardner found the road to be in excellent condition and experienced favorable weather on the trip, encountering rain only when he was but a few miles from this city. He said after the trip that the downfall was but slight and did not interfere with his traveling.

Dr. Gardner went from Charlotte to Spartanburg and at the last named city spent thirty minutes at lunch. This time, of course, is not included in the time spent on the trip, five hours and twelve minutes being actual running time. Leaving Spartanburg, Dr. Gardner took the shorter and better of the two routes to the metropolis of the Land of the Sky, coming here by way of Campobello, Gaffney, Melrose, Tryon, Saluda and Hendersonville.

The Asheville physician stated that the grade is ideal and remarked that he made the entire trip in high gear. The road building operations, he said, have been conducted so as to eliminate all steep grade and dangerous curves and the scenery is superb. The highway is amply wide, for fast traveling and Dr. Gardner said that he saw no less than 200 Asheville, Spartanburg, Charlotte and Atlanta automobilists on the road during the time that he spent in making the trip.

The run was made in a new automobile, which Dr. Gardner has just purchased.

Asheville Citizen April 12, 1915

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1917.

NEW $10,000 BLOCK FOR WEST ASHEVILLE

Dr. G. D. Gardner Awards Contract For Five-Story Building in Town Across the River.

Dr. G. D. Gardner yesterday awarded the contract for the erection of a five-story business block in West Asheville, to be located close to the West Asheville bank. The excavation for the building has already been started and it is expected the building will be ready for occupancy this spring. The first floor has been leased for five years to an Asheville firm. The upper stories of the building will be rented for apartments.

West Asheville shows a steady growth. There are now about fifty residences either being erected or contemplated and it is said the demand for renting property in West Asheville is as strong as in Asheville. The growth of the town across the river, it has been pointed out, started from that time the concrete bridge was built across the French Broad river. Since that bridge has been completed West Asheville has grown to a town of approximately 4,500 people, and its taxable valuation has increased manyfold.

Asheville Citizen March 9, 1917

ASHEVILLE DOCTORS ARRAIGNED IN U. S. COURT YESTERDAY

Four Local Physicians on Trial for Violating Narcotic Act—Two Plead Guilty.

After disposing of a few cases of violations of the National Prohibition Acts yesterday United District Court took up the trials of five Asheville physicians charged with violating the Harrison narcotic act. Two of these doctors entered pleas of guilty and prayer for judgment was continued to the next court. Another was called but failed to answer and a capias was ordered issued for him.

M. D. Collins, guilty of possessing whiskey, was fined $50; John Angel, manufacturer, four months' imprisonment; C. T. Childress, same offense, fined $150. Andy Morrow, indicted for murder, was nol prossed when the state refused to prosecute.

Drs. J. F. Brewer and G. D. Gardner entered pleas of guilty of violating the narcotic acts of the Federal government, and prayer for judgment was continued in both cases. Dr. G. W. Peurifoy, indicted on the same charge, was called and failed to appear. A capias was ordered issued. Dr. P. P. Chambers went on trial yesterday afternoon after issuing a general denial of the charges against him. Court was adjourned with the case still pending.

Asheville Citizen November 11, 1924

DR. G. D. GARDNER IS GIVEN HEAVY FINE

Asheville Doctor Fined $750 for Violating the Harrison Narcotic Act—Several Minor Convictions Yesterday.

Dr. G. D. Gardner was fined $750 for violating the Harrison narcotic act in the U. S. District Court yesterday. Judge E. Yates Webb, presiding, reserved judgment in the case of Dr. J. F. Brewer until later.

Asheville Citizen May 6, 1925

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 1929

LOCAL PHYSICIAN GIVEN SENTENCE

Dr. G. D. Gardner Will Serve Year And Day At Atlanta

Judge E. Yates Webb, presiding over the district term of federal court yesterday reduced an 18 months sentence imposed upon Dr. G. D. Gardner, local physician, to a year and a day in the federal prison at Atlanta. The physician will begin his sentence within a few days, it was learned. He was convicted on charges of violating the narcotic law.

A. Hall Johnson and James S. Howell handled the defendant's case, and entered an appeal to the 18 months sentence. The appeal was withdrawn when the sentence was reduced to a year and a day.

Floyd Beaver of Burnsville was given a year and a day sentence in the Chillicothe Federal reformatory when convicted on a charge of forgery. The prisoner, according to the testimony, forged his cousin's name to a government compensation check for $57.50 and cashed the instrument.

Asheville Citizen May 22, 1929

Sept. 15, 1931

Mr. Adams:

Miss McKay, superintendent of Mission hospital, came to me this evening with a request for a suggestion of a way out of what she and other nurses and physicians consider a problem.

Our news items, she says, class Mission and the rest of the reputable hospitals in Asheville with Gardner hospital.

She claims this is unjust to the profession since Gardner is not a recognized hospital and since Dr. Gardner is not a recognized physician or even a member of the medical association. Strangers, she contends, are led to believe Gardner is reputable etc.

The Asheville hospital association meets tomorrow, and she has promised to take the question up with the newspapers before that meeting. She was very nice about it, said Mission was very willing to give out news, but wanted help in the way of a suggestion.

I told her I would have you call tonight if possible, and if not in the morning.

Her telephone number is 4840.

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September 24, 1931.

WSA:

As requested by you, I paid a visit yesterday to Gardner's Hospital, at 718 Haywood road, and interviewed its proprietor, Dr. G. D. Gardner. He talked to me with apparent freedom and frankness, and took me all over the hospital.

I explained to Dr. Gardner at the outset the purpose of my visit -- that other hospitals in town objected to being classed with his, the implication being that his place was really not a hospital at all; and that I had come to see just what he had.

In response to questions from me, he gave the following information, most of which I was able to verify in part or in whole: The hospital has 12 rooms, with a maximum capacity of 18 beds; five nurses are employed -- one of the two graduates being on duty at all times; Dr. Gardner is assisted by Dr. S. S. Fay.

The hospital is a residence transformed -- with apparently comparatively few structural changes -- into its present use. The exterior is in need of paint and dirty, and the interior floors and furnishings (that is furniture, rugs, etc.) are worn and rather shabby. This gives the impression that the place is not clean; but when I looked for definite evidences of uncleanliness or unsanitation, I failed to find them. I might mention in this connection that I detected a faint odor, not that of disinfectants such as are usually encountered upon entering a hospital, but one resembling that of a kitchen where food has been left out, and the doors and windows closed. This might be due to something unclean somewhere, or to poor ventilation, or to both. I found the kitchen reasonably clean.

The patients' rooms, though rather bare and some of them in need of paint, were in A-1 condition, so far as I could observe. They appeared clean and orderly, and most of them well lighted and ventilated and comfortable. The place appeared about two-thirds full.

The operating room, though small, appeared to a layman's eye to be up-to-date, with a large number of instruments in the typical class-enclosed instrument cabinet, sterilizer, etc. A nurse taking care of the operating room was immaculate. Other parts of the hospital I found, so far as a layman could discern, in good shape -- linen closet, medecine cabinet, etc.

Dr. Gardner himself brought up the subject of his conviction in federal court of violation of the narcotic act, and the attempt to take his license from him. On the former subject, he said he had voluntarily admitted, previous to his conviction, a technical guilt on a former charge; in that case, he said he gave a man a quarter grain of a drug to give his suffering wife. In the case in which he was convicted, he stated absolutely that he was innocent, that he was convicted on the immunity-paid-for evidence of drug addicts, and that Judge Webb expressed doubt of his guilt. On this conviction he did an eight-months' stretch in Atlanta. He attributed the effort to take his license from him to professional jealousy. The case is now awaiting re-trial in Buncombe superior court, after the supreme court ordered a new trial.

Dr. Gardner stated that, on one or two previous occasions when there had been complaints, he had asked Dr. Dan Sevier, city health officer, to inspect his hospital, and that that official had said he could find nothing wrong. He suggested I talk to Dr. Sevier or any one of the following physicians: Dr. Grady Morgan, Dr. Bernard Smith, Dr. Jos. L. Adams.

He also mentioned as an explanation for the criticisms of his hospital that a nurse he had had to discharge had sought to make trouble for him.

My personal conclusions are that Gardner's hospital is not the best in the country -- it gives the impression of being operated without sufficient capital for the furnishings one would expect; it certainly is a small one; but that it indisputably IS a hospital, and that undoubtedly poorer and smaller ones could be found, in this section.

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ON SICK LIST

F. J. Pelzer, of Charleston, S. C., is ill in the Mission hospital. Mr. Pelzer became ill while visiting in Flat Rock.

L. Blomberg, Asheville merchant, who was critically injured in an automobile accident recently, showed little improvement today, attendants at the Mission hospital reported.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson, of Weaverville road, was taken to the Gardner hospital Tuesday night for treatment.

Miss Jessie Hensley, of Woodfin, was taken to the Gardner hospital this afternoon for an operation.

Mrs. C. C. Hughes, ill in the Gardner hospital for three weeks, returned to her home in Enka Wednesday.

D. Dillingham, seriously ill in the Gardner hospital for several days, was discharged Wednesday and taken to his home in Enka.

Dr. G. D. Gardner Gets 3-10 Years For Manslaughter

Dr. G. D. Gardner, 63, for many years one of Buncombe County's leading physicians and surgeons, was found guilty of manslaughter by a Superior Court jury late Wednesday afternoon. The verdict was returned after 50 minutes deliberation. Judge H. Hoyle Sink, presiding, pronounced sentence of from three to ten years in the State prison at such labor as his physical condition may warrant.

Dr. Gardner had been on trial since last Monday charged with the death of Mrs. Lois E. Cordell, 23, from an alleged illegal operation, said to have been performed October 23, 1945. Counsel for Dr. Gardner filed notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court, and his bond for appearance was set at $5,000.

The final day of the trial was filled with speeches by state and defense attorneys and the jury charge by Judge Sink. Don C. Young opened for the state, and he was followed by Henry Fisher, G. Lyle Jones and George Ward for the defense. District Solicitor James S. Howell gave the concluding argument and asked for a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Mr. Jones expressed his surprise at the verdict, and said:

"Your honor ruled otherwise and that is now water over the dam," Mr. Jones said. "Dr. Gardner had for many years one of the largest practices in Buncombe County. He never refused to answer a call when someone was sick, whether they were high or low, rich or poor. Through his untiring work he has saved many lives and brought relief to thousands of suffering people. His own generous and impulsive nature is the thing that has gotten him into trouble."

Solicitor Howell made the following comment when asked by Judge Sink if he had anything to say:

"That is a matter for your honor to decide. I have known Dr. Gardner for many years and know of his fine skill as a physician and surgeon when he was serving the people of Buncombe county. It is a tragic thing for a man of his fine skill to be in this position. I felt that it was my duty to handle this case and I still think I did right. I do not feel that it would be fitting for me to say anything on the question of punishment. He is down now and I certainly am not going to kick a man when he is down."

Dr. Gardner and Miss Vivian Buchanan, a nurse allegedly employed by the former, were indicted by a grand jury after the two were ordered by a coroner's jury to be held on murder charges. Mrs. Cordell died at the Gardner home, 918 Haywood Road, West Asheville, at 1 p. m., October 23, 1945, allegedly as the result of an illegal operation (abortion.)

In a signed statement presented by Dr. Gardner to city detective Henry Caldwell, the defendant said that Mrs. Cordell was left on his front porch steps about 7 a. m., on October 23, that he heard a taxicab or some other car leaving the front of his home and moving down a nearby street. The statement said further that Mrs. Cordell was violently ill, that neither he nor Miss Buchanan examined her and that after doing their best to keep her from being sick to her stomach, the girl died about 1 o'clock.

West Asheville News February 1, 1946

DR. GARDNER PLACED IN JAIL TO SERVE 5-7 YEARS SENTENCE

Asheville Times
January 7, 1947

Certification of the state supreme court upholding the superior court sentence of Dr. G. D. Gardner was received here today and Dr. Gardner, when notified, came to the office of Clerk of the Court J. Ed Swain and was placed in custody to begin serving a five-to-seven-year sentence in state prison.

A motion has been filed by Henry Fisher, attorney for Dr. Gardner, for a new trial on grounds of new evidence having been found. Mr. Fisher, now in Raleigh as a Buncombe county representative in the general assembly, said he has obtained several affidavits in connection with new evidence in the Gardner case.

Dr. Gardner was convicted for the second time in the same case in superior court here in connection with the death of Mrs. Lois Cordell, 23, of Candler and Asheville at the Gardner home in West Asheville in October, 1945, as the result of an alleged illegal operation.

In the first trial of Dr. Gardner, he was convicted on a manslaughter charge and was convicted to three to seven years in state's prison. An appeal was taken and the supreme court returned the case for retrial on grounds the prosecution introduced newspaper files which might have influenced jurors and which the defense claimed was irregular.

In both instances the state asked for conviction on charges of manslaughter or second degree murder, as evidence might warrant. The manslaughter conviction was secured in both trials, only in the latter the defendant was sentenced to five to seven years in prison.

Upon arrival of the state supreme court certification, which shows the court found no error in trial of the second Gardner case, at the office of the clerk of the court, Dr. Gardner presented himself at the office and went directly to the sheriff's office shortly before noon. He was committed to the county jail, according to the state statutes governing such cases where no error is found on an appeal to the supreme court. The law says that execution shall issue upon receipt of the certificate of certificatiton of the findings of the court, it was explained.

In some cases, execution issues at the next county criminal court term, following receipt of the certification. In this instance, Dr. Gardner can be committed to the state prison immediately, but this will not halt consideration of the motion for a new trial on grounds of new evidence, court officials said.

No plans had been made this afternoon at the office of Sheriff Laurence E. Brown for taking Dr Gardner to Raleigh.

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GARDNER HOSPITAL

Formerly Operated On Haywood Road In West Asheville By Dr. G.D. Gardner; Closed In 1939.

Note: Gardner Hospital, former home of Horace Wells and for many years a W.A. landmark, was replaced by Grace Baptist Church, which first held services in new building March 6, 1955.

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Dr. Gardner Rites Today

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Services for Dr. G. D. Gardner, 83, of 232 E. Chestnut St., who died Thursday, will be held at 4:30 p. m. Friday in Groce Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Gerald and Garrett Gardner, Fred Angel, Arnold Angel, Paul Gillis and Bill Stagg.

Honorary pallbearers will be Judge Sam Cathey, Sheriff Laurence E. Brown, A. O. Mooneyham, Dr. Richard Nailling, Dr. George Carrell, W. E. Michael, Bert Starnes and William C. Jackson.

Dr. Gardner, who died in an Asheville hospital, had been a physician and surgeon here for many years.

A native of Madison County, Dr. Gardner was educated in the county schools, Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis.

Dr. Gardner served his internship in Knoxville General Hospital and then was for some time associated with the Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins Hospital. Later he set up his own hospital on Haywood road in West Asheville where he also resided.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lois Fisk of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a son, Jack Gardner of Asheville; a brother, Carl Gardner of Madison County; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

NORTH CAROLINA ROOMS

LAST RITES FOR VICTIMS OF AIR CRASH SET TODAY

Gardner And McMillan Will Be Buried At Double Funeral

Funeral services for three West Asheville youths who were killed in an airplane crash near Fletcher Sunday afternoon will be conducted today.

The bodies of Graham Gardner, 18, pilot of the plane, and Sam McMillan, passenger, will be placed in a single grave at Green Hill cemetery. The body of Paul Yow, 22, also a passenger in the plane, was sent to Asheboro, N. C., yesterday for burial this afternoon.

Services for Gardner and McMillan, life-long chums, will be conducted from the West Asheville Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. F. M. Dowell, pastor of the church, and the Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church, officiating.

Gardner is survived by his parents, Dr. G. D. Gardner and Mrs. Fannie Gardner, of West Asheville, and one sister Lois Jean Gardner. McMillan is survived by his mother, Mrs. S. A. McMillan and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. J. Stokes, of Washington, D. C., Josephine, Robert, Hope and Rose McMillan of West Asheville.

Yow is survived by his widow and a four-day-old baby. Mrs. Yow, a patient at the Aston Park hospital, was told of her husband's death yesterday. Dr. C. A. Hensley told her of the tragedy which claimed the life of her husband. She is reported to have received the news bravely.

Active Pallbearers

The bodies of McMillan and Gardner will be placed in steel caskets of the same design and will be buried in the same grave. Active pallbearers for Gardner will be Louis Lutz, Donald Ingle, Ray Householder, Lawrence Miller, Henry Shook, and Eugene Currence. Active pallbearers for McMillan will be: Glen Starnes, William Beckle, William Carter, Harold Franklin, Nelson Austin and Frank Austin.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Judge Carl B. Hyatt, George A. Digges, Jr., Dr. H. G. Brookshire, John B. Anderson, Dr. S. S. Fay, George Pennell, Dr. T. W. Sumner, J. Scroop Styles, Ernest C. May, J. W. McRary, R. E. Currence, Philip C. Cocke, Jr., Ellis C. Jones, Sam Cathey, C. H. Bartlett, L. Roy Young, G. T. Verran, D. A. Riddle, Russell Riddle, Melton Glenn, W. W. Edwards, D. T. Blackwell, William Jacobes, James Solesbee, Albert S. McMain, Fred V. Riddle, Roy Riddle, Leon Miller, Dr. G. E. Brookshire, Ted Bryson, Paul Brewer, and Johnnie Holmes.

The three youths were killed almost instantly Sunday afternoon when the two-seated Eaglerock biplane Gardner was piloting crashed near Fletcher when Gardner attempted to take the machine through a "wing-over" when the plane was at an altitude of approximately 300 feet.

T. J. Roberts, operator of the Asheville-Hendersonville airport, and owner of the plane which Gardner was flying, advised federal authorities of the accident Sunday. Officials of the Federal service were expected to arrive in Asheville to investigate the crash.

Coroner J. F. Brooks, of Henderson county, viewed the wrecked plane and came here to view the bodies of the three youths. He did not call an inquest. Dr. Brooks said that he was not notified of the accident Sunday and did not learn of the tragedy until yesterday morning. He said that he did not authorize the removal of the three bodies from the scene of the crash in Henderson county.

Asheville Citizen May 5, 1931

MAY 6, 1931

RITES HELD FOR CRASH VICTIMS

Final Chapter In Long Friendship Written For Two Boys

The final chapter of a life-long friendship between Graham Gardner, 18, and Sam McMillan, 17, was written yesterday afternoon when the bodies of the two youths were placed in a single grave in the Green Hills cemetery in West Asheville.

The two youths met their death Sunday afternoon when an airplane which Gardner was piloting crashed near Fletcher, in Henderson county. Paul Yow, 22, a second passenger in the plane, was also killed. Funeral rites for Yow were held yesterday afternoon at Asheboro, N. C.

Scores of friends of Gardner and McMillan, who associated with the two in the activities of the West Asheville Baptist church Sunday school, attended the rites for the two youths yesterday afternoon at the West Asheville Baptist church. The Rev. F. M. Dowell, pastor of the church, officiated at the services. He was assisted by the Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church.

Active pallbearers for Gardner were: Louis Lutz, Donald Ingle, Ray Householder, Lawrence Miller, Henry Shook and Eugene Currence. Active pallbearers for McMillan were: Glen Starnes, William Beckle, William Carter, Harold Frankin, Nelson Austin and Frank Austin.

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MRS. CHARLES E. GARREN has had a lot of fun and put in many happy hours making a Christmas tablecloth. It is two long strips of red Indianhead sewn together and appliqued with Christmas symbols of felt embroidered with sequins. Mrs. Garren's daughter, Sadie, who will arrive Monday from Mars Hill College, drew and made the center part, a church and four choistermen. The tablecloth will be used Christmas Day for a dinner party of 14 members of the family in the Garren home at 69 Covington Street.

Asheville Citizen December 17, 1959

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 2, 1925

New Club President

Mrs. Charles Whitfield Gaskins, who was yesterday afternoon elected president of the West Asheville Community Club, one of the largest and most progressive clubs in the city.

JAN. 15, 1926

MRS. GASKINS TALKS TO OPTIMIST CLUB

Urges Greater Co-operation in Community and Stresses Value of Unity in Civic Affairs.

The principal speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Optimist club at the Langren hotel yesterday was Mrs. Lenora Gaskins. Her subject was "Co-operation" and the keynote of the address was a plea for unity in civic affairs among all citizens of the city. Support was pledged to the city commissioners by Mrs. Gaskin in the progressive program. Mr. Glenn and Mrs. Topping gave vocal and piano solos.

A tribute was paid C. W. Treadway, who was a member of the Optimist club and who died yesterday in Biltmore. The following committee was appointed to draft resolutions: C. C. Orr, Walter V. Nixon and Barnwell Bennett. The following were selected to meet the train today when Mr. Treadway's body will arrive and to render assistance: Thomas W. Tate, Zeb V. Nettles, Russell C. Davis, Henry Iddings, J. W. Wheeler, Walter A. Steele, J. A. Ware and Tom N. Clark.

Among the things Mrs. Gaskins urged in her address for Asheville were plenty of pure water, wider streets, better school buildings and school equipment, more and larger libraries, parks, beauty spots throughout the city and the bringing in of the suburbs. Asheville, Mrs. Gaskins says, would be considered by each citizen as a sacred trust.

Asheville Citizen January 15, 1926

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

W. ASHEVILLE CHEST LEADERS ARE ORGANIZED

Mrs. Gaskins, Chairman Of Campaign Division, Picks Drive Organization.

Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, general of the West Asheville division of the Community Chest campaign, has completed the organizing of her captains and announced Tuesday as chosen in a general meeting held at the home of Horace A. Wells Monday night: Mrs. W. E. Logan, Mrs. Wilbur Devendorf, Mrs. George C. Osborne, Horace A Wells and Cauley J. Ebbs.

Mrs. Gaskins is organizing the entire section of West Asheville so that every citizen in that rapidly growing section of the city will have an opportunity to participate in the work as they never have had before.

C. L. Watkins, former governor of Rotary in Indiana and director of personnel for the General Motors corporation of Muncie, Ind., and a foremost authority on welfare work will broadcast an interesting talk Tuesday night over Station WWNC. Mr. Watkins was invited to Asheville to participate in the Community Chest educational campaign and will broadcast every night this week. His stories of welfare work, it is said, are deeply interesting and have a heart appeal that holds every hearer's attention.

The pageant to be given by the Little Theater under the direction of Mrs. Reuben Robertson will take place Monday night, October 24, immediately after the opening dinner instead of Saturday, Oct. 22, as first planned. Mrs. Robertson and her committee are already hard at work on their program.

Asheville Times October 11, 1927

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

LITTLE THEATER WILL ASSIST IN CHEST DRIVE

West Asheville Will Have Separate Division Under Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins.

The Little Theater has pledged through Mrs. Reuben Robertson its support to the Community Chest and is to help in the campaign from Oct. 24 to 27 by staging a pageant at the City Auditorium. This pageant will portray in a vivid and entertaining manner the character of work that is being done by the various agencies through the Community Chest. The entertainment is to last one hour and a half and will be free. The date will be announced later.

West Asheville this year is to have its own general in the Community Chest campaign and Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins has already accepted the generalship and is busy organizing her captains and lieutenants. West Asheville has grown so rapidly and is such a very important part of the city that the Community Chest directors adopted with the suggestion that the citizens on the west side of the river have their own separate division.

A special committee to solicit the foreign corporations doing business in Asheville is another important departure from former campaign methods, and L. B. Rogers, city commissioner of public works, has accepted the chairmanship.

C. L. Watkins, of Muncie, Ind., an authority on general welfare work, will broadcast over WWNC for several nights beginning next Tuesday evening human interest features that directors of the Community Chest feel will prove of immense interest to all who hear him.

Asheville Times October 9, 1927

West Asheville Anxious To Aid Community Chest

Mayor Roberts Gives The First Check In Section, Mrs. Gaskins Says

"You can say for West Asheville that it will do its full duty for the Community Chest this year," Mrs. S. Whit Gaskins, general of the West Asheville division of the community chest campaign, declared last night.

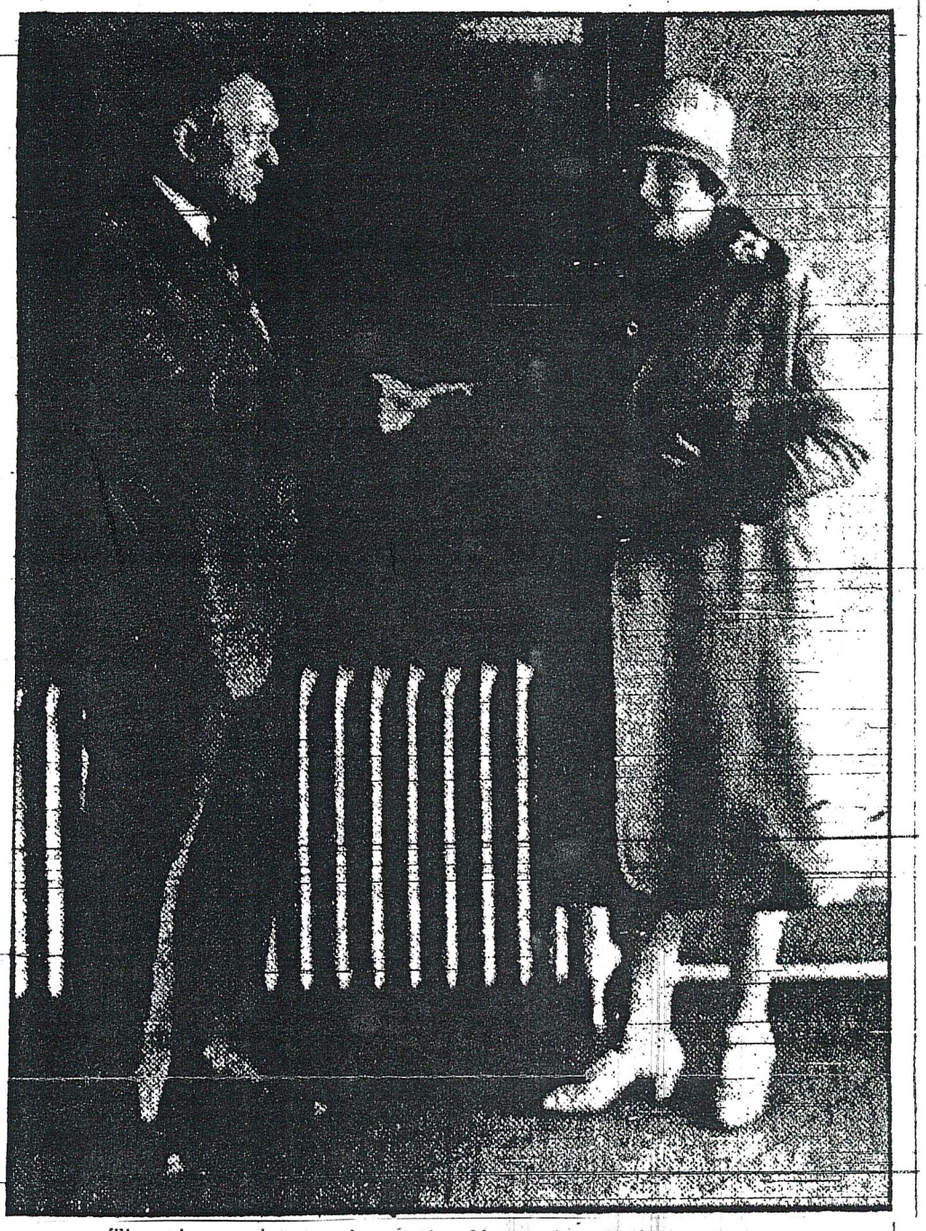
"It is the first time our part of the city has been organized for a thing of this kind, but in no part of Asheville will you find more civic pride or a desire to do helpful things.

"Our campaign was officially opened by Gallatin Roberts, our mayor, when he gave me his person check as our first contribution to the chest. We have 60 workers who are going out Tuesday to work intensively to cover as much our our territory as possible. This is no small undertaking because West Asheville covers a lot of territory and for 60 persons to cover it adequately in one day is a difficult task. But we are going to do our very best.

"On Sunday we have arranged for three minute speeches at several of our churches. Don C. Young will speak at the Calvary Baptist church at the morning service, and Harry Logan at the church. Mrs. Horace G. Wells will speak at the Presbyterian church and I will speak at the West Asheville Methodist church.

"If anyone has any doubt about the civic pride of West Asheville they should have been at the meeting called Friday night at the Hall Fletcher high school. This meeting was addressed by Frank S. Smith, chairman of the organization committee of the community chest and he sold the community chest idea as well as any one could have done and 50 of our leading citizens signed up right then and there to work for the cause. Among these workers are Rev. J. B. Grice and Dr. Wilbur McMann. These workers in West Asheville have 1,200 cards and we will use the majority of them."

Mayor Opens Chest Campaign



The above picture shows the Honorable Gallatin Roberts, mayor of Asheville, handing his personal subscription to Mrs. S. Whit Gaskins, general of the West Asheville Division of the Community Chest army. As Mayor Roberts is a resident of West Asheville he was asked by Mrs. Gaskins to officially open the campaign on that side of the river.

Asheville Times October 23, 1927

SEPTEMBER 19, 1928

Direct Flower Show

Directing officials for the flower show to be held in West Asheville Saturday under auspices of the Vance Parent-Teacher association. Left to right: Front row—Mrs. Brownson and Mrs. Wilbur Morris. Back row—Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, Mrs. Hall Gresham and Mrs. Carl Hauk.

FLOWER SHOW IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Will Be Held Saturday From 2 To 10 O'Clock In Bledsoe Bldg.

A flower show will be held in West Asheville Saturday from 2 to 10 p. m. under auspices of the Vance Parent-Teacher association.

It will be held in the Bledsoe building, one block from end of the West Asheville car line. Mrs. P. N. Gresham, chairman of the entries, yesterday asked that all potted plants and ferns be brought to the building Friday afternoon for placing, and that cut flowers be brought Saturday morning between 9 and 10.30 o'clock.

Blue and red ribbons will be awarded to first and second places, but prizes will be given only to blue ribbon winners.

Asheville Citizen September 19, 1928

CIVIC GROUP TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Hauk To Honor The Community Club At Home Meeting

A general meeting of the officers and members of the West Asheville Community Club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. C. Hauk, 165 Vermont avenue, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, it has been announced. Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, president, will preside with the other new officers of the club, and a general business and social program has been arranged.

Mrs. W. E. Logan, delegate of the club to the North Carolina Federated Clubs convention which adjourned at Charlotte Friday, will give a report of the meeting, and it is probable that the "Clean-Up Campaign" and other matters of interest to the club will be discussed.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hauk was the model large home in the recent Better Homes Week exhibit sponsored by the Community Club under the supervision of Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. R. H. Officer, and others.

Asheville Citizen May 5, 1929

WEST ASHEVILLE GROUP TO GATHER

Community Club Plans General Program For Tonight

The West Asheville Community club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Hauk, 185 Vermont avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock, for a general business and social program. Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, the president, will preside with the other new members of the club who were elected for the fiscal year at the last meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Logan, delegate from the club to the state convention of the North Carolina Federated Clubs held in Charlotte last week, will report the convention to the meeting and the program includes other features of community interest.

It is probable that the "Clean-up" campaign being sponsored by the club in addition to other city groups, will be given an important place on the program. The campaign was launched in West Asheville Monday morning and due to much successful preliminary work on the part of the club is community-wide in scope. Previously many lawns, gardens, yards, and homes had been beautified and improved through the club's activities and the city officials have been pledged the full co-operation of the community civic organizations.

Asheville Citizen May 8, 1929

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FLOAT

West Asheville Civic Club To Take Part In Festival

Appointment of a committee to supervise plans for the participation of the West Asheville Community Club in the Rhododendron Festival, and to arrange for a float to be entered in the festival parade was announced yesterday by Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, president.

Members of the committee are: Mrs. J. S. Handte, chairman; Mrs. Carl C. Hauk, Mrs. J. G. Anderson, Mrs. Raymond H. Officer, and Mrs. R. B. Truett. The first meeting was held Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Gaskins where plans were discussed, and other meetings are to be held.

The West Asheville Club is also planning to enter a float, the matter having been discussed at a recent meeting, when it was decided to confer with officers of the Community Club, and to enlist the support of members of both organizations. R. E. Currence, a member of the [illegible] has been appointed by President R. B. Posey to represent the organization on the Rhododendron Festival committee. The appointment was made at the request of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Asheville Citizen May 24, 1929

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WHO'S WHO AND WHY IN ASHEVILLE

A. Times 5/19/29

MRS. C. WHIT GASKINS is known as the unofficial Mayor of West Asheville. And Mrs. Gaskins has earned her courtesy title, too, by laboring long and hard for the civic improvement of Asheville west of the river. Mrs. Gaskins is not only a leader in matters of civic and community interest in West Asheville, she is also one of the most successful real estate dealers of this section, and has put over some of the largest real estate transfers in the city during the past few years.

Born on the Anderson homestead at Ivy, in Madison county, near Mars Hill, on Nov. 12, 1884, Lenore Anderson was the fourth of eight children. Up to the age of twelve years she attended the local four months school. Then she entered Mars Hill college where she graduated two years later, in 1899, having completed high school and junior college, the highest courses offered at that time. For a year Miss Anderson tutored and then entered Claremont college at Hickory, a private school that has now been consolidated with Lenoir college. Doubling her work and taking two years work in one, Mrs. Gaskins graduated with a teachers certificate at the head of her class in 1902. It was not until after her marriage that she obtained her A. B. degree.

Taught in Schools

Mrs. Gaskins then taught in the Buncombe county schools under S. F. Venable, later of Tulane University at New Orleans. While a teacher at the Black Mountain school she met and married Charles Whit Gaskins, druggist, of New Bern, in 1904. In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Gaskins went from Black Mountain to New Bern, where Mr. Gaskins engaged in the coal business. In New Bern, Mrs. Gaskins was very prominent in civic and club affairs in spite of the cares of a home and four children. She did editorial work for both the daily newspapers of New Bern and for one state paper. She was organizer and first president of the Memorial Missionary society of the Centenary M. E. church. She headed a number of important war committees, including the Liberty Loan drives at New Bern, and was appointed to make an official call on war work at the White House during the Harding regime. Mrs. Gaskins was author of a popular war song, "On to Berlin," which was widely published in the papers of Paris, London and elsewhere. She became a member of the Canterbury Literary club while at New Bern and served for 3 years as worthy matron of the Craven chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

MRS. C. WHIT GASKINS

Here for Health

In 1922 the Gaskins came to Asheville in an unavailing search of health for Mr. Gaskins. In 1924 Mr. Gaskins died, and a year later Mrs. Gaskins became a saleswoman with the French Broad Realty company. Mr. Gaskins was a 32nd degree Mason, and was past master of St. John's Lodge at New Bern, the oldest Masonic lodge in the state. During his two years in Asheville he was made Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, an honorary title.

After working for a while as a saleswoman, Mrs. Gaskins purchased an interest in the French Broad Realty company, and became an active member of the firm. Later with J. W. Nichols, Mrs. Gaskins organized the Nichols Realty company, 201 Flatiron building, of which she is secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Gaskins has put over some of the largest deals of recent years, being the sole agent in the sale of large holdings of the Hunnicutt estate on Biltmore avenue, to J. G. K. McClure, Jr., and J. G. Stikeleather, a sale involving $100,000 cash. She was also instrumental in the Frank Coxe-Buckner real estate deal, which involved the West Asheville business block containing the bank of West Asheville and the postoffice. This was a $150,000 transaction. Mrs. Gaskins specializes in the sale of homes, having proved that a woman is very successful in finding the kind of homes that other women like.

Organized Club

Mrs. Gaskins was organizer and first president of the West Asheville Community club, in 1923. She has recently been re-elected president of the club, and as head of the West Asheville club women recently put on a Better Homes week celebration in West Asheville that attracted wide attention. During 1926 and 1927 Mrs. Gaskins was state chairman of civics for the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, and was instrumental in having the Chamber of Commerce of Asheville offer a $100 civic award to the club of the state doing the greatest civic service.

For two years Mrs. Gaskins served as head of the finance committee of the Young Women's Christian association, having been refinanced and set upon a solid financial basis. Last year she headed the women's division for the Rhododendron Festival. Mrs. Gaskins is also past president of the Vance school Parent Teacher association. She is a member of the Saturday Music club and of the Order of the Eastern Star, but takes little active part in these organizations as her attendance at every department meeting of the West Asheville Community club requires all her time that can be given to [illegible] work.

Is a Methodist

Mrs. Gaskins is a regular at[illegible]ant at the West Asheville Meth[illegible] church, and is superintendent o[illegible] young peoples division. She is te[illegible]er of the Lambuth Bible class.

Charles W. Gaskins, Mrs. Gas[illegible] oldest son, is a student of the [illegible]versity of Tennessee Medical co[illegible] at Memphis. She has three o[illegible] children: Lucile, Robert Anders[illegible] junior high school students, and Do[illegible]othy, who will graduate from Vance school next month.

Mrs. Gaskins makes her home at 18 Vance Crescent, West Asheville.

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Mrs. Lenore Gaskins around 1915

Mrs. Lenore Gaskins around 1948

Mrs. Lenore Gaskins around 1943

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

MRS. LENORE GASKINS

Of course the West Asheville Community club would eventually have come into being anyway, but it seemed that time and circumstance decreed that Mrs. Lenore Gaskins should get the organization going.

Mrs. Gaskins came to Asheville from New Bern in 1922 and took up residence on Vance Crescent. Immediately she entered into community life. Hardly a year had passed before she gathered together eighty public-spirited women, and as result the club was formed and life given to a community force that has proved of definite worth through the nearly score years of the organization's existence.

From the work of these women, the men of the community received inspiration to start a brother organization and as result the West Asheville Men's club was established. Then it was not many years until the younger women of the community got the idea, and the Junior Rhododendron club was born. Little perhaps did Mrs. Gaskins realize that she was starting something that would result in the creation of three strong groups which would not only help put West Asheville on the map but which was to make outstanding contribution to the welfare of the city as a whole.

But the club happened to be the first, not the only community enterprise in which this new citizen became interested. She took part in P.T.A. activities, serving as president of the Vance unit during 1930 and 31; and later served as president of the Lee Edwards Senior High P.T.A. for two years when the city school system was going through what might be termed "the reconstruction period" and when valuable assistance was lent the city school board by that P.T.A. group.

While living in West Asheville, she taught a Bible class at the West Asheville Methodist Church. Mrs. Gaskins, who now resides at 120 Gracelyn road, is now affiliated with Central Methodist Church, where she is superintendent of the adult division of the Sunday school, and on whose board of stewards she is a member, being one of the four women among the 60 men serving on the board.

At one time Mrs. Gaskins was called the "unofficial Mayor of West Asheville". Had there been an election there is little doubt but that she would have been chosen the Chief Executive.

Actively interested in the work of the community chest, Mrs. Gaskins was head of the women's division in the city in the campaign one year, headed the West Asheville division for two years, and was general chairman on arrangements one year. Several years Mrs. Gaskins directed the West Asheville division in the Red Cross roll call.

She served as president of the Asheville Real Estate Board in 1940 and in November of the same year was invited and appeared on the speaking program of the annual meeting of the National Association of Real Estate Boards which was held in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Gaskins was born at Paint Fork, near Ivey, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Anderson. There were seven other children: the late Dr. J. G. Anderson, John B. Anderson, Asheville attorney, W. K. Anderson, who is engaged in agricultural work with the Federal government at Marshall, O. E. Anderson, who is a farmer living on the old family plantation at Paint Fork; Mrs. R. C. Shelton of Charlotte, Mrs. W. T. Martin of Raleigh, and the late Mrs. J. E. Robinson of Ivey.

Mrs. Gaskins attended high school at Mars Hill, studied at Mars Hill college, and received her A. B. degree at Claremont college at Hickory. Taking up teaching she served as principal at Black Mountain, where she also later taught Latin at Holman Christian University.

It was while teaching at Black Mountain that she met Charles Whitfield Gaskins, who was a druggist there and whom she married in 1904. To this union were born four children: Dr. Charles Gaskins, who is in the army air corps; Robert, who is in war production work; Miss Dorothy, who is director of music at David Millard Junior high; and Lucille, who died in 1935. Dorothy, as many will recall, was one of the first members of the Blanchard Junior Music club.

Shortly after the family moved here from New Bern, Mr. Gaskins died. The widow, seeking a vocational career, thought she would "try her wings," as she put it, in the real estate field. Her efforts have been crowned with success from the beginning.

In 1924 she entered business with the French Broad Realty company, of which her brother, Dr. Anderson, was president. After the latter's death, she acquired his interest in the company and then for nine years was associated with the Nichols Realty company.

Then in 1933 she opened her own office in the Arcade building, with son Robert as a partner. She was the only woman maintaining a real estate office in the city at that time.

She operated in the Arcade until the coming of the Postal division the first of this year when her company moved offices to the third floor of the Haywood building.

During her realty career, Mrs. Gaskins's company has sold many fine homes, the firm, in fact, specializes in better homes. With her, the selling of residential property involves more than just a transaction in so much mortar and brick or physical property. As she puts it, "When we sell a home, we like to feel that we are selling peace, contentment and happiness. In that way we are not only contributing to individual welfare but to fine citizenship."

Friendship, Mrs. Gaskins holds, is her firm's biggest asset. She takes a friendly interset in her clients and in her relationship places their interest, problems and desires first. Confusius say: "He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own."

The Gaskins' company also handles much business property in the city and county. The firm's clientele is composed of persons from the 48 states, Panama and the isles of the sea, Mrs. Gaskins proudly relates.

Asheville has a special appeal for those seeking a place for retirement, she points out. She believes that 1943 is destined to be the best year in real estate in this section since 1930, attributing this prospect chiefly to the recent coming here of the government agents.

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THE JANE K. MEADOWS AUXILIARY SOCIAL A SUCCESS—PLEASING PROGRAM RENDERED

Last evening from 8 to 10 o'clock the Jane K. Meadows Auxiliary of Centenary Methodist Church had a delightfully informal meeting in the social rooms of the edifice.

"Flu" conditions kept several members away and bereavements touched the families of a dozen or more. Not-with-standing there was a good attendance and the Auxiliary was charmed with the wholesome elevating entertainment provided. The program consisted of vocal solos by Mrs. John Guion, vocal duet by Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Hayes, and a reading by Miss Shamburger.

After the program Presiding Elder Shamburger, Mr. T. A. Green, Mrs. Carrie Willis, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. M. E. Bryan, all guests of the circle, made witty, impromptu talks which were much enjoyed.

Delicious jelly with whipped cream and cake were served by Mrs. William B. Blades, Jr., Miss Louela Shamburger, Miss Charlotte Howard, Mrs. David Willis, Mrs. Henry Willis, Miss Anna Hanff and Mrs. W. F. Richardson.

Five new names were enrolled in this interesting, wide-awake Auxiliary circle. The number on roll now being 78 members.

The song, written especially for this organization was sung and a vote of thanks to the president proposed by Mrs. O. W. Lane in appreciation thereof. This expression entered deeply into the heart of the leader which she acknowledged in a brief response.

The following is the song of the Jane K. Meadows Missionary Auxiliary of Centenary Methodist church, New Bern, N. C. The slogan is "Carry On".

(Tune: "America")

Our Father guide our Band
To better understand
Thy love divine,
Teach us to do thy will
Thy purpose to fulfill
Direct our motives still,
All praise be thine.
Unite our hearts today
To "carry on" we pray,
In Thy great name.
Give us a vision true
Of service we can do
Our spirits to renew,
Thy love to claim.
Blessings our way attend
As oft our prayers ascend
To Three again.
Help us to reach old goal:
To bring each weary soul
Thy wonders to extol"—
Amen—Amen.

—Mrs. Whit Gaskins.

HERE'S A SONG TO THE BOYS WHO FOUGHT HUNS

Tuneful Little Ditty Dedicated Especially to The Sammies

The following verses can be sung easily to tune of "Yankee Doodle" and they are dedicated to the American boys who went to France in defense of Liberty:

"ON TO BERLIN"—(New Words.)

We've jarred the Kaiser hard they say,
His name and glory passes;
We did the stunt by canning all
Our pears and garden sasses.

CHORUS

"On to Berlin" was the cry,
"On to see the Kaiser,"
Sammies fought to win or die
And Wilhelm is much wiser.

White bread and hugar have been scarce
Of meat we have not tasted;
We pledged that we could food conserve.
And nothing should be wasted.

CHORUS

The folks at home just knit and saved
The Huns' advance to stop sir;
And they were all afleein' fast
When Yanks went o'er the top, sir.

CHOUS

When General Foch gave out the word,
Accordin' to his likin';
The Sammies broke into their lines
And sent the Huns ahikin'.

CHORUS

The Huns stopped short, were stunned to see
The flights our Sammies dare, sir;
For what they lacked on land and sea
They did up in the air, sir.

The Kaiser sat upon his throne,
"Hun Kultur", he unfurled, sir;
He dreamed that God had joined his ranks
And they would lick the world, sir.

But now the yanks watch by the Rhine
Light jolly is their mood, sir;
For Wilhelmn's fled across the line
And there he's sawing wood, sir.

MORNING, JULY 23, 1918.

NEW BERN LADY WRITES WAR SONG

"On To Berlin" Can Be Sung To The Tune of "Yankee Doodle"

A lady in this city has written the following bit of verse that is just splendid and we want all of our young people to learn the words that they may be sung when the times comes. She does not want her identity disclosed, but when anyone gives to the world such a gem as this the public should know who their idol is. However, we will keep it for the present.

The verse can easily be sung to the tune of "Yankee Doodle" and is dedicated to those who have gone from New Bern in defense of liberty:

"On To Berlin"

We've jarred the Kaiser hard they say—
The Boche never passes;
We did the stunt by canning all
Our peas and garden sasses.

Chorus—
On to Berlin, that's the cry,
On to see the Kaiser.
Sammies this will do or die,
And leave him somewhat wiser.

White bread and sugar has been scarce,
Of meat we have not tasted;
We pledged that we would food conserve.
And nothing should be wasted.

When Gen'ral Foch gives out the word
According to his likin',
The Yanks will sweep across the Rhine
And send the Huns a hikin'.

The Huns stopped short are stunned
The flights the Sammies dare, sir,
And what they lack on land and sea
They do up in the air, sir.

Tell folks at home to knit and save,
The Huns' advance will stop, sir;
And they will be a fleein' fast
When we go o'er the top, sir.

Sarah Anderson Jackson

A prayer song for our Soldiers.

Tune: "Holy, Holy, Holy."

O thou who slumbers not,
Neither dost thou sleep,
Thro the dark and weary night
Our absent soldiers keep.
Let thine eye keep watch the while
Darkness hovers near,
Grant them thy peace
And keep boys so dear.

On march, in camp, or trench,
Or on the firing line;
Cause them to see thy face
And give them help divine;
Guard thou them on land and sea
And them that fly the air,
Wherever our boys,
Hold them in thy care.

Keep the home-hearts brave and true,
Stand thou beside;
Comfort the lonely ones
And let no ill betide;
May the cause for which we strive
Summon us today;
Give us the victory:
And bring world peace we pray.

Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins

June 1918

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

In the dawn of the holy day,
Teach us Our Father how to pray,
O Thou who dost the ravens feed,
Grant us we ask your daily need;
We pray only for what is best,
Let us today in Thee find rest,
May we delight to do thy will,
Thy purpose in us to fulfill.
Hold Thou, the light of thy great love,
Guide with our feet—remove
Ought that would lead our way astray.
Keep us from sin—O Lord today.

—MRS. C. W. G.

AS FRIEND TO FRIEND.

I want to feel at the set of the sun
That some little deed of love I've done.
And as I hollow my head to rest
I want to feel that I've done my best.

I don't want to think I'm sounding brass
Nor a tinkling cymbal as I pass;
But I want to know I'm sincere and true,
And the right motive prompts the things I do.

I know about me more than you know.
I know my secret thoughts, and so,
I'm better able to judge, you see
Whether or not I'm conscience-free.

I would rather be than seem to be—
I want to deserve what comes to me.
I would rather be unloved—unknown
Than wear a crown that is not my own.

I want to see in my fellow-man
As many virtues as ever I can
For in every one I chance to see
I behold the Man of Galilee.

I want to sing as the days go by
A song that lifts the soul to the sky
I hope you may live the whole day through
Just as I'm thinking I'd like to do.

—MRS. C. WHIT GASKINS.

THE NEW YEAR

At the close of this eventful year may a happier dawning appear, re-open the horizon of men everywhere to lighten and ease the weight of care.

A new and better year! How can it be? That we live henceforth unselfishly; make vital the truth that sacrifice enriches him in whose path it lies. A better year from force of culture. Nay, rather from a change of nature, desiring clean hands and a pure heart, though fame and wealth from us depart—by trampling down a system which can enrich one and starve another man.

The law of the Lord must blaze the way with the dawning of this glorious day; its splendor incomparable will be with brotherhood o fman from sea to sea. And all will think in terms of beauty, when sentiment prompts and not duty. In weary hearts, so faint and low the sweetest, rarest flowers will grow. As the scarlet sun sets in their glow, and the pink dawnings come and go, let us pledge our hearts, our hopes, our lives to pure and holy sacrifice.

—MRS. C. W. GASKINS.

Central United Methodist Church
Asheville, North Carolina

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1932

MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00 A. M.

Organ Prelude—Adoration ..... *Gaul*
Call to Worship—Let the Words of My Mouth ..... *Choir*
Hymn 107—Joy To The World! ..... *Watts*
Apostles' Creed.
Prayer.
Psalm 148
Gloria Patri.
New Testament Lesson.
Offertory Anthem—Hallelujah Chorus (The Messiah) ..... *Handel*
Hymn 121—O Little Town of Bethlehem ..... *Brooks*
Sermon—Shall We Ring The Victory Bell? ..... *Dr. Lambeth*
Prayer.
Closing Rally
Doxology 718—Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow ..... *Ken*
Presentation of the church, as a Christmas present back to our Lord.
Bell Ringing—by F. R. Baker, H. C. Johnson, F. S. Smith, and C. A. Raysor.
Victory Song (Words below).
Benediction.
Postlude—Festival Marche ..... *Kinder*

EVENING WORSHIP, 7:30 P. M.

Organ Prelude—Pastorale Symphony (Messiah) ..... *Handel*
Call to Worship—The Lord is in His Holy Temple ..... *Choir*
Hymn 111—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ..... *Wesley*
Prayer
Pageant—The Christ Child
(Tableaux picturing the Christmas story before and after the pageant)
The pageant shows different persons, representing the various nations of the world, coming to worship the Christ Child.
Christmas carols will be sung.
Benediction.
Postlude—Christmas Marche ..... *Smart*

The old bell in the tower, once the fire-bell of the city, which has not sounded in many years, will send forth today, we trust, notes of Christmas Joy and Victory to the people of Asheville. If the bell sounds, it will mean that the sum of sixty thousand dollars has actually been raised. This will enable us to redeem the church from the bondholders and give it back again, as a Christmas present, to our Lord.

This old bell was cast by the Clinton H. Meneely Bell Company, of Troy, New York, in 1884. It bears the following names on the side: E. J. Aston, Mayor; W. H. Penland, T. C. Westall, I. H. Garenflo, William Weaver, A. P. Sorrells, Aldermen; James P. Sawyer, Chief Fire Department.

The last time the bell sounded was when it was tolled for the funeral service of Mrs. James P. Sawyer, November 23, 1923.

Radio station W W N C is planning to broadcast the sound of the bell today, if the remaining amount of the sixty thousand dollars is raised.

VICTORY SONG

October—December, 1932.

Tune: "America."

1.

"Hail Christian Soldiers true,
Untaltering faith renew,
The triumph seal.
Rings out the challenge clear,
Rings it afar and near,
To whom our church is dear
Let it appeal.

2.

The fields are white, behold,
Our hearts turn to the goal
In Thy great name.
With conquering dreams and true
A vision we pursue—
The battle song renew
With hearts aflame.

3.

Triumphant prayers ascend;
Our faith and hopes we blend
In one great throng.
With Sixty Thousand won,
The Campaign nobly done,
Let paeans swell in one
GREAT VICTORY SONG.

—Mrs. Lenore A. Gaskins.

In order to take advantage of the generous offer of our bondholders, our check for sixty thousand dollars must be in Saint Louis by next Saturday, December 31, 1932. In order to reach Saint Louis on time, the check must leave Asheville not later than next Thursday afternoon. Consequently, let every person who has not yet paid his pledge to Dr. C. A. Raysor, the Treasurer of the Victory Fund, see him immediately and make payment in full. For convenience, some are making payment to Mr. Olin Auld, the regular church treasurer, in his office at the church.

IN FLANDERS' FIELDS.

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The cannon's ceased its savage roar,
Earth weeps for joy that war is o'er,
The larks still sing up in the sky,
No guns are heard as they go by
In Flanders' Fields.

Sleep on, your hopes are all fulfilled,
Brave comrade hearts, forever stilled,
Poppies bloom where you are sleeping
Poppies red, their guard are keeping
In Flanders' Field.

We caught the torch and held it high
Tho' eagles screamed as they passed by;
Sleep on—no more the startled yell
Shall rouse you. Sleep, for all is well
In Flanders' Fields.

Sweet and deep your sleep ever be
Who fought and died for Liberty;
Equal glory could not be won,
You held the front for Christendom
In Flanders' Fields.

We breathe a prayer for you and France
As homeward bound our ships advance;
As years shall come and years shall go,
May poppies for you redder blow
In Flanders' Fields.

N. C. CONFERENCE

LINES TO A DECEASED FRIEND—MRS. JANE K. MEADOWS.

Adieu

Thou much beloved friend adieu,
In some brighter clime we'll renew
Our friendship dear and thought for good,
The glory of your womanhood.
You leave with us an afterglow
Of peace and love on earth below;
For loss of such a life—so deep
So full of charity—we weep.

But if for any soul there be
A blessed immortality
There waits for you the crowning Hand
Out yonder in that morning land.
Thy noble art we emulate
Of living true—to elevate,
To cheer, to [illegible], to strengthen and to bless
The needy ones in their distress.

Then may we meet you later on
In that heaven to which you've gone?
To be forever with the Lord,
Redeemed promise of His word.
Rest you, in that haven above
Reward of faith and work and love,
Where the choirs their anthems sing
All praise to Him, our Lord and King.

Lenore Anderson Gaskins
Centenary Woman's Auxiliary,
New Bern, N. C.

"MILITES VALORES, SALUTAMUS

(VALIANT SOLDIERS, WE SALUTE YOU!)

The following greeting to the "Boys" was written for THE SUN-JOURNAL by Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins.—Ed.

Soldiers, who fought and would not yield,
But held your ground on every field
Our hearts delight, exult, we say
To welcome you back home today.
Your noble deeds our hearts have stirred,
We've read reports—scanned every word;
With admiration we have thrilled
Our fondest hopes you have fulfilled,
Great Milites.

The Triumph brings us here today
To throw bouquets upon your way;
To honor, laud and call you great
The greatest in the Old North State.
We offer now our richest toast
"To you who stormed the Kaiser's host;
Who held the torch of freedom high,
And never let the Hun pass by,
Noble Milites.

You live in France's memory,
As valiant Knights of Liberty,
Who saw the bleeding lily's plight
And vowed to rescue it from might,
Who did with steady tramp advance
Heroic in defense of France,
Who nobly put your armor on
And waged the battle 'till you won,
Brave Milites.

Thrice welcome Soldiers, every one,
Your work is well and nobly done;
Our hearts take up the vict'ry song,
May it resound afar and long.
Our tears for those whose stars are gold,
Their gallant deeds are not untold;
And may their souls have perfect rest
Who kept the faith of "Going West,"
Famed Milites.

Appreciation knows no bound,
In name and fame you are renowned;
You've rendered to the State it's due
And to Old Glory you've been true,
You dared to save Democracy
And liberate humanity.
From War's baptism you come whole
With not a stain upon your soul,
True Milites.

Again brave sons, we bid you stay
And rest with us, rest from the fray;
Content at last, the dawn is clear,
And bells of Peace are ringing near.
A thousand blessings brings the day,
That brings you here in proud array;
Our hearts and hopes without our fears
Are yours henceforth throughout the years,
Grand Milites.

New Bern, N. C., _____ 191__

THOUGHTS ABOUT GOD.

(The following little poem was inspired by a Bible reading conducted by Mrs. Alice Chapman, in Centenary Church Parlor, in March 1919)

What is it in the morn of spring
That makes the birds begin to sing ?
What power sends out the tender leaves -
A lovely web of verdure weaves ?
Who sends the gentle zephyrs sweet,
Refreshing us in summers heat ?
Who plants new hopes in every heart,
From which there is no life apart ?
It's God - I'm sure - I know it's God.

Who can reveal this little thing;
Secret of songs that wild birds sing ?
Who taught the Eagle how to soar ?
And whose voice stills the night winds roar ?
Whence, O whence came the violets blue
Fresh and sweet in the morning dew?
What artist touched the blushing Rose,
Whence its fragrance so rare ? Who knows ?
The sunflower turns and points to God.

He is the fragrance of the flower,
He is the charm of every hour;
He is the life of every breeze;
With his power he clothes the trees.
The mysteries of he hath;
He guides the lightning in its path;
These are but outskirts of his ways
The earth re-echoes with his praise;
Omnipotence belongs to God.

God is imminent, everywhere
About us in his wondrous care;
Laws which in natures world obtain
In spirit realms the same remain.
For him we need not search afar;
He is the light of every star;
His glory fills the earth below-
The spirits whisper soft and low:
"Bow down and worship, it is God."

OPTIMISTS LUNCHEON SONG - Lenore Anderson Gaskins -
(TUNE: TILL WE MEET AGAIN)

Smile the while we greet the boys again,
Join this song that rings with glad refrain;
Let GOOD FELLOWSHIP obtain
AS WE MEET AGAIN.

Optimists smile in prosperity--
Drown all gloom in happy memory;
Optimism our watchword be,
TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

Lifes Crucible.

The Edelweiss grows on the Alps,
A flower coveted and rare;
Because to pluck it, searchers
Must the greatest dangers dare.

The pebbles on a stormy shore
Are polished and smooth and bright;
They lie ~~xxxxxx~~ unbleached on placid beach
Secure from the stormy night.

Learn thou the lessom of the tree;
A tiny seed is hid away,
It swells till its heart burst with pain
And bravely it meets the day.

Then upward, forever upward,
In storm, in calm or in rain
It rears its head ever Godward,
Tho each year brings it new pain.

Till at last the birds lodge in it
To find there a leafy home,
Where they guard each falling sparrow
And weep when their sorrows come.

Then more breaking, cutting, aching,
And the fibers split apart.
Beginning and end is the same;
Pain is always in the heart.

Man is made like the forest tree
With cold and fury and night;
Of softness no great thing can come,
Theres ever a battle to fight.

As silver in the crucible,
Aye, even as gold is tried,
Our Father tries each one of us
Till motives are purified.

He sits before the crucible,
Aye, the crucible of pain;
Until He can His own image
Reflect in the lives of men.

--- Mrs.C.Whit.Gaskins.

GOD IN THE GARDEN

After a care-infested day
Silently I steal away
To walk with God in the garden bower,
In the quiet twilight hour.

With bloom and bud a place of bliss,
Who knoweth the mystery of this?
A voice is heard beneath the sod:
"Be still and know that I am God."

The flowers blush, 'tis sweet to see
Their meeknes' and humility.
O, let me to the garden go,
To learn of Him the way to grow!

In the glowing of five o'clocks,
In the beauty of the phlox,
God speaks to me. Again he shows
His glory in the lovely rose.

In the zinnias varied tints
Are messages from Him and hints
And gentle whispers of His ways,
Past finding out thro all our days.

The golden glow and sun-flower, too,
Look up to Him who sends the dew.
Chrysanthemums and lillies prove
The height and depth of His great love.

Every charm within the bower
Is testimony of His power;
And swelling loud the paean of praise
The twilight choir its anthems raise.

O, thou who tends the garden fair
And fills it with a fragrance rare,
O watch and keep this heart o' mine,
And fill it with Thy love divine.

—Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins.

CHINA'S FAMINE

Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins

The famine spectre in China today
Stalks up and down in many a highway,
The picture—who can paint? so pitiful;
That they die for food by the city full.

O, the awful famine—hear the crying
Of the women and children,dying;
To their richest friend, America, they turn,
And surely this appeal no man can spurn.

The distance is great, the sight is tragic
But your money, sir, will help like magic,
'Tis God's test—to prove the rarity
Or abundance of your charity.

Only three bowls of soup—the merest bit—
For a day saves a life—just think of it!
Read the motto—repeat it to others:
"Within the four seas all men are brothers.

Dying daily, no trace of resentment
They even smile upon our contentment,
The 'Temple of Heaven' seems not to love them,
The air and sky are hungry above them.

Today you are asked by our committee
To give most graciously out of pity;
Your offering will the life pulse stir,
And China will know who ministers to her.

The Master said: "Who would greatest be
Shall be servant of humanity."
And hearken again, "My peace I give,
My precepts accept," and let China live.

Obligation Song.

Tune, "Saviour like a shepherd.

Here we take our obligation,
Grant us Lord to be like thee;
Here we pledge our tuest service
In relief and charity.

Chorus.

At the Altar; At the Altar;
Breathe on us thy spirit now.
Make us earnest, keep us faithful,
Help us to fulfil the vow.

Lenore Anderson Gaskins.

VISION

Abiding faith and confidence trend always toward the goal
And vision always flies ahead—beyond the grasp of a soul—
The stream of fulfilled desire flows on and ever on it goes
For there is no lock in Him, the source from which all goodness flows.
"Who gives the eyes provides the light," was spoken by the sages
With a vision of the harvest, farmers sow with care the seed—
Sow and watch and wait the reaping —it's the vision prompts the deed
Leads us far into the future, shows us that the acorn small,
A mighty oak becomes at last, in grandeur—majestic, tall.
True man's vision ever widens and his faith grows ever clearer
With the process of the seasons, as Eternity draws nearer.
And the spirit leaps within us when suddenly we've spied
Something new, superbly splendid, signalling us o'er the tide.
Then the soul pursues its phantom, gaining momentum in flight
For the magnetizing vision floods the unseen way with light.
If Columbus-like, your vision o'er Atlantic's rolling might
You chase—aye follow and pursue thro' the hour of deepest night,
For ever and anon he caught its fitful flashes in the gloom
Until at length the dawn showed signs of an undreamed world in bloom.
Catch, O mortal, then a vision that must always go before—
Exceed your grasp to guide, to draw you onward forever more.

—Mrs. C. W. Gaskins.

THE SIMPLE LIFE

There is much labor under the sun
That profiteth not when it is done;
We must relearn the truth of the sage,
That all is vanity in this age.

For Solomon in his splendon rare
Was not arrayed as the lillies are;
Pleasures we buy the whole "soul tasking"
When Heaven can be had for the asking.

Our nerves and muscles too oft we strain
Some coveted glory to attain;
The bubbles burst, the snowflakes melt,
And not a thrill of triumph is felt.

For the ornate life, it costs so dear
In toil and worry, in nerves and care;
But the simple life, it is so free
The path of hope for humanity.

O, the fretting, the heartaches and tears
That mark our pathways thro' the years—
In the craze to "out-do." But hearts content,
Is the silent blessing from heaven sent.

Let us not forget the new-age thought
Of living simple—the world war brought;
And we will return to normalcy
When no longer slaves to things—but free.

We would see beauty in common things,
Know that from the humblest grandeur springs;
Hail the wild flowers from out the sod
A perfect gift from the hand of God.

Deluded mortals, awake to see
That lillies arrayed in their beauty,
Excel the pomp and glory of kings—
That the simple life forever sings.

—Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins.

Africa.
Air: "America."

For Africa we plead
The land of greatest need,
O God of hosts:
To the dark Continent,
Thy holy word be sent
And deepest night be sent
With trails of light.

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They watch and wait, O Lord,
They hunger for Thy word
In Africa.
Then foreward in His name,
With spirits all aflame
To blot out sin, and shame
In Africa.

-3-

Send messengers of peace,
The multitudes release
From chains of sin.
Turn their dark to night to day,
Chase ignorance away,
Our hearts united pray
The hosts to win.

-4-

Wonderful scenes abound,
Unmatched its world around.
In Africa.
Haste to posses the land,
Convert the Moslem band
Led on by God's own hand
Save Africa!

OUR PLAYGROUNDS.

(By Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins.)

When Madame Curie was asked what impressed her most in our cities, east or west, she promptly replied: "The Grand Canyon—but greater, I found, were your parks and your children's city playgrounds."

Our own little city once had no place where hte children could gather to romp and race. There were clubs for men and women alway, but never a place for the children to play. The public conscience is awake today, and the leading topic is "The Child—and Play." Now we have parks and playgrounds and more—Community Service, and leaders in number galore.

Happy the children who gather each day to enjoy the games and supervised play; of our parks and playgrounds we love to boast; to promoters of these we offer a toast:

"Long may you live who thought of a way
To brighten our lives with games and play;
May your hearts keep young and ever

THE EMPEROR'S LESSON

(By M— C. W. G.)

There comes to my mind a story,
A story I had half forgot;
But whether I read or dreamed it
Most certainly it matters not.
It teaches a beautiful lesson
For young and old, for high and low
The moral is "kindness to all"
Which is a golden rule you know.

An Emperor in his plain clothes garb
Forth from his palace went one day,
Upon a walk which led him far
Out of his much accustomed way,
Which of two roads he ought to take
Pausing a moment to decide,
A petty army officer
Patroling near him he espied,
"Pardon me sir", the Emperor said,
Would you ~~mind~~ tell~~ing~~ me which road
Leads to Kalouga? and my thanks,"
"To the right," curtly—on he strode
Upon his beat—~~nor~~ glanced again
At the stranger—but puffed away
At his pipe vain—gloriously,
Inflated with conceit that day.

The Emperor smiled and spoke again,
"A question please?" will you tell me
Your position in the army?
"Guess," he replied full pompously
"Major?" "Lower," "Captain?" "not yet."
"Lieutenant?" "no, guess again,"
"Sergeant?" "at last you are correct,
Which did his haughty mien explain,
"Now its my turn, "the Emperor" said,
Can you guess what is my station?
"You are an officer then sir?"
(His spirit losing its elation).
"Lieutenant?" "higher," "Captain?"
"Up."
"Major?" "Go on" "It can not be
That you are Lieutenant Colonel
In service of his majesty!
"Up," "Gen'ral?" "commander-in-chief?"
"Higher" "His Imperial Majesty?"
"The very same," The officer
Bowed low in his humility,

When tempted to be rude
Or discourteous or unkind,
The lesson of His Majesty,
Would always come into his mind",
For kindness does the life enrich,
Tho' you be born to great estate,
And courtesy your due to men,
Tho you may guide the Ship of State.

JUNALUSKA.

Junaluska, thou gem of the mountains, where Nature's greatest charm we feel—
Thy grandeur sublime overwhelms me as close to thy great heart I steal
To refresh my soul and tired spirit in thy sweet living cristal wave.
Thous sprinklest my heart with freshness as in Nature's baptism.

In thy glorious mountain-framed mirror He has set His invisible Trone—
His steps are in thy paths, Junaluska;—dominion is His alone.
As the Persian built his altars and sought his God on the peaks,
So in Junaluska's mountains, in lake, in air and sky He speaks.

Thou woocst me, Junaluska, with the charm of thy crystal face;
In thy glorious mirror the mountains their majestic aspect can trace;
"A model for ART thou art"—inspiration comes with thy gentle breeze—
And the glory of the heavens with rapturous eagerness we seize.

No record of slaughter has profaned the name of thy clear limpid lake.
Thou art the renewer of our hopes and our dreams thou dost keep awake.
Fitted by nature art thou to be, the assembly ground of a great host—

And worshipping multitudes come to thee their soul's delight and proudest boast.

Nothing's lost—no bit of air, no beam, no stir of leaf—nor peak, nor plain—
Thy beauty holds us—Our orisons mingle with the stars—not in vain.
And the soul forgets her scheming hopes and knows no more her wonted pride,
But seeks unconscious Him—and offers her devotion at thy lake-side.

Pass not unblest this resting place. nor deem thy song shall die away.
In ennobling freshness its memory shall hallow thy path for aye.
In awe and wonder, Junaluska, on thy green-fringed shore I stand,
And my soul is moved within me for thou art my own, my native land.

LENORE ANDERSON GASKINS,
New Bern, N. C.

Little Red Poppies

Wear the poppies — poppies red
In mem'ry of our heroic dead.
They are replicas of those that blow
In Flanders Fields where Thousands grow.
They guard the place where loved ones sleep,
Their vigil mid white crosses keep.
They call to mind the Flanders' dead;
Their sacrifice — The fight they led.
They speak to us of those who fell
For Freedom's cause we love so well;
They plead with me — they plead with you;
"Ye heirs of liberty so true."
O, poppies red this message take
To those who sleep for freedom's sake.
"Rest ye our brave, rest from the fray —
Our hearts keep faith with you today."
Sleep on, ye brave, peacefully sleep
Fragrant will poppies your mem'ries keep.
The loyal, true will ever wear
The little red flower from "over there."
Little red poppies bloom on for aye
We'll wait for you each Memorial Day,
With prayer that you may redder blow
Between the crosses row on row!

Lenore Anderson Gaskins

Prayer and Praise

Our Father, guide our band
To better understand
Thy Love divine.
Teach us to do Thy will –
Thy purpose to fulfill;
Direct our motives still,
All praise be Thine.
Unite our hearts to day
To "carry on," we pray
In Thy great name
Give us a vision true,
Of service we can do,
Our spirits to renew,
Thy love to claim.
Blessings our ways attend.
As oft our prayers ascend
To Thee again.
Help us to reach our goal;
"To bring each weary soul
Thy wonders to extol,"
Amen, Amen.

Lenore Anderson Gaskins

Mrs. Gaskins Organizing Women For Chest Drive

Will Meet With Majors Friday At Wachovia Bank Building

Mrs. Whit C. Gaskins, well known Asheville woman, who has been appointed general of the women's division of the Community Chest campaign organization, started yesterday on the work of selecting majors who will assist her in getting together 125 active women workers for this division.

Between now and Friday she expects to name five majors who will meet with her Friday morning at 9 o clock at the Wachovia Bank building for the purpose of taking up the selection of captains and lieutenants who will make up the main body of the section.

There will be a total of 125 women, representative of the entire city in this division, including the general, five majors, 20 captains and 100 lieutenants. The majors will select the captains and the captains in turn will select their lieutenants, each captain being assigned 5 lieutenants.

The residential territory of the city has been divided into districts by Wythe M. Peyton, engineer of the Community Chest organization, and a unit of the women's division will have charge of the solicitation in each district.

Mr. Gaskins, who was appointed general of the division by Chester Brown, organization chairman under Gilbert H Morris, the general chairman, is one of Asheville's most popular women leaders. She is secretary-Treasurer of the Nichols Realty company and has been active in civic affairs for many years. She resides in West Asheville where she is president of the West Asheville Community club, a civic organization of women in the western section of the city. She is an active member of the West Asheville Methodist church and teaches the Lambuth Bible class in that church. Mrs. Gaskins is also a director of the Y W C. A. and a member of the finance committee of that association which is one of the 12 social service agencies in the Community Chest. She is also a past president of the Asheville Parent-Teacher council.

Announcement was also made yesterday of the appointment of Fred L. Seely, prominent Asheville citizen, as chairman of the initial gifts committee of the Community Chest campaign organization. This committee is one of the most important units of the campaign group and both Chairman Brown and Chairman Morris feel highly gratified that they have been able to obtain the services of Mr. Seely for this post. Mr. Seely is one of the South's most successful business executives. He is one of the city's most active developers. He is the owner of the Biltmore Homespun Industries.

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MRS. GASKINS IS RE-NAMED HEAD OF P. T. A. UNIT

Election Of Officers Is Held At David Millard

Mrs. Lenore Gaskins was re-elected president of David Millard high school Parent-Teacher association at a meeting yesterday afternoon at the school.

Other officers were named as follows: Mrs. Fred Hampton, first vice-president; Mrs. Walter Watts, second vice-president; Mrs. Walter Clark, treasurer; Miss Isabel Cooke, recording secretary; Miss Mabel Jarvis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Clyde Bradley, ways and means chairman.

Delegate Named

Mrs Bradley was named the delegate to the state convention to be held this month in Durham, and Mrs. Walter Clark was selected as alternate Reports of standing committees were heard

S. B. Lee, a member of the faculty, spoke on "Common Sense in Education." Mrs Beulah B Hoffman, a member of the faculty, expressed appreciation for the underprivileged children of the school for the help of the P. T A during the year. Miss Margaret Wilkie's group ably won the attendance award.

The high school orchestra under direction of Joseph DeNardo presented Herod's Overture, "Sylvia," and "Morning" Devotionals were conducted by Miss Katherine Tighe. A large attendance marked the meeting.

Mothers Hold Meeting

Mothers of the graduates of Asheville high school, comprising the David Millard and Hall Fletcher senior classes held a joint meeting following the session. Plans for the financing of a record book for graduates were considered, and arrangements for the benefit Keno party to be held for this purpose Monday at George Vanderbilt hotel were made. Mrs. D. N. Indorf is general chairman for the party. Mrs Josephine McMillan is prize chairman. Mrs Fred Hampton is ticket chairman, and Mrs. R. W. Campbell is in charge of equipment. The graduates will have as another benefit "High School Days" at Miller's store April 18, 19 and 20, receiving a certain percentage of the proceeds these days. High School night will be observed April 20 at the B and W cafeteria

Plans are being made for a picnic for the seniors by the mothers. The junior-senior banquet for graduates will be held May 4 at the Asheville senior high school building on McDowell street

Heads P. T. A.

MRS. LENORE GASKINS

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THE ASHEVILLE NEWS, Friday, December 14, 1951

MRS. LENORE GASKINS PASSES AFTER ACTIVE BUSINESS LIFE

MRS. LENORE ANDERSON GASKINS

Lenore Anderson Gaskins, appearing in our columns June 17, 1949. Mrs. Gaskins died last week while on a visit to relatives in Kentucky.

The subject for our News Personality this week isn't a member of the Optimist Club, but if a reporter or anyone else wants a tonic to raise the corners of his mouth, he would do well to pay a visit to the office of Mrs. Lenore Anderson Gaskins in the Haywood Building. Of course Mrs. Gaskins would try to sell the seeker after optimism a house and lot—or possibly just a lot—but if she could raise your barometric pressure a few points, it would be worth the price.

Whether you have fallen from a great height or just stubbed your toe along life's highway, Mrs. Gaskins is right there with a smile and a kindly word of advice and presto, your flat tires are inflated again for that long, hard pull in the business or social world. Such people are an incalculable asset to any community, but their praises are seldom sung until the bell is tolling and the pallbearers are gathered about the little lead box.

Lenore first saw the light of day in Madison county, where her father, D. N. Anderson, had a country estate. She was one of eight children and we reckon that farm work with that many willing hands was really a picnic. In addition to home duties, she took on night school and went through Mars Hill Junior College. Somewhat later Lenore won her B.D. at Claremont College in Hickory and her A.B. degree at Holman Christian Univernity ,then located in Black Mountain.

With college behind her, Lenore had several years' experience teaching mathematics and Latin, a dead language which became alive in her hands. Then she was made principal of the Black Mountain public school, which she liked a lot better than teaching.

In 1904, Lenore married Charles Whitfield Gaskins, who was named after the famous Methodist preacher. Mr. Gaskins was a Black Mountain druggist. Three years later the Gaskins moved to Newbern, his former home, and they lived there for 20 years. Lenore took a keen interest in teaching conditioned pupils in her studio at home.

The call of the mountains lured the Gaskins back to Asheville in 1924, but Mr. Gaskins who was a graduate of Bryant Stratton Business College at Baltmore, Maryland, passed away not long after their return.

Lenore decided that she could sell realty property and entered the real estate business with Dr. J. G. Anderson, later buying his interest. For eight years she was associated as secretary-treasurer with the French Broad Realty Company, which later became the Nichols Realty Company. In 1931 Mrs. Gaskins occupied the first office in the newly completed Arcade Building. Associated with her at that time was her son, Robert A. Gaskins, who is now with Dunn & Bradstreet, Inc., in Detroit.

Lenore is especially interested in the profession of real estate. She is the only woman who has maintained continuous offices in that field in Asheville for over twenty years. In 1940 she was president of the local Real Estate board and participated in the National Association program that year, when the realty men and women met in Philadelphia. She has been active in selling both business and residential property here ,some of her deals running an high as $100,000.00. During her years in Newbern and Asheville, Lenore has done considerable publicity work. During World War I she composed the song, "On to Berlin," which appeared in the Paris edition of The New York Times. She later received a letter addressed to "The woman who wrote 'On to Berlin,' Newbern, N. C."

We mentioned one of the Gaskins' sons. Another son, Dr. Charles W. Gaskins, recently completed his course in surgery and associated with Yarberry Hospital, Sevierville, Tenn. An elder daughter, Mrs. William J. Peeke, a well known pianist, lives in this city, and has taken a keen interest in musical activities. An elder daughter, Lucile A. Gaskins, passed away in 1925.

Lenore has three brothers, J. B. Anderson, Asheville attorney; W. K. Anderson, with the agricultural department of the Government at Mars Hill; and O. E. Anderson, who lives at the old family home in Madison county. A sister, Mrs. W. T. Martin, lives in Raleigh, where her husband, Dr. Martin, is recognized as one of the state's leading dentists. Another sister is the wife of R. C. Shelton, a Charlotte real esate man. Lenore's eldest sister, Mrs. J. E. Robinson, mother of Dr. Locke Robinson, of Mars Hill, passed away several years ago.

Lenore admits that her chief interest in Asheville is her church. She has been teacher for several years of the Charles Wesley Byrd Class of about one hundred members. She is a member of the Board of Stewards of Central Methodist Church. She also takes a prominent part in the social rebuilding homes at 44 Oak St., where women with broken lives and homes can go in an effort to make a new start in life. She enjoys working among the shut-ins, both spiritually and otherwise.

It is recalled that Lenore organized the West Asheville Community Club a number of years ago, and was one of its first presidents. At that time West Asheville had little community consciousness.

Mrs. Gaskins maintains a scholarship at Brevard College as a memorial to her daughter, Lucile.

Lenore has written a number of songs and poems, among them a dedication song for Central Methodist Church. Her Victory Song, composed during the depression when her church debt was paid off, is well known. She is active on the Community Chest, having served at one time as general chairman, West Asheville chairman and also chairman f the Women'n Division. She was chosen at one time as Red Cross chairman.

As to our city's growth, Lenore said: "I am most optimistic about Asheville's future. I have seen it grow from a small town and we are now getting to have lots of city habits. Our city is expanding in every line. Our industrial outlook is bright. Asheville has had some outstanding visitors in past years. To people who look wishfully for a town in which they can locate, Asheville offers the cream. We have the flower of all people from all parts of the country. There is every evidence that Asheville will move ahead. We have some of the most beautiful residential sections in America."

Speaking of her own firm, Lenore pointed out: "The Gaskins Realty Company is not just making its bread and butter, but we are selling contentment. More and more women are becoming interested in selling better homes." She bears this out by serving on the beautification committee.

Associated with the Gaskins Realty Company as secretary-treasurer is William J. Peek. Mr. Peeke is a World War II veterans, having se[illegible] in Europe in the Army [illegible] orps.

Historical Markers

Marker At Gaston's Grave To Be Unveiled Thursday

The Asheville Chapter, North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Thursday will unveil a marble marker on the grave of Josiah Perry Gaston, who rose from private to lieutenant in the Confederate Army.

The ceremony will take place at 2 p. m. in the old Oak Forest Church Cemetery on Sand Hill Road east of Enka.

Gaston, a member of a family whose genealogy goes back 1,100 years, served in the "Rough And Ready Company" of Gov. Zebulon Baird Vance's Buncombe County men. This company served with the 64th Regiment of North Carolina troops. Josiah Gaston was the first to report on the Battle of Gettysburg on his return to Buncombe County. He was the grandson of a veteran of the American Revolution.

The first Gaston in direct line of descent of whom dates and locations are available was Jean de Foix He was a direct descendant of Gaston of Foix de Nemours (1489-1512). When King Louis IV of France issued the Edict of Nantes to suppress Protestantism, the Gastons were among those who fled to England, Ireland and later to the American colonies.

Records show that Robert Gaston, the son of William Gaston of Caranleagh Gloughwater, County Antrim, Ireland, and Olivet Lemon Gaston, was born about 1720 in Ireland. He married Margaret Logan and they came to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, about 1757. Ten years later, they moved to Lynch's Creek, 28 miles north of Camden, S. C., in Lancaster County where Robert Gaston died about 1787.

Robert Gaston's record showed him a patriot of the American Revolution and the father of eight children, the two eldest sons of whom served in the Revolutionary War. One of the sons was Thomas Gaston, Josiah Gaston's grandfather. The ninth child was Thomas Logan Gaston, who died in 1854 and is buried under the Central Methodist Church in Asheville.

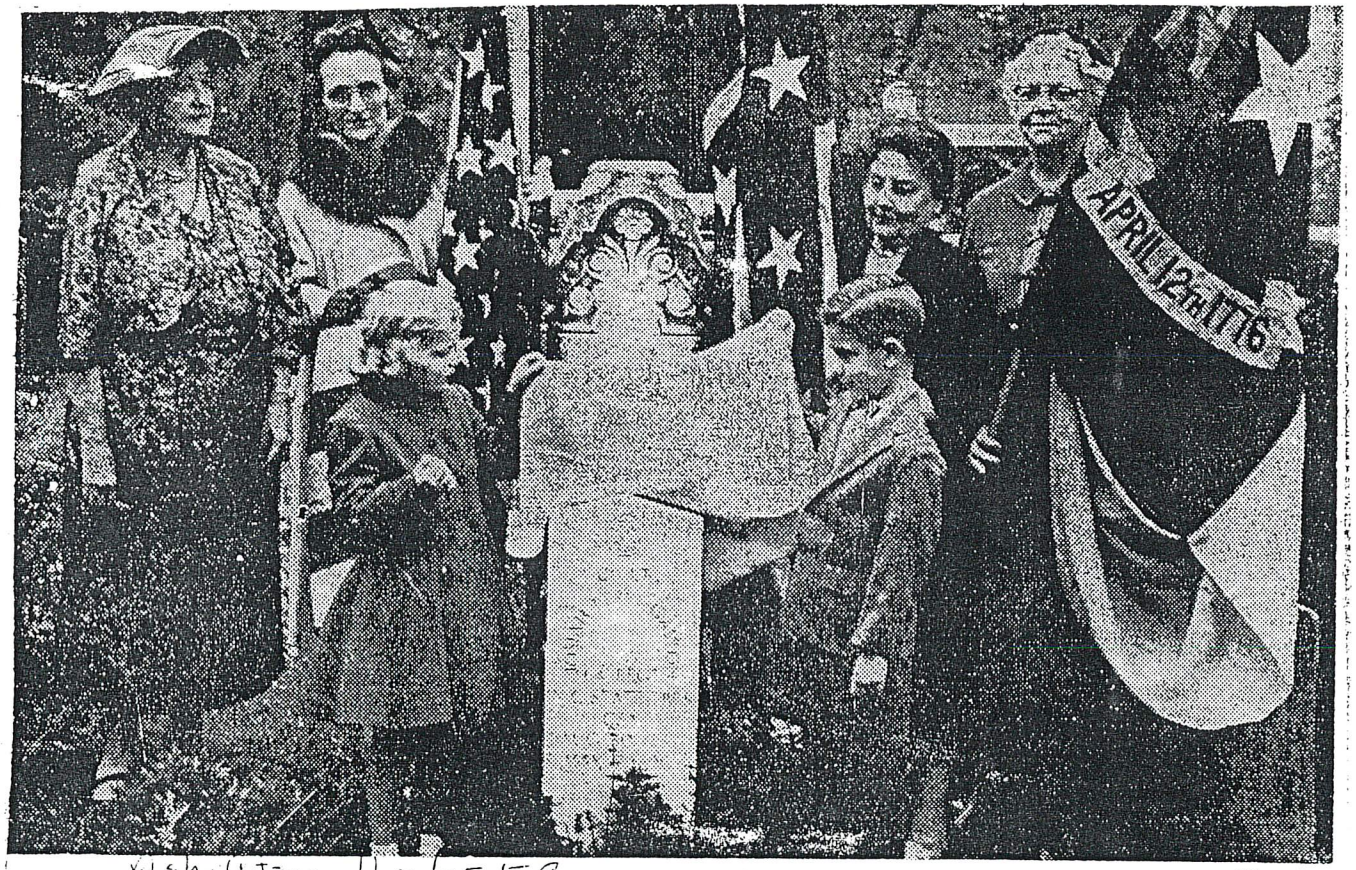
One of Thomas Logan Gaston's sons was Josiah Gaston, who was born in 1832. He enlisted in Gov. Vance's Company F in 1861 and was promoted in 1862 to second lieutenant.

At the unveiling ceremony Thursday, the Rev. Richard Sommers will give the invocation and Mrs. Ottis Green, chapter chaplain, will lead the devotional. Mrs. Harry Love, director of the First District, UDC of N. C., will carry the Confederate flag and Mrs. E. W. Daniels, chapter president, will carry the U. S. flag, followed by Mrs. C. E. Case with the North Carolina flag.

Mrs. Asbury G Barnett will preside and Mrs. Edgar Duckworth, granddaughter of the soldier, will lead in the group singing. O. E. Starnes, Asheville city attorney and great-grandson, will be the speaker. Fletcher Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Starnes, and Amy Elizabeth Starnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Starnes, will unveil the marker.

Greetings from the Sons of the Confederacy will be given by Ottis Green Jr. Mrs. M. F. Meredith will bring a message from the Fannie Patton chapter of the UDC.

Dr. Alexander Gaston of New Bern, a Revolutionary soldier, was a brother of Robert Gaston, Josiah Gaston's great-grandfather. Dr. Gaston's son, Judge Gaston, wrote the N. C. song, "Carolina," and Gaston County was named for him.



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THE ASHEVILLE CHAPTER, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Thursday unveiled a marble marker on the grave of Civil War hero Josiah Perry Gaston, buried in the cemetery at Oak Forest Church on Sand Hill Road. Taking part in the ceremony were: (L-R): front row, Amy Elizabeth Starnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Starnes Jr., and Fletcher Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Starnes; back row, Mrs. Asbury G. Barnett, Mrs. E. W. Daniels, Mrs. Harry W. Love and Mrs. Marion Wilson. Gaston rose from private to second lieutenant in Gov. Zebulon B. Vance's "Rough and Ready Company" composed of Buncombe County men. He was born in 1832 and died in 1890.

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A REUNION OF REMNANTS of Captain Zebulon Baird Vance's "Rough and Ready Guards" at the summer home of Gov. and Mrs. Vance. This picture was taken in 1890. From left to right—1, William Gudger; 2, James M. Smith; 3, Perry Gaston; 4, William Garrison; 5, Riley Powers; 6, Governor Zebulon B. Vance; 7, David Gudger; 8, R. T. Pittilo; 9, Alfred Watson; 10, J. J. White; 11, John Stepill; 12, Jim Hughey; 13, Bachus Westall; 14, Jesse M. Green; 15 Captain James M. Gudger; 16, Westley Hicks (negro bodyguard); 17 Gay Williams; 18, Thomas Brooks; 19, Vick Baird; 20, Merritt Stevens; 21, Alfred Hunter; 22, William Hunter (twin brother of Alfred)

Edwin B. Gaston Owns Powder Horn Used In Three Wars

EDWIN B. GASTON of Arden and his powder horn which bears inscriptions showing it was used in the Revolutionary War of 1777, the War of 1812 and the Civil War of 1861-1865.

By MARY LACY BYRD
Citizen-Times Correspondent

CANDLER—There are many interesting historical stories concerning Hominy Valley and some of the pioneer residents that with the passing of this generation will perhaps be forgotten. Ash. Cit.

For this reason they should be retold, as a reminder to the old generation and as interesting history to members of the younger generation.

One of the most interesting stories is that of Josiah Perry Gaston and his three weeks walk home to bring the story of the surrender of Genral Lee at Appomatox, Va., on April 3, 1865. 3-4-6 ✓

With his discharge in hand, Gaston started out to rejoin his wife, several small children and his parents, Thomas Logan and Prudence Doolan Gaston. The Gaston's had moved to Asheville from Lancaster, S. C., and had established a home on the banks of the French Broad River, near what is now Owen Field.

It was a long hard trip from Appamatox to Asheville on foot and the already worn shoes and clothing were soon in tatters. When Gaston reached the banks of the French Broad River, he called to members of his family to bring fresh clothing to him and after bathing in the river he buried the vermin infested rags he had worn on the long trek home before seeing members of his family.

His Mainstay

One thing for sure that had been his mainstay through the bitter fighting and the long trip home was his gun and a powder horn that had belonged to his grandfather, Thomas Gaston, who had served as an irregular in the Revolutionary War, and had been used in the War of 1812. This horn has been handed down through the years to the youngest son in the family and is now in the possession of Edwin Gaston, of Arden, son of Clarence Perry Gaston.

Of great surprise to Josiah Perry Gaston, was the bitter fighting that was still raging around Asheville and in the city proper. Asheville was being besieged on the South by Stoneman and Kirk's army was pressing in from the North. The battle had been in progress for days with women joining in the defense of the city proper. The Confederate General in Asheville had gone out under a flag of truce and made an agreement with the Union General to give them a three days supply of food for themselves and their animals, if they would withdraw from Asheville and not destroy the city.

Following the occupation of the city on May 17, 1865, the Union forces marched through the city to the North and immediately returned, pillaging and burning much property. Soon a Negro garrison was set up in the city and "burners" ranged far and wide destroying and seizing every they could find.

During this time many Hominy Valley residents hid silver and various belongings in the mountains and dug holes in the ground at night to bury things. Stories are still told of treasures that were never located again.

Hard Years Ahead

Many hard years lay ahead for Josiah Perry Gaston and his wife, Martha Elvira Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones of Hominy Valley. They had built a home for their daughter on the site of the present Enka Baptist Church. Ten children were born to this marriage. They were Thomas Logan, Russell Jones, Thomas Pinckney, Parley, Edwin Lamar, Mrs. Annie Ingram, Mrs. Minnie Fletcher, Mrs. Thomas Howie, Clarence Perry and Addie Alexander. They are all deceased but their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are numerous in all of this section.

Call To Arms

Josiah Perry Gaston felt the call to arms when war broke out in the spring of 1861 and was a volunteer in the famous "Rough and Ready Guards" which was organized in Asheville under the direction of Zebulon B. Vance, captain.

This group left Asheville May 3, 1861, hiking and camping out until they reached the railroad six miles East of Morganton. From there they went by train to Statesville for two weeks of drilling and then on to Raleigh. Later they went to Garreysburg in Northampton County where they became a part of the 14th North Carolina Regiment. They were known as Company "F".

This company participated in many battles and was regarded as a highly trained unit performing well under fire. Josiah Perry Gaston was wounded in the battle of Malvern Hills and became a prisoner of war. He later was exchanged and promoted to first adjutant in the 64th Regiment.

In a prisoner of war letter written to his wife on Dec. 22, 1863, Gaston stated in part", I have been sick some but nothing of a serious nature. The weather here is pretty changeable, at the present time very cold and plenty of ice. We are still at our old trade of eating and sleeping. As to being exchanged, the Good Lord only knows when that will be." He also commented on other pastimes of the group while in the Johnson Island, Sandusky, Ohio, prison. This letter is now a prized possession of Mrs. Allen Luther of Asheville, a granddaughter.

A Family Man

Josiah Perry Gaston was a great family man and older members of the family recall that he was a great lover of music. He often had groups of friends in to join the family for an evening of singing the old hymns and familiar tunes. He was active in all community affairs and was a Knight Templer in the Masonic Lodge. He died May 5, 1890, and was buried on the hillside overlooking his home. Later his body was removed to the Oak Forest Presbyterian Cemetery.

Asheville Citizen March 4, 1962

A PROMINENT MAN DEAD.

Mr. Perry Gaston Dies Suddenly of Heart Disease.

From Daily Citizen May 6.

Mr. Perry Gaston, a prominent farmer living west of the city on Hominy, and well and favorably known in Asheville, died suddenly at his home last evening. Yesterday he was in the city enjoying the best of health, and made arrangements with a party of friends to go on a fishing excursion to-day. He returned to his farm in the evening and ate a hearty supper with his family. At about 9 o'clock he walked out in the yard and when near the pump suddenly fell to the ground. Assistance was immediately at hand but before he could be carried into the house he was dead. The cause of his death was heart disease.

Mr. Gaston was 60 years old and leaves a wife and eight children. He was as well known perhaps as any man in Asheville and had made his home here for nearly all of his life. A few years before the war he went to California by the Panama route and returned just before the conflict began. He enlisted in the Rough and Ready guards and fought with them until he was captured by the federals. In an exchange of prisoners Mr. Gaston was among the lucky ones, but his freedom was of short duration. A week later he was recaptured at Roanoke island. After the war he returned here where he has since lived.

On Sunday last at the reunion of his old company he was present and subscribed to the monument to be erected. He was then in the best of spirits. Apparently he enjoyed good health up to the minute of his death. The deceased was a member of the West Asheville Improvement Company.

The funeral will be held to-morrow morning under the auspices of the Cyrene Commandery, K. T.

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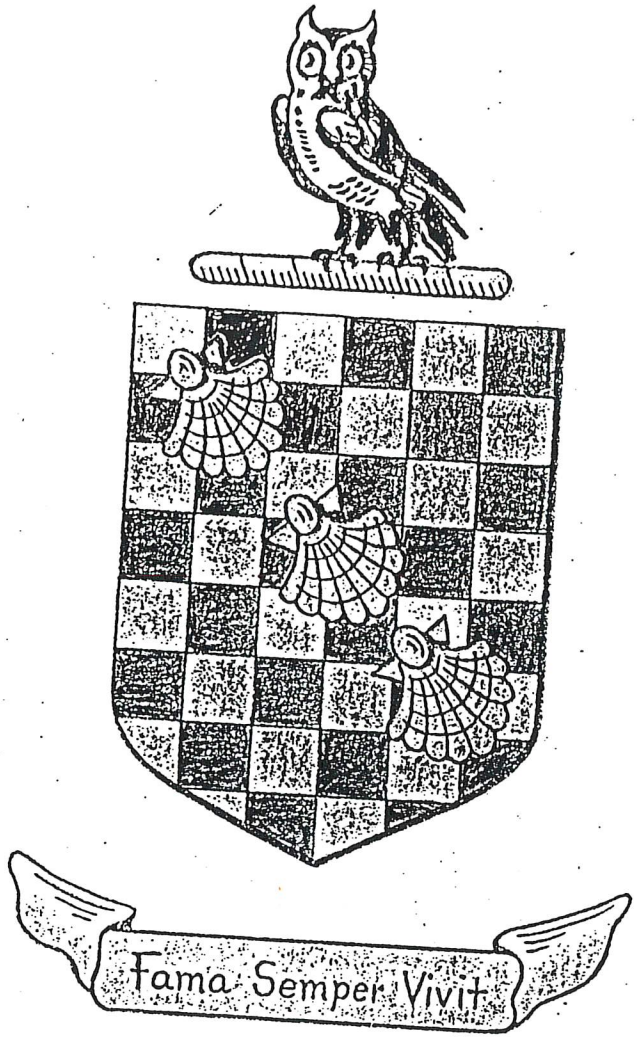

Gaston

THOMAS LOGAN GASTON

By

F. Jack Cole

March 5, 1989

March 5, 1989

TO : GASTON COUSINS

FROM : THOMAS LOGAN GASTON, MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

"Sister", Pearl Gaston Connelly
Emily Sue Mallonee Dillard
F. Jack Cole

REPORT : ON THOMAS LOGAN GASTON MEMORIAL MARKER

Last year, summer and fall of 1988, you gave a contribution to purchase a marker for the grave of Thomas Logan Gaston. The purpose of this REPORT is to tell you that to this time we have not been able to find his grave. The story of this is in the following monograph which tells almost everything that we know about Thomas Logan Gaston and how he came from South Carolina to live in Buncombe County on the west bank of the French Broad River. It is a story of the Gaston family and descendants that live in Buncombe County.

As the Committee did not purchase a marker the committee would like for you to indicate your wishes as to the disposition of the money collected.

1. Return monry to contributor.
2. Make a Memorial Contribution to:
   a. Oak Forest Presbyterian Church
   b. Montmorenci United Methodist Church
   c. Central United Methodist Church
   d. Split the contribution as a memorial to Thomas Logan Gaston to each of the above.

Please advise Emily Sue Mallonee Dillard of your decision soon.

ASHEVILLE NEWS.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Thursday, March 30, 1854.

DIED,

At his residence, near this place, on the 24th instant, after a protracted illness, THOMAS L. GASTON, Esq., aged 49 years. Mr. Gaston was a useful citizen, a kind neighbor, and as a husband, a father, and a master, beloved and respected. But best of all, he was a *christian.* Two years before his death he embraced christianity, and during his long illness, his constant desire was to depart and be at rest. His last words were, "All is well."

THOMAS LOGAN GASTON

Born April 7, 1805, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Died March 24, 1854, Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina

"Thomas Logan Gaston, born April 7, 1805, was the 9th child of Thomas Gaston and wife Sarah Nickels Gaston. He was the grandson of Robert Gaston and his wife Margaret Logan Gaston of Lynch's Creek, Lancaster County, South Carolina. Thomas Gaston married Sarah Nickles, daughter of James Nickles of Hanging Rock Creek, Lancaster County, South Carolina.

I Thomas Logan Gaston Married Prudence Doolen, April 16, 1829. She was born February 4, 1809 and died in October 1837. They had three children: Harriet Resiah Gaston born March 19,1830 and died August 1832.;Josiah Perry Gaston, born April 30, 1832 and Parley Clenny Gaston, born July 30, 1835, married Addie Moore. Josiah Perry Gaston Married Martha Jones on August 23, 1855, he died May 5,1890.

II Thomas Logan Gaston's second wife was Mrs. Margaret Walker of Spartanburg County, South Carolina and there were no children of this marriage. His home was on the West bank of the French Broad River, Asheville, N. C.

The home place of Thomas Gaston and his wife Sarah Nickles Gaston and their family was in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, a mile West of South Tyger River, and about two miles East of Reidville, South Carolina of the South side of the present road from Spartanburg to Reidville. Thomas Gaston is said to have been buried in the graveyard at Nazareth Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg County. No marker is found there except the engraved initials "T. G." on a field stone, located next to the grave of James A. Gaston. Thomas Gaston served in the Revolution as an irregular and the powder horn

used by him is in the possession of one of the decendants in Asheville, N. C." (Edwin B. Gaston). The same horn was used in the War of 1812, and the Civil War (1861-1865 used by Josiah Perry Gaston) (Mary Lacy Byrd in the Asheville Citizen-Times March 4, 1962 wrote," Josiah Perry Gaston served with the"Rough and Ready Guards", Company F, 14th North Carolina Regiment as commanded by Zebulon Baird Vance, Captain. The group left Asheville May 3, 1861, hiking and camping out until they reached the railroad six miles East of Morganton."

Please note that the information down to this page and THE Mary Lacy Byrd story, is taken from the Mary Gaston Gee book "The Ancestry and Decendants of Amzi Williford Gaston II (1841-1911) of Spartanburg County, South Carolina,and published by the Author, Montibello Circle, University Station, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1944.

On September 19, 1957, Dorothy Moore Gaston wrote a paper on : "Josiah Perry Gaston"

"On August 23, 1855, J. P. Gaston married Martha Elvira Jones (daughter of Russell L. Jones and wife Mattie Owenby daughter of Porter Owenby and Martha Morgan, daughter of Rev. Perminter Morgan [fjc]) They lived in West Asheville on the bank of the French Broad River near Carrier Field (Now Asheville Race Track). In 1873 they moved to Hominy Valley to the farm house built by Russell L. Jones [father of Martha Elvira Jones]. There were ten children born to this marriage: Thomas Logan, Russell Jones, Thomas Pinkney, Edwin Lamar, Annie (Mrs. Charles Ingram), Minnie (Mrs. W. E. Fletcher), Mamie (Mrs. Thomas Howie- Mrs. James H. Brown), Clarence Perry and Addie (Mrs. Wayne Alexander).

Perry Gaston died March 5, 1890 and was buried in the family cemetery on the hill above his home (now Enka Baptist Church).

Later his body was moved by his family to the old Oak Forest Cemetery. His father, Thomas Logan Gaston, is bur ied under the present site of the Central Methodist Church in Asheville, N. C.."

[The preceding information copied from the paper written by Dorothy Moore Gaston and is dated September 19, 1957, a copy of which is in my possession (fjc)].

The Asheville Chapter North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on Thursday November 4th, 1959 dedicated a marble marker on the grave of Josiah Perry Gaston, who rose from private to lieutenant in the Confederate Army. On Sunday November 1, 1959, the Asheville Citizen-Times, Asheville, N. C. had a news story about the ceremony to take place a 2:00 p.m. at the old Oak Forest Church Cemetery on Sand Hill Road east of Enka. the story states: "Gaston, a member of a family whose genealogy goes back 1100 years, served in the "Rough And Ready Company" of Gov. Zebulon Baird Vance's Buncombe County men. This company served with the 64th Regiment of North Carolina troops. Josiah Gaston was the first to report on the Battle of Gettysburg on his return to Buncombe County. He was the grandson of a veteran of the American Revolution.

The first Gaston in direct line of descent of whom dates and locations are available was Jean de Foix. He was a direct descendant of Gaston of Foix de Nemours (1489-1512).When King Louis IV of France issued the Edict of Nantes to suppress Protestantism, the Gastons were among those who fled to England, Ireland and later to the American colonies. Records show that Robert Gaston, the son of William Gaston of Caranleagh Gloughwater, County Antrim, Ireland, and Olivet Lemon Gastonwas born about 1720 in Ireland. He married Margaret Logan and they came to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, about 1757. Ten years later,

they moved to Lynch's Creek, 23 miles north of Camden, S. C. ,in Lancester County where Robert Gaston died about 1787.

Robert Gaston's record showed him a patriot of the American Revolution and the father of eight children, the two eldest sons of whom served in the Revolution War. One of the sons was Thomas Gaston, Josiah Gaston's grandfather. The nineth child was Thomas Logan Gaston, who died in 1854 and is buried under Central Methodist Church in Asheville.

One of Thomas Logan Gaston's sons was Josiah Gaston. who was born in 1832. He enlisted in Gov. Vance's Company F in 1861 and was promoted in 1862 to second lieutenant.

Mrs. Asbury G. Barnett will preside."

Taken from the Sunday, November 1, 1959, Asheville Citizen-Times, Asheville, N. C.

First from the paper written by Dorothy Moore Gaston, "Josiah Perry Gaston" written September 19, 1957 and from the above Asheville Citizen-Times story published, Sunday November 1, 1959 we have repeated for the second time, "THOMAS LOGAN GASTON, WHO DIED IN 1854 AND IS BURIED UNDER CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH IN ASHEVILLE."

Relating to the two statments, "Thomas Logan Gaston is buried under the Central Methodist Church in Asheville," this writer has searched records for information about, Thomas Logan Gaston, some of the things that he did while living on the west bank of the French Broad River, here in Asheville and Buncombe County and FOR the answer to the question, Is Thomas Logan Gaston buried under Central Methodist Church in Asheville?

The answer to this question, we have thought about for years upon reading the statment "Thomas Logan Gaston is buried under Central Methodist Church!" The church which began in 1837 with the first building on the present lot on Church Street in Asheville. The first church building was a frame structure and was erected on land donated by Colonel James M. Alexander. The building located on the original lot 115 1/2'X 280 1/2' on Church Street. The building was completed before the deed from Colonel Alexander was recorded Book 22, page 359. 1839.

Sondley, "A History of Buncombe County" p 707 "About 1857 this little house was replaced by a brick house of much larger dimensions. This last, after being remodelled several times, was replaced in 1903 by the stone edifice which is now the northern portion of the present Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the present southern portion having been added about 1926."

Sondley, p 713, "In 1865 the piece of ground on which now stands the southern portion of the building of Central Church of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was vacant,having been used as a hitching lot for the horses of attendants on services at that church who came on horseback. In that year this piece of ground was made the cemetery for that church. There had also been some burials in the Trinity Episcopal Churchyard on Church Street south of and immediately next to that church and some on the same side of Church Street just north of the Presbyterian Church. All these graves on Church Street, except that of James Patton in the Presbyterian churchyard, were removed to Riverside Cemetery when that cemetery was established in 1885 by the Asheville Cemetery Company, Incorporated, on Aug 4, 1885. In this way it came about that many graves in Riverside Cemetery contain bodies which were removed to it from other burying grounds and some of which had been removed twice."

The question, Where is Thomas Logan Gaston burried? This has been a persistent one for members of the family.

One member was looking at the burial records at Riverside Cemetery with the Cemetery Caretaker when he came across an entry, which he thought could be that of Thos Gaston. The Cemetery showed this to be for grave number 5, Section K Lot Number 141. This information was passed on to me. I called Mr. Bob Creighton the former Cemetery Caretaker, who had retired. Mr. Creighton agreed to meet me at the Riverside Cemetery and to show me the grave number 5. Meeting me at the office he looked up the record and told me that the burial had taken place March 1, 1951 and was handled by Berryman. He then took me in his jeep to the grave site. Grave number 5 has no marker to indicate a burial on the spot. In Lot 141 Section K there are some other graves including: W. C. Stradley 1855-1904; Ruth Stradley 1863-1933; J. Howard Case 2-10-1911; Margaret Phillip 1904; W. L. Phillip 1874-1920 and others. The unmarked grave Number 5 was at the base of an Oak Tree. Mr. Creighton indicated to me no knowledge except as contained in the entry record.

Later I stopped at Penland and Sons Funeral Home, Inc. and talked with Joe Penland giving him the date of March 1, 1951 and the name of Thomas Gaston, requesting that if possible he check back the records of March 1, 1951 to see if there was a record of the former owner Berryman Funeral Home, Asheville, N. C. moving the grave of Thomas Logan Gaston from Central Methodist Church to Riverside Cemetery and reburying. Some time later upon checking with Mr. Penland he stated that he had been unable to find anything. (This took place sometime before the Penland Funeral Home was burned.

With the information from Mr. Creighton that Thos Gaston was buried in grave number 5, after a discussion of family members, it was felt

that a marker should be bought and placed on the unmarked grave of Thomas Logan Gaston in Riverside Cemetery. From this family members were contacted and money was collected and deposited by Emily Sue Mallonee Dillard (Mrs. Olin Dillard). The money was collected last summer and fall, 1988 and deposited. In turn I was ask to contact Mr. Whitmire in West Asheville and place an order for the marker. This I did and after talking with Mr. Whitmire decided I should make a final check at Riverside with Mr. David Olson, who is the current Riverside Caretaker.

With Mr. Olson the writer looked at the entry records for internment at the cemetery which are placed in alphabetical order, looking for Thos Gaston. Mr. Olson found an entry for grave 5, Section K Lot 141, made 3-1-1951 with the notation of funeral home, Berryman. He next looked at the grave plot sheet for grave 5 and noticed the grave name of Thos Geata. Looking back at the first record the hand written entry appears to be Thos Gasto to which an n has been added as the ink of the pen is a shade different. This difference of spelling causes him to call the Register of Deeds at the Court House record room to check the public records for a death March 1, 1951, with services provided by Berryman. The record room clerk found a microfilm Certificate of Death No. 176 in the name of Thomas Gaeta, date of death March 1, 1951, age 56, street address 26 Woodfin Place, never married, occupation tailor, Informat Fred Moore, 26 Woodfin Place. The Death Certificate was signed by E. E. Cocoran, M.D. , Funeral Director Berryman Funeral Home, Asheville, N. C. . Later this writer obtained a copy of the Certificate of Death, but first called Mr. Whitmire to cancell the order for the grave marker. In turn called Emily Dillard and "Sister Gaston" Pearl Connelly (Mrs. L. L. Connelly)

Immediately, Emily Sue wanted to write checks and return the collected money to the contributors. After confering with "Sister", it was decided that further search should be made, first at Central Methodist for membership records. A general remodeling of Central Church's business offices and interior is currently taking place. The oldest memberhip record did not show anything and until the church remodeling is complete other records available. Talking with Mrs. Ruth Bishop revealed that there might be a crawl space under the left front entry to the church sanctuary, with entry made from the Church basement Boy Scout room through a window. Earlier the writer had looked into the window with a flash light, but vision was limited. During the month of February the writer after talking with the Church Business manager, took a ladder with a flash light and an electric cord and light and crawled into the 15' X 40' crawl space. The height required one to crawl. Looking over thearea I saw lots of bricks, blocks, unused foundation building stones and rubble. I was unable to see anything that I thought was a grave marker.

Earlier in this monograph quotes from Dr. Sondley were used, which said, "All these graves on Church Street were moved to Riverside Cemetery, in 1885." In this writing about my visit with Mr. Olson, we looked at some of the records of transfers, but at the time did not notice any from Central Methodist. (A more thorough check of this perhaps should be made)

Looking at Pack Library old newspaper mico film, I located and made a copy of the" ASHEVILLE NEWS", Asheville N. C. dated Thursday March 30, 1854:

"Died, At his residence, near this place on the 24th instant, after

a protracted illness, Thomas L. Gaston, Esq., aged 49 years. Mr. Gaston was a useful citizen, a kind neighbor, and as a husband, a father, and a master, beloved and respected. But best of all, he was a christian. Two years before his death he embraced christianity and during his long illness, his constant desire was to depart and be at rest. His last words were, "All is well."

It is interesting to note in this write up of Thomas Logan Gaston's that "two years before his death he embraced christianity." He must have been a large land owner as he lived on the French Broad River, and on September 6, 1847 he gave land for a church. In the Sunday Asheville Citizen-Times, October 8, 1972 the following story was told: "TRINITY METNODIST CHURCH TO MARK 125TH BIRTHDAY."

"A deed by Thomas L. Gaston on Sept. 6, 1847 provided land for a church,"for the benefit of the neighborhood" in a tree covered hilltop along Haywood Road. George and Peter Miller were named trustees, and they provided land for a parsonage. A small frame building was erected, called the "Miller Meeting House". It was used for Sunday services and day school, and ministers of various denominations preached there. In 1870 James Buttrick of Epworth, England joined in an effort to make the Miller Meeting House larger and have it organized into a Methodist Church. Through his influence, the church was deeded Feb. 17, 1871, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the name was changed to Balm Grove Church because of the Balm of Giled trees growing on the lot. In 1952 the name of the church was changed to Trinity Methodist Church."

To this time this writer has not found a date that Thomas Logan Gaston came to Buncombe County to live on the West bank of the French Broad River. From the Grantee record of the Register of Deeds.

Buncombe County, N. C. the writer found the following records:

4-26-1839 Grantee, Thomas L. Gaston; Grantor O.Neil Samuel et al, Recorded 6-4-1839, Book 21 Page 494.

2-17-1840 Grantee, Thomas L. Gaston; Granton, Clerk Master in Equity et al, Recorded 7-2-1840 Book 22 page 102, Disc. 15 acres.

6-9-1843 Grantee, Thomas L. Gaston; Grantor,D. L. Swain, Recorded ? Book 23 page 104, Disc. Asheville.

10-4-1844 Grantee, Thomas L. Gaston; Grantor, Jacob Ramsour, Recorded 10-5-1840 Book 22 Page 134, Disc. 130 Acres, Glenns Creek.

1-8-1847 Grantee, Thomas L. Gaston; Grantor, Hugh Johnston, Recorded ? Book 23 Page 435, Disc. 800 acres, French Broad River.

4-27-78 Grantee, Thomas L. Gaston, Tr.; Grantor Robert Murray, Recorded 5-21-1878 Book 24 page 11.

Thomas Logan Gaston; Record of public service.

April 16, 1792, Buncombe County was organized, Thomas L. Gaston was not here as he was born April 7, 1805 thirteen years later. When he was 24 he married Prudence Doolen on April 16, 1829, she was 20 years old. Their first child born 1830 died. The second child Josiah Perry Gaston was born April 30, 1832 when Thomas was 27. Parley was born July 30, 1835 when Thomas was 30. The first deed to Thomas was in 1839 when his age was 34. Thomas first wife Prudence Doolen died in 1837 when Thomas was 32. I have found no record of when he married his second wife Mrs. Margaret Walker. It is possible that she accompanied Thomas with his young sons Perry and Parley to the Banks of the French Broad River in Buncombe County in North Carolina. With Thomas first deed in 1839 the County was only 47 years old since organization, and Thomas was only 34 years old. With his new wife and young sons Thomas came into a mountain land.

From the number of deeds listed earlier in this monograph it is apparent that he was successful as the deed in 1847 was for 800 acres. It was also in this year that he gave land for what is now Trinity Methodist Church.

George A. Diggs, Jr. in 1935 book "Historical Facts Concerning Buncombe County Government" lists on page 9, Partial Roster of Officials Of Buncombe County - Prior to 1872, in 1851 the County Surveyor was Thos. L. Gaston. Also on page 198 of the book from the Munutes of the Board of Justices, from Minute Book "C":

Friday morning, April 11th, 1851:

Court met. Present the Worshipful I. B. Sawyer, William R. Murray, and John Thrash, Esquires.

Thomas L. Gaston, who has been appointed Corner for the County of Buncombe comes forward and duly files his bond in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, Hugh Johnston, security."

These Minutes signed by R. B. Vance, Clerk, dated April 11th, 1851

From these remarks we see that Thomas Logan Gaston started the pattern to be followed by his son and grandson in years to come of serving in the local government.

Some seventeen months before his death March 24, 1854 on October 16, 1852 Thos L. Gaston drew a will which was witnessed in the presence of William Williams and J. R.L. Gilliland. This will was probated in the Spring Term 1854.

"In the name of God Amen

I Thomas L. Gaston of the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being in a declining state of health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make ordain and establish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following:

First I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret E. Gaston

my silver watch, 1 bed bedstead and the necessary furniture thereof, my buggy harness, the umbrella belonging to it and the mule which I usually drive, called Logan one bureau her choice, a traveling trunk also her choice of those I have

Secondly I will bequeath devise and direct that all the balance or remainder of my property both not personal or mixed be sold by my executor; the land on a credit of one two and three years with interest from the day of sale; and the personal or mixed estate on a credit of twelve months, that my wife Margaret E. Gaston be paid by my executor within one month of the time of my decease the sum of thirty seven dollars and fifty cents, if there be that sum on hand, if not as soon as the sum can be collected, and that he loan out at interest to be paid quarterly the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, and the sum of thirty seven dollars and a half, the interest arising from said sum be paid to my said wife, M. E. Gaston quarterly making one hundred and fifty dollars annually during the time of her natural life or widowhood, And all the rest, residue, and remainder of said sale together with the money due me and on hand at my death after paying all my just debts be divided between my two sons Josiah P & Parley C. Gaston. Parley C. receiving two hundred and twenty five dollars the most, I having advanced that sum to Josiah P. when he started to California and wish him charged with the sum without interest.

Thirdly I will and devise that at the death or marriage of my wife Margaret E. Gaston the twenty five hundred dollars directed to be placed at interest during her life or widowhood be collected and equally divided between my sons J. P. & P. C. Gaston,and it is my will and desire that in case either of my said sons should die, during my life or during the life or widowhood of my wife, having a

child or children lawfully begotten then such child or children receive such part or portion as the deceased parent would have received under this will if living, Lastly I hereby appoint Joshua Roberts, Esqr sole Executor of this my last will and testament, bereby revoking all former wills by me made in writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by seal the 16th day of October A. D. 1852.

Signed sealed and delivered Thos L. Gaston

in the presents of

William Williams

J. R. . Gilliland

For Probate of this will - See Minute Docket C. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions page 722.

Sondley. page 757 "A History of Buncombe County"

Joshue Roberts, studied law and began his practice in Asheville. In 1922 he married Lucinda Patton, daughter ofColonel John Patton. Served three terms as clerk of the Superior Courtof Buncombe County and one term as county's Register of Deeds. In 1840 with his brother-in-law John Christy, he established in 1840 the Highland Messinger, Western North Carolina's first newspaper and ancester of the Asheville Citizen. Died November 21, 1865 in his home near where the passenger station of the Southern Railway.

Diggs, page 197 "Historical Facts Concerning Buncombe County Government"

BUNCOMBE COUNTY

MINUTES OF JANUARY TERM, 1847:

The Court proceeded to the election of a County Register, whereupon the Court declared William Williams unanimously elected.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY IN ASHEVILLE

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W. P. GEARING, staff captain of Asheville Salvation Army, was born in Woburn, Mass., of parents who both were officers in Salvation Army before his birth.

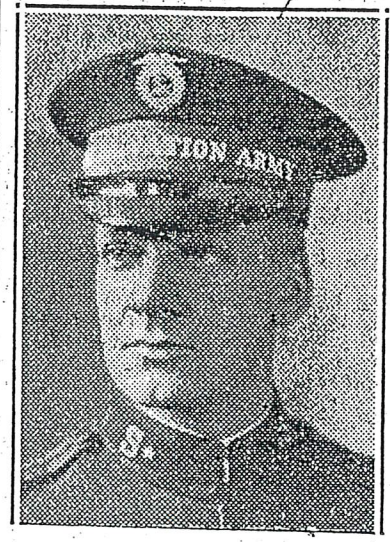
His wife's parents also were Salvation Army officers, her father being one of the leading executives of New York headquarters. Mrs. Gearing's grandparents, too, were Salvation Army officers, so if the Gearing boys —Donald and Herbert—should enter Salvation Army work, they will be the fourth consecutive generation on Mrs. Gearing's side of the family and the third on Mr. Gearing's side to carry on the tradition.

Donald, a student in Asheville senior high school, plays solo French horn in the school orchestra. Herbert is a student at David Millard school.

Enters Training School

Capt. Gearing finished his high school education in Wilkinsburg, Pa., and at once entered the Salvation Army Training college in New York, graduating April 20, 1914. Commissioned as an officer shortly afterward, he was a solo cornetist with the famous New York staff band which went to the International congress in London. He later played on the Atlantic territorial band.

Capt. Gearing married Miss Myrtle Evans, daughter of Col. and Mrs. William Evans, in Pittsburgh in 1915. The Gearings came south 12 years ago, serving at Birmingham and Atlanta before coming to Asheville two and one-half years ago. At Birmingham, Capt. Gearing was the youngest officer in the whole territory to be



CAPT. W. P. GEARING

second in charge of a division, being divisional secretary.

He is chairman of Asheville council of social agencies and is a director of Kiwanis club. His Kiwanis club activities constitute Capt. Gearing's chief diversion from his work which he describes as a seven-day job.

Live in West Asheville

Indeed, for a time after they came here, the Gearings lived in the citadel, 177 Patton avenue, and being subject to call at all times virtually were on duty 24 hours daily. The strain was too great, however, so they moved to 1152 Haywood road, West Asheville, where they now reside.

The rewards for such unremitting labor come in the spiritual "harvest," since Capt. Gearing's efforts were responsible for 200 conversions in 1931, many among transient men. Services of some sort are conducted at the Army citadel nightly. Sunday school classes and young people's meetings are held each Sunday morning and adult religious services each Sunday morning and evening. Once a month, Capt. Gearing conducts services at Craggy convict camp, where he has obtained numerous conversions.

The citadel is now operating a 10-room annex as a shelter for transient men. Capt. Gearing's hearty cooperation with other welfare agencies of the city has figured largely in the success of relief efforts during the period of worldwide economic stress.

Asheville Citizen March 27, 1932

Gilbert, 80, WNC Editor, Printer, Dies; Rites Friday

Edward Bruce Gilbert Sr., 80, of 73 Vermont Ave., founder of Gilbert Printing Co. here in 1935, died Tuesday night in a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

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Mr. Gilbert was a native of Madison County and had lived in Buncombe County for the past 31 years. He was active in the business until his retirement in 1948.

A CITIZEN

He was formerly associated with newspapers in Loudon and Elizabethton, Tenn. and established and edited The Spruce Pine News from 1928 until 1935, when he moved to Asheville.

He was a member of the Western North Carolina Press Association and was a member of the Printing Industry of North Carolina. He was also a member of the Printing Industry of America.

During his lifetime, Mr. Gilbert was involved with various service and fraternal organizations. He was active in scouting in the Mitchell County area and was instrumental in organizing the first Boy Scout troop there.

He was a son of the late Andrew Columbus and Lucinda Bolden Gilbert and was the husband of Mrs. Rosanah Johnson Gilbert.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Everette Morison of Newport. Tenn. and Mrs. Russell McKenzie of Asheville; four sons, E. B. Jr., R. J. and W. W., all of Asheville, and J. W. Gilbert of Spruce Pine; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in the chapel of Anders-Rice Funeral Home.

The Rev. Horace Bolick and Rev. Joe L. Ervin will officiate and burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Sam Patton, William Christopher, Robert Walker, Russell McKenzie Jr., Paul Ellis and William M. Parker. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Donald Vollmer, Dr. Roy Peacock, Carl Hamilton, L. R. Slattery and John Wendell and employes of the Gilbert Printing Co.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Anders-Rice Funeral Home.

Asheville Citizen November 7, 1951

Sand Hill Girl Winner In State Competition

Miss Jimmie Margaret Gilliam, 16-year-old Sand Hill High School senior, is the state's new farm and home electric contest champion.

The blue-eyed president of the Sand Hill Senior 4-H Club yesterday was announced the winner of the 1951 contest during the closing session of the North Carolina 4-H Club Farm and Home Electric Congress held in the Carolina Hotel in Raleigh.

"I'm the most excited and happiest girl in North Carolina at this moment," gasped the young electrical expert when she was presented as the new state champion yesterday.

Miss Gilliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gilliam of 26 Oak View Road, West Asheville, will represent North Carolina in the competition for national honors during the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago November 25-29.

Western North Carolina youngsters also captured all but one of the top awards available in the districts covered by the Carolina Power and Light Company and the Nantahala Power and Light Company, two of the six power firms which sponsored the contests and the state-wide Congress.

Miss Gilliam topped a field of approximately 3,000 boys and girls who participated in the contest with their electric projects during this year.

David Young Gillespie of Burnsville, RFD 2, member of the Bald Creek 4-H Club, won the Carolina Power and Light Company's district title. This district covers 30 counties in WNC and eastern North Carolina served by the firm.

Runnerup to Gillespie was Miss Mattie Sue Medford of Waynesville, RFD 2, member of Haywood County's Crabtree 4-H Club.

Nantahala Power and Light Company's district honors were won by Guy Roberts and Ella Rhea Hooper, both of the Robbinsville 4-H Club.

Runnersup were Janet Holden of Glenville in Jackson County and Horace Elzey of Robbinsville.

Only honor which mountain 4-H Clubbers didn't take was that of second place in one district competition.

MISS GILLIAM

Nantahala Power's territory covers Jackson, Macon, Swain, Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties.

Miss Gilliam's prizes include a free trip to the Chicago meeting. Her expenses will be paid by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation.

She and Gillespie each were awarded a $100 scholarship toward a college education.

Miss Medford was awarded a $50 watch.

These prizes all were presented by L. V. Sutton, president of Carolina Power and Light Company.

John Archer of Franklin, president of Nantahala Power, presented $100 scholarship awards to Roberts and Miss Hooper, and watches to Miss Holden and Elzey.

Miss Gilliam, serving her second term as president of her 4-H Club, won the Carolina Power and Light Company's district championship in 1950.

She recently was elected vice president of the Sand Hill High School Future Homemakers of America chapter also.

In the national competition she'll have the opportunity of working for one of six $300 scholarships which will be awarded by the Westinghouse Foundation.

Asheville Citizen November 8, 1951

Jimmie Margaret Gilliam Wins State Recognition In Farm And Home Work

BY BILL LINDAU

If Jimmie Margaret Gilliam hadn't won the state 4-H Club electrical projects contest, her work still would have left a lot of light, literally and figuratively, in the lives of a lot of people.

Last Tuesday in Raleigh the 16-year-old Sand Hill High School senior from Oakview Road was declared to be the "4-H Club member who made the best use of electricity" on the farm and in the home during 1951.

This was announced during the North Carolina 4-H Club Farm and Home Electrical Congress which is sponsored by six power companies, including the Wentinghouse Educational Foundation.

It means an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago to represent the state in the national finals of the electrical contest and a $100 college scholarship.

What her work has meant around the house was expressed this way by her mother, Mrs. J. N. Gilliam:

"Even if Jimmie had not won a prize of any kind, she and the family have been well repaid for her work.

"The new laundry area has taken the 'blue' out of 'blue Monday'."

The way she fixed up the laundry place in her folks' home is one of the things that helped her win the top state award, and also is illustrative of the work that has given her two district titles in the last two years.

The district refers to the Carolina Power and Light Company's service area of 30 counties in Western North Carolina and the Eastern part of the state.

As far as "blue Monday" is concerned, that was the most important single improvement Sand Hill High School's 4-H Club president achieved.

But that was just one of the things on her record which covers an impressive variety of subjects.

In the electrical field, she also:

Completely wired the family barn.

Helped install an electric fence.

Gave four demonstrations on care and repair of lamp cords before members of as many clubs.

Planned the 4-H Farm and Home Exhibit for National 4-H Achievement Week which will end next Saturday.

Made two lamps out of wood and electrical fixtures for her room at home.

She still, however, has found time to handle the office of 4-H Club president (her second consecutive term), vice president of the Sand Hill chapter of the Future Homemakers of America, secretary of the school's Forensic League, captain of the Safety Patrol, treasurer of the senior class, serve on the staff of "Homespun," the Student Council, Journalism Club and Family Life Council.

In spite of this rather full extracurricular life, Jimmie Margaret also is finding it quite possible to accomplish the not commonplace achievement of completing a standard four-year high school course in three years.

She played varsity basketball, incidentally, her first two years at Sand Hill.

The job she is doing in 1951, however, is just part of the story.

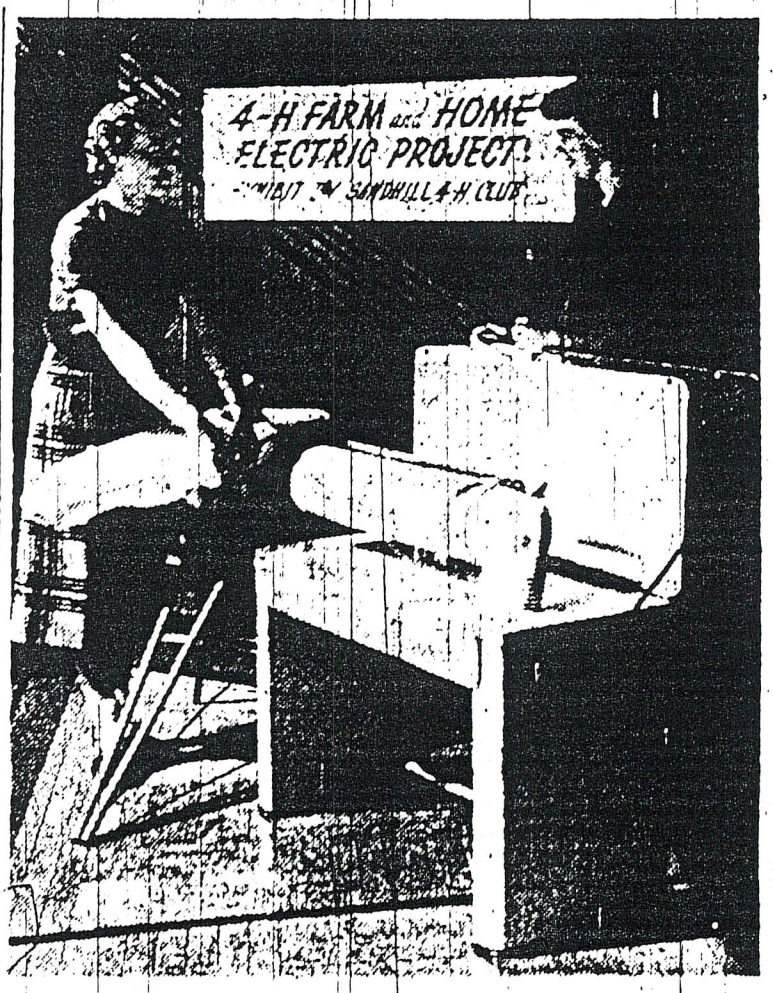
Besides her concern for electricity, her 4-H Club projects include: food preparation, clothing, health, frozen foods and home beautification.

As a sophomore, she served as vice president of her class, reporter for her FHA chapter, and vice president of the Forensic League.

In 1949, she carried four major 4-H projects—food preparation, clothing, health and room improvement.

Last year she added floor sanding to the list, before booosting her program to this year's current seven projects.

In her electrical work this year she also helped install the barn lights for night milking, and electric brooder and electric lawnmower, and the official report via the Associated Press also notes that, in the house, besides using electricity for laundering, she also applied it to ironing, floor sanding, heating water and to new lamps.



THIS SETTING is a natural for Miss Jimmie Margaret Gilliam (left) of West Asheville. She's the winner of the 1951 State farm and home electrical projects contest for 4-H Club members. Miss Gilliam and Miss Wynelle Ford of Candler, RFD 2, both members of the Sand Hill Senior 4-H Club, were fixing up this exhibit in a downtown Asheville window for 4-H Club Achievement Week when The Citizen photographer made this picture.

The job she did on the home laundry stands out for its versatility.

Under the old system, the ladies of the Gilliam family carried water by hand to tubs that stood in a dark corner illuminated by an extension cord.

Jimmie Margaret not only built an electric outlet and installed an improved wiring system for the corner, but she also personally installed the water pipes and a mixing faucet that fed the two new square tubs which she put on upright stands.

By way of rounding out the job, she white-washed the walls to improve the lighting effects of her improved lighting system and installed a rack to support clothing that had just been ironed.

Chief guidance came from her parents, reports Burwell Smith, agricultural relations chief for the Carolina Power and Light Company's western area.

Aiding her also were Assistant Home Demonstration Agent Mary Smith and Assistant County Agent Hal Reynolds, who direct 4-H Club work in Buncombe for the State College Extension Service.

Mrs. Smith, who works with the 4-H girls, pays respect to Jimmie Margaret's ability as a leader, also:

"Jimmie Margaret has done an excellent job as president of the Sand Hill 4-H Club, especially in guiding her club into doing things as a group.

"You can always depend on her to do any job you ask her to do.

"Her Farm and Home Electric record book was cleverly written and illustrated. She did an excellent job in tieing in her electric project with her home activities.

"Part of the successful completion of her work was due to the guidance and backing given by her parents."

One sample of her work, incidentally, is in full view of any citizen who wants to see it.

She and Wynelle Ford of Candler, RFD 2, a fellow member of the Sand Hill Club, made up the 4-H exhibit that is on display through this week in the show window of the Carolina Power and Light Company building on Patton Avenue.

It's one of three commercial displays being held in connection with National 4-H Club Achievement Week which will come to a climax Saturday morning in the Buncombe County Achievement Day program in the Courthouse.

Penney's and The Man's Store are carrying the two other exhibits.

The contest in which Jimmie Margaret and some 3,000 other 4-H members participated this year was sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company, Nantahala Power and Light Company of Franklin, Tide Water Power, Virginia Electric and Power and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation.

Carolina Power and Nantahala which serve the mountain area also sponsor the 4-H contests in their respective sections.

Besides this, the firms conduct demonstrations periodically during the year for the boys and girls the rural areas.

Last year, for instance, Smith gave lighting or lamp-cord care and repair demonstrations in Haywood, Buncombe, Yancey and Mitchell counties, and a group in Madison saw a Westinghouse educational movie on electricity and its uses.

Four demonstrations also were worked out by the power firms for 4-H Club camps during the summer.

They covered generation and distribution of electricity, practical application on farm, featuring equipment boys and girls could make themselves; lighting and lamp construction; and ironing.

"Believe it or not," says Smith, referring to the ironing demonstration, "the boys ate this up, especially the opportunity to use the ironer."

On second thought, however, it might be simply one small way the boys are trying to compensate for the fact that a 16-year-old girl proved that such matters as wiring a house or repairing an electrical gaget no longer constitute the traditional monopoly of the muscular male.

Miss Gilliam Wins 4-H Club National Award

Sand Hill Girl To Receive Scholarship

CHICAGO, Ill. Nov. 27.—Miss Jimmie Margaret Gilliam, 16-year-old Sand Hill High School senior from West Asheville, was named today as the winner of the 1951 National 4-H Club Farm and Home Electric Contest.

The announcement was made Tuesday during the National 4-H Club Congress here.

Miss Gilliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gilliam of Oak View Road and president of the Sand Hill Senior 4-H Club, will receive a $300 scholarship.

The young electrical expert is attending the Congress because she won the North Carolina 4-H Farm and Home Electric Contest.

To gain national honors she had to top a field of all the rest of the state champions from throughout the nation.

Miss Gilliam, who is completing a standard four-year high school course in three years, started on her road to the national title by winning the Carolina Power and Light Company district competition in 1950. This district covers all the state's counties which the company serves.

Her award was based on the general all-around use she made of electricity in her home and her father's farm.

Her performance in the state competition had won her a $100 scholarship before she went to Chicago last Friday morning.

G. Burwell Smith, CPDL agricultural agent, said her outstanding work in her year-long program was her conversion of the family laundering corner from a laborious old-fashioned operation into one that was fast and efficient.

She eliminated the job of carrying water to the laundry tubs by hand by installing pipes for running water. She revised the drop-cord lighting system into modern electrical illumination, and white-washed the walls of the corner to add brightness.

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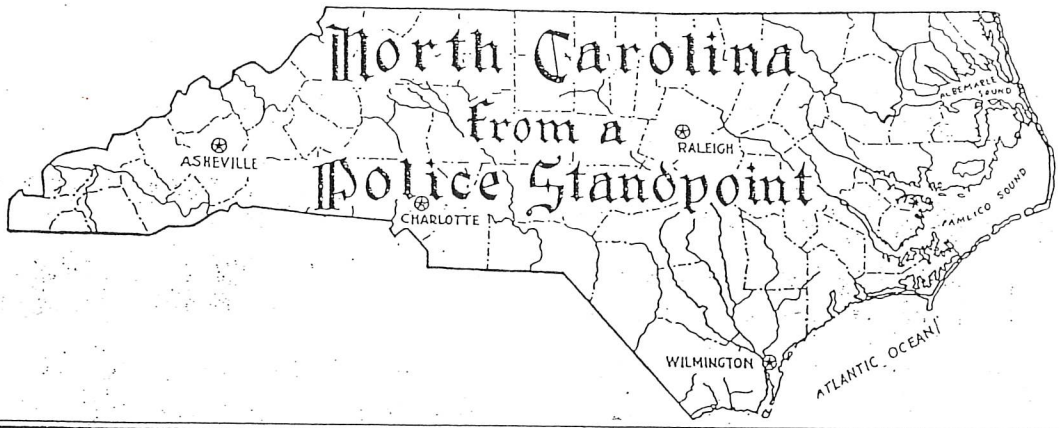

WILLIAM R. GLENN
Patrolman
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Officer William Glenn born October 1st, 1884, in Asheville, where he has resided all his life and to all intents and purposes intends to stay until he has finished his useful career.

He is what is known as a live wire officer, which may be accounted for by the fact that he was an electrician before coming with the department and became thoroughly charged. In any event he is a live one, always using all his talents and energy to keep crime down to a minimum.

He says he likes police work and gives as the reason, that it is fascinating to run down the law-breakers and bring them to justice.

He is a great advocate of discipline and believes that no department can be run efficiently without it. He is proud of his own department and takes great pleasure in following the advice of his chief.

He believes that a higher calibre of men could be brought into the police work by offering a more liberal compensantion for their services.

He says the department could be made more efficient in the prevention of crime by the police officers being more thoroughly backed up by the courts.

On December 1, 1925, he was forced to use his gun to catch a burgler whom he brought to justice.

Officer Glenn is six feet one and one-quarter inches tall and weighs one hundred and sixty pounds.

He is married and has a nineteen-year old daughter. He resides at Wildwood Park, West Asheville.

Buncombe Veterans Fought In Famous Civil War Battles

One man who charged up Cemetery Ridge with the Stars and Bars in Pickett's immortal and fatal rush at Gettysburg and half a dozen who took part in Bragg's "barren victory" at Chickamauga, are among the 37 living Confederate veterans in Buncombe county. Another was present when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and still another remembers clearly the fall of Fort Sumter, the opening gun of the war, although he did not enter the service until several weeks later.

The veterans living today are a modest lot for the most part. Those who were old enough to get into the grey ranks in '61 are extremely few and a majority of the men who attend the meetings of Zeb Vance camp at the courthouse nowadays say quite frankly: "We were just boys in the regiments recruited toward the end; we guarded prisoners and watched mountain passes; some of us were not even armed. But we had to sleep in the snow sometimes, and live in the mud, go hungry and ragged, so we feel that we did our part."

Average Age Is 98

Consider for a moment the troops recruited in '61 were from 21 to 35 years old. Possibly the average was 25. That would make the average age of the survivors today 98 and the youngest, recruited at 20, would be 93. The young men who went into the late regiments in '63 and '64 were often as young as sixteen—from eight to 15 years younger than the troops of the first great Confederate victories, so by far the greater number of veterans living today are of these late regiments.

But even among the living veterans who were but lads in their teens when Sumter fell, are men who fought with musket and bayonet, dashed on horseback with naked sabre, or swabbed and pointed cannon, in the really great battles of the war.

Gettysburg, the real death knell of the grey hopes and Murfreesboro or Stone's River, one of the bloodiest battles of the war; the hundred bloody skirmishes in Sherman's path of devastation; the victory of Bragg at Chickamauga and the battle of Kennesaw Mountain are memories that stir the blood in the now feeble limbs of about a dozen of the veterans in the county today.

Among them are:

W. W. Pace, now 93 years old, had not yet enlisted when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter, but he was enrolled in Company B, First South Carolina artillery a few weeks thereafter and spent the next two years as a member of the fort's "rebel" garrison. He was there when the Union fleet finally battered them into submission in April, '63, and from Charleston, his outfit set out across the Carolinas and Georgia. He was in front of Sherman when that Yankee general swept through Georgia and he was captured finally at the big battle of Averysboro, S. C. He was wounded during the seige of Sumter by the Yankees. He now lives with his son J. B. Pace near Arden.

Was At Chickamauga

J. M. Case, who lives at Emma, and his brother, W. R. Case, now dead, went out with Company D, 60th North Carolina, and were transferred to the famous sixtieth regiment. They saw service in Virginia and fought at both Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain and were in the thick of 38 days of service fighting around Atlanta.

John M. Houck of Marion, a member of Zeb Vance camp, was captured at Gettysburg after being wounded. He was also in the fighting around Richmond and faced Grant's troops in the wilderness around Spottsylvania.

Spencer Freeman, who served in the 25th North Carolina, is another veteran of the battles of Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain.

Captain W. Elbert Weaver of Weaverville and his negro body servant, Gilbert Baird, went out with the 29th North Carolina and campaigned over six states, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and both the Carolinas. Captain Weaver still carries a bullet from Chickamauga. He saw Sherman burn Atlanta and took part in the last battle of the war, an engagement at Mansfield, La., some days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Colonel R. L. Fitzpatrick, present commander of Zeb Vance camp, was for awhile a member of Morgan's famous raiders, but didn't cross the Ohio on the brilliant raid into Kentucky and Indiana. He enlisted with 31st Tennessee, but for most of the war was in Captain Owen's detachment of scouts doing reconnoitering for Vaughn's brigade.

F. B. Bishop, 89, of Avery's creek, was present at Lee's surrender to Grant and was wounded "at the big battle of Bull Gap." His father and older brother also wore the grey.

S. P. Hunnicutt, 67 Mountain street, says he was in "plenty of battles" in the Carolinas, and was wounded seven times. He is now 97 years old.

Wounded In Pickett's Charge

Levi J. Walker, 93 years old now, was the fifth color bearer shot down in the Confederate charge up Cemetery Ridge. He lost his left leg and spent the remainder of the war a prisoner at David's Island, N. Y. He has lived in Asheville since 1920 and his home is at 266 Forest Hill drive. He was in Company B of the 13th North Carolina.

The Rev. T. F. Glenn, who has been in the ministry 75 years, was chaplain of a regiment of General Joe Wheeler's command called the Third Confederate. It was made up of companies from Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. He was at the battle of Murfreesboro in Tennessee and was in front of Sherman at Atlanta.

Lee Williams of Old Fort was in Company B of the 9th North Carolina artillery battalion. He took part in the battle of Forth Fisher and saw service in Virginia.

Ephraim Byerley, who lives in West Asheville, had two fingers shot off at the battle of Hatcher's Gap. He served in Company A, 21st North Carolina.

J. J. Stephenson, who was in Company C, 69th North Carolina, was in the battle of Bull's Gap and saw service in Tennessee.

R. T. Underwood, Chestnut street, now 87 years old, served Capt M. H. Love's company of Col. W. H. Thomas' Legion, which included 400 Cherokee Indians. The unit was made up largely of young boys and Underwood's job was to guard Yankee prisoners and the passes in the Great Smoky mountains. He and his comrades saw no fighting but endured great hardships in the last winter of the war. He brought many prisoners back to Asheville.

P. B. Brown, living on the Brevard road, was in Company C, 16th South Carolina regiment.

Several Served In Cavalry

A number of the local veterans belonged to the 14th North Carolina cavalry battalion, a unit recruited of young soldiers. Among them were J. J. Stephenson, R. B. Bitch of Horseshoe, J. A. Hughey and H. S. Walton.

John Paxton of Canton, who belongs to Zeb Vance camp, saw service in the western army with Company I, 62nd North Carolina.

J. W. Dickerson, who was in Col. Walter Bryson's command was quite young, and served at the saltpetre works near Hendersonville.

There are a number of names on the Confederate pension role at the courthouse, whose regimental affiliations and records are not known to the camp, nor does the pension clerk have their addresses. They are known to be living, however, as they called for their checks in June. They include D. V. Cole, T. M. Cole, E. Guthry, Thomas Hudgens, Henry E. Lampkin, D. W. Reynolds, Chipman Sawyer, O. W. Surratt, David B. Watts, Charles W. White and Richard Gowan. The names of J. A. Ballard and H. B. Parham are on

He's A Good Man, Lord

If there's a golf course in heaven, look out, Lord, you've got a good one coming.

When I walked into the office Thursday morning, the first thing someone said was, "Did you know Ozzie died last night?"

Ozzie was R. P. Gordon, who lived in West Asheville. He preferred to be called by his initials because he didn't especially like his name, Richmond Pearson Gordon. He was the only man I knew who carried the same name as the master of Richmond Hill.

But we who worked with him called him Ozzie. I don't know why. He was called Ozzie long before I met him.

Ozzie worked in the *Citizen-Times* composing room 46 years before his retirement in 1969. He was a small man, very bald, who always smoked big cigars.

He was a golfer and bowler and spent 10 years of retirement following those pursuits.

Time had shortened his drives and lessened the velocity on his bowling ball, but he could still pin back the ears of many competitors 30 years his junior.

His major athletic problem was his temper. He was human,

and a slice on the golf course or a gutter ball at the bowling alley upset him terribly. He never vented his temper on those with whom he played; he reserved that for himself—and his golf clubs.

Once when he and Dick Wynne, who is now president, and publisher of the *Citizen-Times,* were playing each other in the company golf tournament at Asheville's Municipal Course, Ozzie held the lead when he stroked a tee shot about 15 yards off the tee.

He became so angry with himself that he stomped around the tee and finally slung his driver twice as far down the fairway as the ball had gone.

Dick, a man of dry humor, said, "Ozzie, if the club goes farther than the ball, you've gotta play the club."

Ozzie played almost every course in Western North Carolina, and when any of us at the paper wanted to play a round the next day and needed a partner, all we had to do was call Ozzie. He was ready.

He was a man who gave a dollar's work for a dollar's pay, and if a little more work was required he was willing to do it.

There wasn't a mark against his name, Lord, unless you'd consider those little tantrums on the golf course as marks. He didn't mean anything by them, and he never involved anyone else; it was always himself that he got mad at. Or sometimes he'd vent his temper on his golf ball.

Several years ago, my son, Bobby, called Ozzie and asked if he'd like to play golf the next day.

"Sure," Ozzie said. "Let's go to Lake Junaluska."

Ozzie was about 72 or 73 at the time, and except for the occasional shot that strayed, every stroke sent the ball arrow straight down the fairway about 100 yards.

When they arrived at the Junaluska nine-hole course, they noticed how badly the fairways were suffering from the drought.

The tees were sunbaked so hard that both Ozzie and Bobby had to get on their knees and hammer their tees into the ground.

From "Bob Terrell's Old Gold", 1981

Ozzie's game was together from the start. He had a good round going when he came to No. 8. There he hammered his tee halfway into the earth and when he swung he missed the ball completely.

It made him so mad that he took a single-handed whack at the ball with his driver, intending to knock it into the boondocks and lose it—but he only topped it enough to drive the tee on into the ground, and the ball ricocheted off the hard earth, struck him on the chin, and knocked him flat on his back.

Those are the times we'll remember, Lord, when we would laugh at Ozzie on the golf course, and he would laugh at our little fits—and we'd come away closer friends than when we started.

Like the time Ozzie and Al Germonte and Ed Spears and I played that snake-killing round at Muny. We reached No. 9 and teed off and Ozzie's shot sliced and the ball landed in the branch that runs alongside No. 4.

The rest of us were on up the fairway, probably in the rough, and all we could see over the bank on the lower side of the fairway was Ozzie's club swinging up and then we'd hear a "thump."

Finally his ball came sailing up onto the fairway and we finished the hole. Ed, who was keeping score, asked Ozzie what he had. Ozzie looked back over the fairway and his lips moved as he totaled his strokes, and he said, "Gimme a six."

"Six?" Al said. "You took six in the ditch."

"I did not!" Ozzie said, indignantly. "I was killing a snake."

So, Lord, get your golf course ready. You've got a good man coming. And if the course is a little snaky, that's all right: He'll take care of that problem for you.

R.P. Gordon home: 346 State St.

School Echoes 1956-1957

Ann Gosnell National Contest Winner With Breakfast Plan

By MARGUERITE ALEXANDER

Dreams have come true for Ann Gosnell, 14-year-old eighth grade student at Hall Fletcher Junior High School.

Ann, who is a home economics student, is the first prize winner in a national contest for a "Dream Breakfast" sponsored by Co-Ed Magazine. Ann will be presented with a four place setting of Gorham sterling silver.

For the contest Ann had to plan the breakfast menu complete with color scheme and centerpiece.

She suggested a yellow and white color scheme with daffodils and Forsythia as the flowers. The breakfast began with pineapple juice, followed by a cereal with bananas, bacon and egg and buttered whole wheat toast, with peach preserves and milk.

MISS ANN GOSNELL, eighth grade student at Hall Fletcher Junior High School, works out a table setting using sterling silver. Miss Gosnell won a four-place setting of silver in a national competition for a breakfast menu and table decoration idea.

Ann is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Gosnell of 175 State St. and the late Mr. Gosnell. She has been a student in Mrs. Larry New's home economics class and has assisted with the cooking and serving of lunches to faculty members as part of her training. No breakfasts have been served by the group, however.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1941

Photo by Howard Studio.

RHODODENDRON CLUB PRESIDENT—Mrs. Charles H. Graff, above, of 138 Shelbourne road, will be installed as new president of the Junior Rhododendron club at a dinner meeting of the club this evening at 7 o'clock in the Pine room at the S. and W. cafeteria. Miss Alma Guthrie, retiring president, will conduct the installation ceremonies. Other officers who will be installed are: Mrs. Dudley Setzler, first vice-president; Mrs. C. M. McCracken, Jr., second vice-president; Mrs. B. H. Clarke, secretary; Miss Margaret Posey, treasurer; Mrs. R. W. McCarson, chaplain; Miss Marjorie Meyer, historian; Miss Louise Clarke, parliamentarian, and Mrs. Clyde Whiteside, reporter.

Bruce Emory
Research

W. M. Grant Dies; Had Realty Firm

CITIZEN

MAR 23 1974

William M. Grant of 60 Mildred Ave., died Friday in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., he came to Asheville following World War I. He operated Woodfin Realty Co. in the York Building and was associated at

WILLIAM GRANT

one time with the late S. M. White. In recent years he was semi retired. During World War I, he served with the 29th Division in Europe. In the 1930's he was married to the late Effie Mae Lacy of Crockett, Tex. They had a daughter, Mrs. James T. Ansley of Dallas, Tex. In 1940 he was married to Cumi Ramsey, a well known Buncombe County teacher, who survives. He was a member of the First Christian Church, a member of the Official Church Board and an officer of the Men's Bible Class. He was a member of the Optimist Club, Rockwell-Ballew American Legion Post, VFW, Orthopedic Hopsital supporter and a member of Asheville Board of Realtors.

Surviving in addition to the widow and daughter are three sisters, Mrs. Thomas M. Hesson of Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Eleanor Grant and Mrs. C. W. T. Fourqurean of Danville, Va.

Morris Funeral Home is in charge.

JUNE 28 1905.

CARRIER AND GASTON BOUNDARY IS BOUGHT BY GAY GREEN AND P. H. THRASH

Consideration Approximately $37,000--To be Subdivided Into Residence Lots.

A CITY TO BE BUILT BEYOND THE TAHKEEOSTEE.

The Property Contains 480 Acres and Has Over a Mile of River Frontage.

One of the biggest real estate deals negotiated in this section since the transfer of vast holdings to George W. Vanderbilt was successfully closed up today by the well known real estate firm of Hall & Penland, when 480 acres of beautifully located residential property in the West Asheville section, overlooking the French Broad river and known as the Carrier and Gaston boundary, was transferred to Gay Green and P. H. Thrash of this city for the consideration of approximately $37,000. The property has a frontage of more than a mile on the west side of the French Broad river and also a great frontage on the main macadamized roads traversing West Asheville. The deal that was consummated today has been on for the past several days, but the matter was kept quiet and little was known of the negotiations until the formal transfer of the papers this afternoon, when the statement was made that the property was purchased by Messers Green and Thrash with a view of sub-dividing it into residence lots and the building of a city across the French Broad. The property has also been surveyed and platted with provision for broad streets throughout the tract. It has two entrances from the Asheville side, one at the Carrier's bridge, spanning the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers near Biltmore and the other at the Smith's bridge in the milling section of this city.

The rapid growth of West Asheville during the past twelve months and the sale of the Carrier and Gaston boundary today has given rise to renewed speculation relative to a trolley line into that section [redacted] made this morning on good authority that the neccessary funds for the building of a road from this city to the Asheville school, five miles from here, were practically in sight and that the road would undoubtedly be constructed during the next 12 months. It is said that the purpose of those interested in the road is to cross the river at a point between the Smith bridge and Carrier bridge and to route the line through the more thickly settled portions of West Asheville.

One of the purchasers of the boundary said this afternoon that a factory site would be donated to anyone or corporation desiring to locate in that section to be selected from three or four desirable locations and to include as much as four or five acres of land.

Asheville Gazette News June 28, 1905

IMPERIAL LIFE HAD BOOM YEAR

17.5 Per Cent Gain In Business In 1933 Reported

The Imperial Life Insurance company, organized in 1905 with home office in Asheville, reports a banner year in 1933, showing a 17.5 per cent gain in total amount of life insurance in force, increasing their assets over the required reserves, paying all obligations promptly within a 24-hour period, and adding a total of over two and one-half million dollars of life insurance within the twelve-month period.

Operating 19 main district offices and 27 sub-district offices, the Imperial Life covers the state of North Carolina thoroughly, having a field force of 237 representatives covering all territory from Murphy to Manteo.

Officers of the Imperial Life are: Gay Green, president; J. N. Jarrett and [illegible] vice-presidents; A. W. Ek, secretary; J. Warlick; [illegible] manager; Dr. John A. Watkins, medical director; John H. Coleman, actuary; and Leslie T. New, agency supervisor.

The Imperial Life carries a complete line of ordinary and industrial contracts insuring risks from ages one hour to 65. The Imperial is proud of the fact that all their policy obligations are promptly paid within a period of 24 hours, a service which they feel is greatly appreciated by their many thousands of policyholders throughout the State.

Home offices of the Imperial are located on the second and third floors of the Imperial Life building situated at the corner of College street and Rankin avenue. Twenty-three are employed in the home office. District offices of the Imperial are located in the Imperial Life building fronting on Rankin avenue. E. B. Roberts is district manager; M. M. Ramsey and J. B. Arrington, superintendents; Miss Edith Garner, cashier. There is a field force of 13 representatives in the Asheville district or agency.

Asheville Citizen March 18, 1934

N.C. - Asheville - Biography - Green, Gay

Success Of Gay Green Rests On Faith In City

GAY GREEN, ASHEVILLE financier, is shown at his desk which has served him for more than a half century.

Pack Memorial Public Library
Asheville, N.C.

By Word And Deed, He Has Been Tower Of Strength Here

Ash. Citizen 3-21-48

Gay Green has made a financial success of believing in Asheville.

Whatever storms of financial adversity have blown, he has remained unmoved in faith. He has been a "bear" on this city and this mountain region.

By word and deed he has often been a four-square tower of strength in the community, regardless of recessions or the graver depressions in which values shrank alarmingly while men asked themselves whether the very foundations of their economic life were being swept away.

Mr. Green has been—and is—more than a successful business man and a far-sighted investor. He has built his fortune—estimated by competent sources at $4,000,000—largely on faith in Asheville and its future.

He was born in the Newfound Creek section of Leicester township on August 16, 1870, and came to Asheville in 1887 with his parents and three brothers. He opened a grocery store on Roberts and Buxton streets in the early 90's, later selling to his employes to enter the furniture business.

He has engaged in the furniture business since early manhood under the name of Green Brothers, once located on Patton avenue and now at 44 College street. His early business ventures included development of South Biltmore, and purchase of 400 acres in West Asheville.

In November, 1910, he and John Lange purchased at court sale the unfinished hotel building at the intersection of North Main (now Broadway) and College streets, completed the building and opened it to the public as the Langren hotel on July 4, 1912. It enjoyed phenomenal business from the outset.

He and four other associates formed the Imperial Life Insurance company in 1902, and he still retains one-fifth interest in this pros-

perous concern. From time to time, he added to his realty holdings until today he is Asheville's largest property owner and probably its largest taxpayer. His total tax bill in 1947 was about $200,000.

His holdings include:

Three-fourths of Kress building, Patton avenue, one-half of Langren hotel, one-half of George Vanderbilt hotel, one-third of Hotel Asheville, three buildings on Pack square, 200 feet on Depot street, the four-story building on Haywood street now occupied by Ivey's, the three-story building on College and Haywood streets occupied by Lerner's, bhsiness bdilding at 33 Biltmore avenue, the former American National Bank building at 44 Patton avenue, and property at 40 College street.

He was married in 1895 to Effie M. ~~Rogers~~ REEVES of the Sandy Mush section, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1945. They are now at their winter home in Sebring, Fla.

He has two brothers, Dr. Nat Green of San Diego, Cal., and Ottis Green, also a successful Asheville business man. Another brother, Grover, died about 30 years ago.

Gay Green, 80, Dies In Sleep; Rites Sunday

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Was Largest Individual City Property Owner

Gay Green, who built a fortune on his faith in Asheville, will be buried tomorrow afternoon in Riverside Cemetery—a short distance from his Pearson Drive home where he died in his sleep.

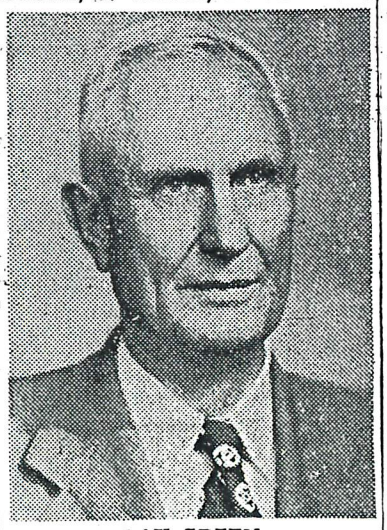
The 80-year-old financier was found dead in bed early yesterday at the home, 152 Pearson Drive.

Death apparently resulted from a heart attack. He had been in declining health for several years following a heart attack suffered five years ago at his winter home in Sebring, Fla. However, his condition was not considered serious and he went to his office as usual on Thursday.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the home with the Rev. T. A. Groce, and the Rev. Douglas Corriher, pastor of Haywood Street Methodist Church, officiating.

Active pallbearers will be William Reeves, James Reeves, John D. Johnston, Ottis Green Jr., John Courtney, Troy Green, Hilliard Green and Reeves Turbyfill.

Honorary pallbearers will be O. E. Starnes, J. Warlick, K. W. Partin, William P. Hodges, C. R. Perry, Charles E. Starnes, W. H. Starnes H. F. Starnes, John M. Ehle, L. T. New, Earl Messer, Robert H. Starnes, Rex S. Starnes, Ralph O. Starnes, Roy D. Starnes, C. G. Pickard, C. D. Duckett, Canie Brown, Pat M. Burdette, J. D. Earle Sr., Julian A. Woodcock Jr., J. Gerald Cowan, John W. Spicer, D. L. Graham, Charles D. Parker, William D. Turner Jr., Dr. Bernard Smith, R. L. Cooper, P. L. Vinson, Curtis Bynum, John D. Parker, George H. Wright, H. H. Miles Jr., Herbert D. Miles, L. B. Jackson, George R. Murphy, members of the Rotary Club, Rod and Gun Club and Asheville Hotel Association and employes of the Imperial Life Insurance Company.



GAY GREEN

The family has requested that no flowers be sent, but that contributions be made instead to Eliada Orphanage.

Green was president of the Imperial Life Insurance Company and owner of Green Brothers Furniture Store, 40 College Street, and president of the Carolina Tobacco Corporation.

He was born August 16, 1870 near Leicester, the son of the late Jesse M. and Laura Thrash Green. He attended schools in the Leicester section, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and the University of Chattanooga, Tenn.

In 1887, his family moved from Leicester to Asheville and Green established a grocery store about three years later on the corner of Roberts and Buxton Streets. After several years, he sold the grocery store and moved to Watsonville, Calif., where he entered the hotel business.

He returned to Asheville in 1902, when he and his brother, Ottis Green, opened a furniture store at 40 Patton Avenue. In 1905, he organized the Imperial Life Insurance Company and has been its president ever since.

In 1906 he purchased 500 acres of land in West Asheville, extendng from Carrier Bridge to Sulphur Springs Road.

In 1912, he and John Lange purchased the ten-uncompleted Langren Hotel and opened it for business in 1913. The name of the hotel is a combination of the names of the two men.

In 1919, he purchased 30,000 acres of pineland near Savannah, Ga., which he later sold to the Union Bag Company.

Green took the lead, along with Pat M. Burdette and James G. K. McClure, in the re-establishment of the Asheville tobacco market in 1930 after a lapse of more than 30 years. Largely as a result of his interest and his financial backing, the Carolina Tobacco Warehouse opened its door in that year, despite the fact that the bank crash occurred a short time earlier.

A few years ago his fortune was estimated at some $4,000,000. He was Asheville's largest individual property owner, and his annual property tax bill was in excess of $200,000.

His holdings included the building on Haywood Street leased by Ivey's Inc., the Lerner Stores building, the American National Building now occupied on the ground floor by Fields, Inc., one-half of the Langren Hotel, three-fourths interest in the Kress Building, one-third of the Hotel Asheville, three buildings on Pack Square and about one-half of the stock in the Citizens' Hotel Corporation, which owns the George Vanderbilt Hotel.

He was a member of the Asheville Rotary Club and the Black Mountain Rod and Gun Club and attended Central Methodist Church.

Although he gave to many charities, one of his major interests was Eliada Orphanage in the Emma section. He and a brother, Dr. Nat Green of San Diego, Calif., donated money for a baby home at the orphanage four years ago in memory of their mother.

He retained his faith in the future of Asheville despite business upheavals. The years proved that his faith was justified.

He married Miss Effie M. Reeves of the Sandy Mush section in 1893.

Surviving, in addition to the widow, are two brothers, Ottis Green of Asheville and Dr. Nat Green of San Diego, Calif.; a nephew, Ottis Green Jr. of Asheville; a niece, Mrs. J. D. Johnston of Asheville, and a number of cousins.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Dunn and Groce Funeral Home.

'Viet Nam War' Comes To Asheville

Ever since the Tribal Warrior came home from forays against another tribe, boys have looked with worshipful eyes on the soldier, because his life is one filled with adventure. And boys have, in their imaginations, with various toys, created their own battle scenes, using lead or tin soldiers, vehicles, and men. Some youngsters, with considerable imagination and modern toys, like Alan Keener 10½ (left), and Mike Green, 11, create their own elaborate battlefields. Mike and Alan, in Mike's yard at 91 Cranford Rd., set up a battle situation in "Viet Nam," and Mike, piloting a whirlybird, sideslipped to avoid a rocket launched from the ground by Alan. The Rocket, in flight, can be seen as a dark streak just above the chopper. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

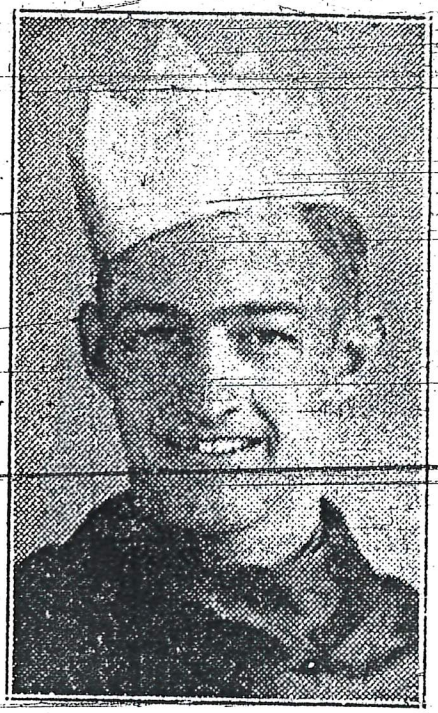
Asheville Citizen May 21, 1965

Citizen Photo—Hunter

MRS. A. W. GREENE of Emma Rd. celebrates her 70th birthday today, Friday, the 13th, with her black cat, by working in her vegetable garden. Mrs. Greene says that the thirteenth has always been a lucky day for her and her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Drake of Beverly Hills, was also born July 13. Mrs. Greene believes that outdoor work such as gardening keeps her 70 years young

CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1934

Named To Reign In School Festival



Shown above are the king and queen of the spring festival to be staged at Hall Fletcher high school April 27. Miss Inez Greenwood, at left, is the queen, and Eugene Currence, at right, will reign as king. The two were chosen over ten other contestatns. The festival will be a colorful event in four acts with a large number of juniors, seniors, and members of the school clubs participating. Miss Greenwood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Greenwood, and Mr. Currence is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Currence.

Asheville Citizen April 22, 1934

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

West Asheville Man Pictured With His Plane

Here is Ralph Greenwood, of West Asheville, with his Rearwin plane at the airport of the Meyer Flying service, near Hendersonville. Greenwood, who is engaged in instructing 15 students, holds transport, airplane and mechanic, and student instruction licenses. He is 29 years of age and has been flying about 10 years. Greenwood resides at 129 Alabama avenue, in West Asheville.

Asheville Citizen October 7, 1938

CALVARY PASTOR TO COMPLETE HIS 11TH. YEAR TODAY

The Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, West Asheville, will end his eleventh consecutive year as pastor today. Mr. Grice was elected in 1918, assuming his duties the first Sunday in May of that year.

January 3, 1909, Mr. Grice who was then Superintendent of the West End Baptist church Sunday school, attended a meeting held in the old Odd Fellows Hall on Haywood road and assisted in the organization of the church, several years before he entered the ministry.

In 1906 the pastor attended a meeting at which a West Asheville Sunday school was organized under the auspices of the West End Baptist church. That was 23 years ago, and since Mr. Grice has been closely connected with the growth of the Baptist church in West Asheville and other sections of Western North Carolina.

Asheville Citizen May 5, 1929

CALVARY TO OBSERVE GRICE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 2ND

Plans went forward this week for observing on Sunday, May 2, at Calvary Baptist Church the 25th anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. J. B. Grice. Committee on arrangements is composed of William Logan, chairman, R. E. Currence and Don Young.

As a feature of the observance effort will be made to liquidate the $3,500 indebtedness of the edifice on that date. Also the event will mark the beginning of a revival meeting led by a former pastor of the church, the Rev. Millord A. Jenkins of Abilene, Texas.

Observance of the silver anniversary will continue through the rest of the year, with former pastors and ministers ordained in the church over the past quarter of a century being brought back as features of monthly services. All departments of the church are represented in the program plans, including the Sunday school, the training union for young people, the brotherhood organization of men, the women's missionary society and the music department.

Mr. Logan represents the training union on the special observance committee. The other members of this committee and departments they represent follow:

John L. Lawrence, the Sunday school; Mrs. Glenn Starnes, music department; Mr. Currence, finance group; Mrs. E. P. Fleming, women's missionary society; J. Hamp Brown, men's brotherhood; Mr. Young board of deacons; Mrs. O. V. Himes, church-at-large, and Bert Starnes, evangelistic, endeavors group.

Before taking over his present charge on May 1, 1918, Rev. Grice was pastor of the West End Baptist church.

All of his pastorates have been in Buncombe county, the first one being the Liberty church, where he began serving in May, 1911. This was a one-Sunday-a-month charge. Then on September 1 of the same year, there was added the Mt. Carmel charge, which was a half-time church.

Within two years, Rev. Grice resigned the Liberty charge and became pastor of Bethel and Inanda, thus forming a compact field composed of Mt. Carmel, Bethel and Inanda. On July 31, 1915, he became pastor of the West End church.

Rev. Grice assisted in the organization of Calvary church on January 3, 1909, and was associated with the church in various ways many years before he became its pastor.

Coming to Asheville from Gaston county in 1894, Rev. Grice became connected with the Asheville Cotton Mill with which he remained until he became pastor at Calvary.

West Asheville News April 23, 1943

CELEBRATION OF REV. GRICE'S ANNIVERSARY BEGINS SUNDAY

Sunday will mark the beginning of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Rev. J. B. Grice as pastor of Calvary Baptist church.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of First Baptist church of Abilene, Texas, and former pastor at Calvary, will begin a two weeks' revival service, and as a special feature of the celebration program the church indebtedness of $3500 will be paid off at the end of the morning service.

Dr. Jenkins is well known here, having been raised in this section. He is an outstanding preacher of the Southern Baptist Convention and is the author of several books. This will make the fourth time he has conducted revival meetings at the local charge since he was supply pastor prior to the pastorate of Rev. Grice.

He will preach at both the morning and evening services next Sunday, and on each week night at 8 o'clock except Saturday. Schedule for the morning services during the week will be announced later.

The senior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Starnes, will sing Sunday and throughout the revival.

In connection with the silver anniversary of Rev. Grice, a special bulletin giving a summary of the life and work of the pastor has been printed and will be distributed at the church. Observance of the anniversary year will continue through December, with a special program planned for each month.

West Asheville News April 30, 1943

25TH YEAR AS PASTOR MARKED BY J. B. GRICE

Church Filled To Capacity As Dr. Jenkins Launches Revival Series.

The $3,500 debt on the Calvary Baptist church was paid and oversubscribed more than $100 by members yesterday as a special service honoring the Rev. J. B. Grice on his 25th anniversary as pastor of the church.

The Rev. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church of Abilene, Tex., and a former pastor of the Calvary church, delivered the sermon yesterday, which opened a 10-day revival at the church.

There was not an empty seat in the building as all departments of the church, including the Sunday school, training union for young people, the brotherhood organization of men, the women's missionary society and the music department took part in the special services.

Mrs. C. I. Poor, organist, and Mrs. J. Glenn Starnes, choir director, were in charge of special music for the event.

W. B. Logan was in charge of arrangements for the celebration, and was assisted by the following members of the celebration committee: John L. Lawrence, Mrs. Starnes, Rev. [illegible] Young, Mrs. [illegible] Starnes.

The anniversary celebration will continue throughout the year with a special program each month. Former pastors and ministers ordained in the church during the pastorate of Mr. Grice will take part in the programs.

The revival meetings in progress are being held twice daily—at 10 o'clock each morning and 8 o'clock each evening.

Asheville Times May 3, 1943

REV. J. B. GRICE MAY RECONSIDER HIS RESIGNATION

150 Members Of Calvary Baptist Church Ask Pastor To Stay

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The Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, West Asheville, who told the congregation at the Sunday morning service that he would retire as pastor May 1, said last night he would reconsider his decision if his continuance as pastor is favored by a large majority of the Calvary church membership in a vote scheduled for next Sunday.

Some 150 members, at a special meeting in the church last night, adopted a resolution declining to accept Mr. Grice's resignation and asking him to reconsider his decision. After the group had assembled, Mr. Grice was called to the church.

He told the group he had been led to believe that some members of the congregation thought it best for him to retire and for that reason made the statement Sunday.

Congregation To Vote

The group decided to submit the entire matter to the congregation at the 11 a. m. service Sunday, March 11, to be voted on. Mr. Grice will not be present when the vote is taken. R. M. McGee and E. J. Patterson, both of whom are members of the board of deacons, conducted last night's meeting.

At the morning service Sunday, Mr. Grice voiced the intention of resigning the pastorate of the church May 1, his 27th anniversary as pastor there. Since Sunday, it has been estimated he has received some 300 telephone calls protesting his decision.

Became Pastor In 1918

Mr. Grice became pastor of Calvary church in May, 1918, when the church was on Hanover street. The building was soon too small to accommodate the rising membership and work on the present structure, one of the largest Baptist churches in this area, was begun in December, 1921. The building was completed in 1925 and in 1937, 15 new Sunday school rooms were added. Final payment of the church debt was made at the celebration of Mr. Grice's 25th anniversary as pastor in May, 1943. The church now has an estimated membership of 1,500.

Born in Gaston county, Mr. Grice came here some 50 years ago, accepting a position at the Asheville Cotton mill. He had an active part in organizing Calvary church in 1909, at which time he was serving as superintendent of the Sunday school at the West End Baptist church. His first pastoral experience was with the Liberty Baptist church and he was ordained to the ministry at the West End church two years later. Before accepting the call to Calvary church, he served as pastor of the West End church for nearly three years.

Asheville Citizen March 6, 1945

GRICE HONORED BY MEMBERS OF CALVARY CHURCH

A capacity congregation attended the service at Calvary Baptist church last night, during which the Rev. J. B. Grice, retiring pastor, was honored. Mr. Grice's retirement became effective yesterday, his 27th anniversary as pastor of the church.

Pastors who spoke briefly during the service were the Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald of the West Asheville Methodist church: the Rev. E. W. Black, of the Wesleyan Methodist church: the Rev. R. Frederick Brown of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian church: the Rev. Nane Starnes of the West Asheville Baptist church, and the Rev. A. Perry Sprinkle, of the Craven Street Baptist church.

Asheville Citizen May 7, 1945

GRICE, PASTOR HERE FOR PAST 35 YEARS, RETIRES OCTOBER 1

Ash. Times 9-18-46

The Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of Reed Memorial Baptist church, will retire October 1 after more than 35 years active service with Baptist churches of Asheville.

The veteran minister expressed his appreciation to the people of Asheville this morning for their cooperation over the years and he re-affirmed his faith in the Christian religion. "It will emerge triumphant because the gospel of Jesus Christ is the panacea for all our ills," he declared.

Mr. Grice leaned back in his chair in the living room of the pastor's home at Oakley and talked about the war's aftermath and the future. He said the world must resolve its conflicting theories without delay. When asked whether he thinks it possible he said. "Yes, the adjustment is going to come and I hope soon. But it cannot come until God is taken into consideration.

"The Gospel speaks the same language to all men everywhere if they will listen. The command 'go ye into all the world' is amazing and unique and will eventually bring unity where now there is only lack of agreement."

Surprised at Clash

Mr. Grice expressed surprise over the recent clash between Secretary of Commerce Wallace and other members of the Truman administration over what our foreign policy should be. He recalled that William Jennings Bryan would have resigned in a similar position —finding himself not in accord with other members of the group.

He also remembered spending an evening at the Bryan home when the "Silver Tongued Orator" was a resident of Asheville. Mr. Bryan had invited the pastors of the city to hear a Y. M. C. A. representative in whom he was particularly interested. The Bryan home was then at the foot of Kimberly avenue.

Mr. Grice remarked that he is not retiring in the final sense of the word but only from the permanent pastorate. He will continue in the ministry and expects to speak from the pulpits of many churches.

REV. J. B. GRICE

He and Mrs. Grice are starting the job of moving and will be at their home at 135 Spears avenue by the end of the month.

Mrs. Grice recalled that although she first met her husband here in Asheville they were born within 15 miles of each other—he in Gaston and she in Lincoln county.

Mr. Grice first came to Asheville in 1894 and began preaching at Liberty church in May, 1911. At one time he was connected with three different churches here—adding the Mt. Carmel, Inanda and Bethel charges—and in 1915 he settled down at the West End church where he remained for two years and nine months.

Then on May 1, 1918, he accepted the pastorate of Calvary church where he continued until the same date last year. "It was right in the middle of the terrible flue epidemic," he recalled this morning, "and a healthy next door neighbor one morning might be dead the next. Our church had to suspend all services for a month."

Conducts 2,000 Funerals

Since that time Mr. Grice has officiated at more than 2,000 funerals and a check of his records showed that he has married 679 couples.

The day after tomorrow will mark completion of Mr. Grice's sixteenth month at Reed Memorial church and he added that he had almost retired last year when he left Calvary but due to the war there were so few pastors available that he felt he should continue. Now the war is over, he remarked, and he is making way for younger men.

When asked if he had any advice for readers who may never have heard him in church, Mr. Grice said he liked to remember a phrase he had borrowed from a friend: "Disagree without being disagreeable." "What I love about America and our system is the freedom which every man has to make his own decisions, to follow his own conscience, and to disagree with others. We must guard and protect this for those who are to come."

Asheville Times September 18, 1946

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

REV. J. B. GRICE

Twenty-five years of vision and service.

Such has been the record and privilege of the Rev. J. B. Grice as pastor of Calvary Baptist church; such has been the blessings of the congregation whose membership now is around 1400 in number; and such will be observed next Sunday, May 2, by members and friends with ceremony befitting this godly man. For it was on that date, a quarter a century ago that the Rev. Mr. Grice took over the spiritual leadership of the charge, then composed of 400 faithful souls.

Rev. Grice was no stranger in their midst, for in a January nearly ten years before, he had received something similar to a Macedonian call and went over and helped in the organization of the church, the nucleus of which consisted of members from the West End Baptist church, with which Rev. Grice was affiliated as Sunday school superintendent at the time.

Calvary was organized 34 years ago in the old Odd Fellows Hall building at the Asheville Road and Hanover street where the Half Circle B ranch plant is now located. When he became its pastor the church was located on Hanover Street, and during the early part of his ministry there, plans for the new present building were laid.

Indeed, when Rev. Grice received the summons in 1918 to come over as pastor of Calvary, his religious influence in this section had already begun to make its impress. He had served as pastor at the West End charge for nearly three years, and prior to that had been shepherd to a circuit of part-time churches in the county.

And through the years this influence has spread like spiritual leaven to every nook and corner of Buncombe county and many parts of Western North Carolina; through the years this man of God has proclaimed the Gospel, imparted cheer to the sick, spoken solace to the dying, brought comfort to the bereaved, committed to the ground the body and to the hands of God the soul of the dead; he has bestowed blessings upon happy nuptials, baptized members of the fold, lent encouragement to the troubled, given counsel to the uncertain . . . all in all, in one way or another, leading people to God.

No matter what one's problem is, he can take it to Rev. Grice, with assurance of sane and sensible advice and of a sympathetic and tolerant attitude.

During these twenty-five years Rev. Grice, in and out of the church, has preached around 3300 sermons, conducted 1614 funerals and joined the hands of nearly 600 couples at the altar. And from under his ministerial wing have gone five members to preach the Word. They are Edward J. Ingle, Herbert Brown, Nane Starnes, Vaughn Johnson and A. J. Buckner. The leaven is still at work, indeed!

Strong on dependability and keeping his word, Rev. Grice doesn't recall ever forgetting or missing an appointment except once, and that was at a recent wedding at the church. But the confusion was not occasioned so much by the temporary absence of a minister, since a substitute parson was soon and easily procured, as it was the apprehension that something terrible might have happened to Rev. Grice. When he finally appeared, his only explanation was—"I just forgot", something he disliked confessing in view of his usually remarkable memory. But the incident was dismissed with a hearty laugh, in which Mr. Grice freely joined. Rev. Grice has a marvelous sense of humor.

He has a keen understanding of human nature, too, especially among the young people, in whom he has confidence and over whom he is very optimistic. He appraises them as good if not better than those of their age a generation ago.

And as for the young men in the service, he has no doubts that they will come marching home with a greater interest in religion than ever before. Speaking of the service lads, not a one from Calvary ever writes home without inquiring or having a word to say about Rev. Grice; and speaking of the days following Johnny's marching home, Rev. Grice believes that conditions will be favorable to a greater world-wide missionary endeavor on the part of the church.

Out of the 600 marriages in which he was the officiating minister, Rev. Grice doesn't believe there has come more than one per cent of divorce. Of this, he is naturally proud.

He attributes this fine record to the quality of the folk, taking no credit for himself. However, he doubtless has given advice that has saved more than one marriage from the rocks. If Dorothy Dix and Anne Hirst don't mind, we will give one instance: One day a young married woman received a letter from a former sweet heart and her husband began to tease. One word led on to another until heated feelings ensued, followed by threats of terminating the relationship in the courts. Fortunately, however, they first took the matter to Rev. Grice, who gave counsel this wise: "Always let your mail be open to the other." This instills confidence, he observes.

Mr. Grice would have made a good business man; he is a good businessman now, for that matter. Had he stayed with the Asheville Cotton Mill with which he remained until he came as Calvary's pastor, he might have been head of the firm by now. Who knows? Be that as it may, his call was the Lord's business.

And he is an excellent church executive, to be sure. He has confidence in his officers and workers and he gives them a free hand. He puts them on their honor, so to speak, a policy which seems to call forth the best that is in them. He just stays out of their way and lets the organization grow. He learned the wisdom of this policy back in his cotton mill days.

This doesn't mean, however, that he is indifferent to what is going on; to the contrary, he keeps his finger on every thing that is done, although in a way that one is hardly conscious of it.

Rev. Grice loves music, a love which dates back when he was a member of the West End church, where he played the cornet and sang bass in the choir. He still can sing. Naturally he is especially interested in the music department of his church.

Mr. Grice was born near Belmont, in Gaston county, North Carolina, where he grew up. His parents were John L. and Edith Lovelace Grice. Before coming to Asheville in 1894, Mr. Grice lived for a while at Wilmington where he joined the Baptist church. He was baptized in the Cape Fear River, and little did he or the administering minister think that this new convert would someday become an ordained follower of John, The Baptist.

Berry Grice was married to Miss Nelle C. Lineberry, of Randolph county, in 1897. To this union were born five children: Earl, Cecil and Worth Grice, Mrs. Nellie Tomberlin and Mrs. Edith Malone. There are eight grandchildren.

The life and work of Rev. Grice would make excellent material for a good-size volume that would be a worthy contribution to any religious library. Until that is written, however, we commend to your attention the noteworthy summary on the history of the pastor which has been compiled by the committee in charge of the anniversary program and which appears elsewhere in this issue. The summary is being printed in bulletin form and will be distributed to members and visitors at the various special programs of the church throughout the year, beginning next Sunday.

Near the end of the summary, mention is made, and properly so, of Mrs. Grice and her devotion to Mr. Grice and his work. Through her prolonged illness preceding her death several months ago, she suffered much. This deeply grieved the husband, too. But he went on "smilin' thru". A glimpse of Stephen, indeed. And if one should be looking for the reason for this remarkable fortitude, he would find it in Rev. Grice's deep and unshakable faith in God. For, indeed, this pastor is tangible proof that there is a Power House from which one can draw strength in time of trouble—a thing he has taught through the years.

His silver anniversary finds strands of silver in the hair, suggestive, however, of things celestrial, rather than reflecting years of toil and care. And there is a silver lining in his heart, too, as well as a smile on his face; and today his body remains as robust as his soul is strong.

Rev. Grice has a boundless capacity for love and he is greatly beloved. Truly a man of God!

August 16, 1967

Rev. J. B. Grice, 94, Dies; Baptist Minister 35 Years

The Rev. John Berry Grice, 94, of 135 Spears Ave., who served as pastor of Baptist churches in Asheville for more than 35 years before his retirement in 1946, died Wednesday morning in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

He had been in declining health for the last ten years.

During his career as a Baptist minister, Mr. Grice spent 27 years as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

He was born near Belmont in Gaston County and received his elementary education there. After moving to Wilmington, he joined the Wilmington Baptist Church and was baptized in the Cape Fear River.

Mr. Grice came to Asheville in 1894 and worked in the Asheville Cotton Mills until becoming pastor at Calvary Church.

He served as superintendent of the West End Baptist Church Sunday School for 13 years, and when the Calvary Church was founded in 1909, he presided over the church's Sunday School organizational meeting.

His first pastoral experience began two years after the founding of Calvary when he started assisting with services in 1911.

Mr. Grice was ordained for the ministry at the West End Church in 1913. For the next two years he served county churches, including the Mt. Carmel, Inanda and Bethel charges.

In 1915, Mr. Grice became pastor of the West End Church and served there for almost three years.

Mr. Grice loved music, played the cornet, had a fine bass voice and made quite a contribution to the church music. His devotion to the church and his desire to serve was shown in his willingness to conduct the service if the pastor was absent or to light the fires and sweep the church in the absence of the janitor.

In the spring of 1918, he accepted the call to the pastorate of Calvary Church. The church was at that time located on Hanover street and had approximately 400 members.

REV. J. B. GRICE

—From 1946 Photo.

The church soon became too small for the Hanover building and a new church was begun in 1921 at the present location on Haywood road.

On his 60th birthday in 1934, the congregation of Calvary church honored Mr. Grice with a special program at which they presented him a trip to Berlin, Germany, to attend the World Baptist Alliance.

Special services on the anniversary of the pastor's 25th year at Calvary featured the payment in full of the $3,500 remaining in the church building debt. The anniversary celebrations continued through out 1943.

Although 700 members of the Calvary church gave him a vote of confidence and appreciation, the pastor continued in his decision to retire. A capacity congregation attended his final sermon and a love offering of $1,- service on the pastor's final Sunday.

Mr. Grice's retirement did not come about immediately. Even before he had preached his last sermon at Calvary, he had accepted the call to Reed Memorial Baptist Church. He was pastor of Reed Memorial Church for 16 months before retiring in October of 1946.

After his official retirement, Mr. Grice continued to be active in church work and for years he filled in for other pastors in the area.

Mr. Grice served as president of the board of directors of Green Hills Cemetery. He was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias.

He was a member of the Fellowship group of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by the widow, the former Mrs. Lucy A. Parris; a son, Worth Grice of Philadelphia, Pa.; a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Tomberlin of Hawthorne, Calif.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Patricia Edwards of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Bess McLeod of Timonsville, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 4:30 p. m. Friday in the chapel of First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Gordon Hux, the Rev. Nane Starnes, the Rev. Edward Ingle, and the Rev. John Knight will officiate and burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Troy H. Parham, Wayne Bramlett, Don C. Young, J. Lester Carter, J. Wilson Moore, and Marshall Redmon.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Buncombe County Ministerial Association.

The body will be at Morris-Hendon Funeral Home until placed in the church 30 minutes before the service.

Asheville Citizen August 16, 1967

DISTRICT II of the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs held a president's institute yesterday in The Manor. After luncheon the planning committee (L-R): Mrs. J. C. Grice, secretary of the Community Club; Mrs. J. O. McCollum, secretary of the Etheridge Club; Mrs. W. Riley Palmer, president of the Etheridge Club; Mrs. Frank Martin, president of the Junior Woman's Civic Club; Miss Pauline Powell, president of District II; Mrs. Joseph P. Jennings, president of the Woman's Civic Club, and Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, program chairman of the Community Club, discussed the fall meeting scheduled here Oct. 16.

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MRS. B.S. GRIFFIN

ASHEVILLE — Mrs. B.S. Griffin, of West Asheville, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002.

B.S. Griffin

Mrs. Griffin was born in Buncombe County and was a daughter of the late William Andrew and Dora Tabitha Reeves Steelman. She was married to Frank Burnice Neal, who died in 1935, and to J. Sparks Griffin, who died in 1987. She was retired from the VA Medical Center in Oteen, where she served as assistant personnel director. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Bing Neal Lane, of Asheville; brother, Bob Steelman, of Clyde; granddaughter, Melissa Lane, of Vermont; and her niece, Nancy Rae Steelman Holcher.

The funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Patton Avenue chapel of Groce Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Buddy Corbin and the Rev. Donald N. Welborn officiating. Burial will follow at Green Hills Cemetery.

Her family will receive friends one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Donations in her memory be made to Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, 531 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

The memorial register is available at "Funerals Scheduled" at www.grocefuneralhome.com.

RETIRING TEACHER, Mrs. Ada Mauney, was honored by friends and co-workers. Robert K. Phillips, principal of Hall Fletcher Junior High School, left, and Supt. of Asheville Schools W. P. Griffin, look at a certificate noting Mrs. Mauney's 35 years of service to this system. She taught one year at Newton Elementary before joining the staff of Hall Fletcher in 1937, where she has taught since. She also taught a number of years in the summer Demonstration School of what was the Asheville Teachers College, where she received her B.S. degree in education. (Staff Photo)

Asheville Citizen June 10, 1964

WOODROW PINKNEY GRIFFIN

A native of Henderson County, N.C., Woodrow Pinkney Griffin is the son of Eli Pinkney Griffin. He was born Sept. 11, 1913, at the foot of Huckleberry Mountain. He graduated from Fruitland Institute in 1933, then attended Brevard Junior College. From there he went to Georgetown College (Kentucky) where he was president of the student body and graduated in 1937 with an AB degree in Social Studies and Mathematics. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Throughout his high school and college years he lettered in four sports — baseball, basketball, football, and track. He received his Masters Degree in Education from Western Carolina University.

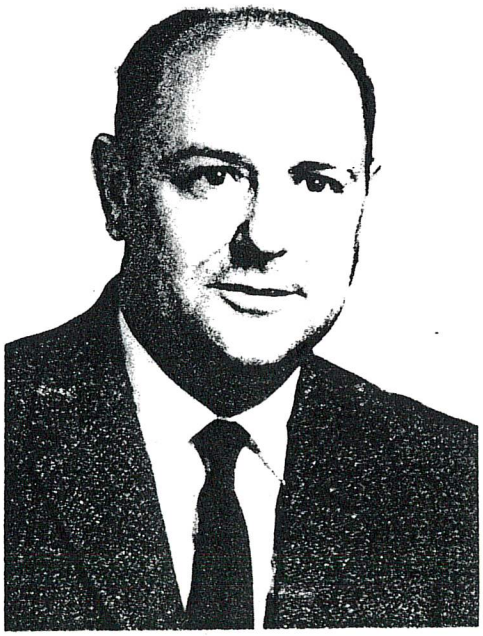
Griffin began his teaching career in Kentucky in Chaplin (Nelson County), then taught four years in Henderson County. Mr. Griffin has served in the Asheville City School System since 1944, first as mathematics and physical education teacher at the former Hall Fletcher Junior High School (now a middle school), then as principal of Aycock Elementary School, and in 1956 he became principal of what was then Lee H. Edwards High School (now Asheville High).

In 1960 he became superintendent of the Asheville City Schools, and held that position until his retirement in 1977. He was honored at a reception that year, at which time the new gymnasium at Asheville High School was named the W.P. Griffin Sports Arena in his honor.

He is a past president of the West Asheville Rotary Club, W.N.C. Division of Superintendents, local NCAE, Western District Principals, School Masters Club, a previous superintendent of the Young Peoples' Department at Calvary Baptist Church, and Board Member of the YMCA, N.C. Symphony, and A.B. Technical Institute.

On June 9, 1941, Mr. Griffin married Dorothy Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Milton Parker of Hendersonville. They are the parents of Bettie Ann Griffin, who is married to Dr. Nelson Watts, and a son, Woodrow P. Griffin, Jr. of Asheville. The Griffins have two grandchildren, Parker and Alison Watts of Asheville.

— Bettie Griffin Watts



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Mrs. Grinnan Dies Here At Age 88

Mrs. Robert Temple Grinnan, 88, daughter of the late Col. Robert Bingham, who established and operated the Bingham Military School here for many years, died in an Asheville hospital at 4:05 a.m. yesterday following a long illness.

Mrs. Grinnan was hospitalized on June 2.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. C. Grier Davis, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Pearson, L. R. Hoffman, W. Moss Salley, Robert R. Reynolds, Philip Woollcott, and John Beakley.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Dr. M. C. Millender, Dr. S. Crawford Gillespie, Dr. C. C. Orr, Robert R. Williams Sr., Allen Morrison, G. H. Ligon, J. H. Lange, the Rev. Arthur H. Brimley, William P. Bomar, of Fort Worth, Tex., Carl Ray, Silver Springs, Fla., Charles Glasgow, of Lexington, Va., Jonathan Daniels of Raleigh, Clifton Murphy of Tryon and Dr. Pinckney Herbert of Laurens, S. C.

Mrs. Grinnan was the aunt of Barry Bingham, publisher of The Louisville Courier-Journal who arrived here yesterday for the funeral services.

Through the years, Mrs. Grinnan had been vigorous and alert despite her advanced years and continued to keep up a keen interest in current happenings. But she had been an invalid in recent years.

She is remembered by thousands of former students of the old Bingham Military School who benefited by her many kindnesses while they attended school there.

Mrs. Grinnan's birthday observances for many years were shared with those of her nephew, Barry Bingham. It became somewhat of an institution that was established years ago.

Each year on their anniversaries, Mrs. Grinnan and Bingham, joined by other members of the family, would be the honored guests on Feb. 10 at a birthday party at the Bingham Heights home of Mrs. Grinnan.

The annual affair was interrupted only during World War II when Bingham was serving as a commander in the Navy.

Mrs. Grinnan was a student of nature and her home, located at the site of the famous military institution named for her father, for years was a bird sanctuary. It was a hobby with Mrs. Grinnan and she became an authority on the wild birds of this section.

There were many bird houses and feeding stations on the grounds and it was a source of much pleasure to Mrs. Grinnan to watch them from her bedroom window.

Mrs. Grinnan was a native of Asheboro. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was active in church, civic and welfare affairs until she became an invalid.

At the time of her birth, her father was operating the school at Mebane. The institution was founded in 1793 at Wilmington by the Rev. William Bingham and was moved to Asheville in 1891. It was closed in 1928, soon after the death of Col. Bingham.

Maj. Robert Temple Grinnan, husband of Mrs. Grinnan, died in Asheville in 1915. He was a member of the faculty of Bingham School at the time of their marriage.

In addition to Bingham, Mrs. Grinnan is survived by three nieces, Miss Martha McKee and Miss Temple McKee, both of Asheville, and Mrs. Bingham McKenzie of New York City; and another nephew, Robert B. Bingham, of Denver, Colo.

Morris-Lineberry-Black Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Funeral home proves there's a lot in a name

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Dale Groce, left, and Al Williams are now in business together at the new Tunnel Road location of Groce Funeral home. The company still has its location on Patton Avenue.

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Groce, Williams — competitors to co-workers

By Josh Boatwright
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ASHEVILLE — The families behind two of the area's best known funeral homes are bringing life back to a facility that had languished under corporate ownership.

Groce Funeral Home is opening its third branch at the former location of Williams Funeral Service on Tunnel Road.

That site had been owned and operated by Haw Creek residents Roy and Earl Williams for 30 years before it was sold to Loewen Group of Canada, which later to sold it to Service Corporation International (SCI), of Houston, Texas. Williams finally closed two years ago because of declining business.

Though the new facility displays the Groce family name, it will once again be run by a Williams as second-generation funeral director Al Williams assumes management there.

"People like to work with people they know. No matter where you go, you like to walk in and someone calls you by your name and you're treated like a neighbor rather than just a business person," said Dale Groce, who runs the business with his brother Bill.

"There's more to this than just the business transaction, there's so much empathy that has to be shared."

Shared history

The Groce and Williams families have a long history together.

Brothers Roy and Earl Williams worked with the Groce family at their West Asheville home in the 1930s before going into business for themselves and opening their Tunnel Road facility in the mid-1960s.

"When the Williams family was operating over here and we were operating in West Asheville, if we needed something or vice versa we called each other up. We were competitors, but we were friends also," Dale Groce said.

Roy Williams died in 1992 and his brother decided to retire three years later, selling the business to a Canadian corporation.

Al Williams continued managing the funeral home and his namesake remained on the sign, though business practices changed as the facility changed hands from one corporate owner to another.

Williams became increasingly frustrated as company employees came and went from his location and he had to follow strict policies requiring him to collect full payment from families upfront.

That policy was a far-cry from the family's practice of making financial arrangements that fit the needs of their clients.

Haw Creek resident Clarence Dotson, who worked for a few years as an assistant funeral director for the Williamses, recalled how the family dealt with the subject of money after his wife's burial in 1994.

"About a week after that, I went up there and I asked Mr. Earl Williams, 'How much do I owe you sir?' He said, 'What's your hurry? I haven't got it figured up yet.' He said to come back in about a month," said Dotson, 84. Funeral and burial services average about $6,000.

Despite the company's focus on the bottom line, business waned in the late 1990s and Al Williams decided to quit and go to work for Groce in 2000. "When I left here it was hard to drive down the road and look and see the sign up and just knowing the business was going down," he said.

Personal preference

Many small, family-owned businesses have struggled in the past decade to compete with corporate-run stores that offer more selection and lower prices.

Not so in the funeral industry where about 88 percent of businesses are owned by indi-

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ABOUT GROCE FUNERAL HOMES

- The family of the late Rev. T.A. Groce established Groce Funeral Home in 1932 on Haywood Road in West Asheville. The business later expanded to Patton Avenue and added an Arden location in 1999.
- The family business was run by brothers Bob, Bill and Fred Groce for several decades before ownership was passed on to Bill and Dale Groce. Bill Groce's sons, Scott and Trey, are also currently active in the business.
- The new location on Tunnel Road offers traditional services with an average cost of $6,000, including casket. It will also provide cremations, national and international transfers and green funerals with environmentally friendly burial products.
- For more information, visit www.grocefuneralhome.com

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viduals, families, or closely held private companies, according to data collected by the National Funeral Directors Association.

"We engage in what we firmly believe is a sacred trust with the family and our community," said Bob Biggins, a former president of the association who runs a funeral home in the Boston suburbs.

The total number of funeral homes in the United States has declined in the past six years and economic conditions have been less than ideal for expanding a business since the recession.

But the Groce family determined late last year there were enough families who needed their services in the East Asheville, Fairview and Swannanoa areas to warrant opening a new branch.

Ministers like the Rev. Gayle Brown of Oteen Baptist Church have greeted the coming of the Groce and Williams families with enthusiasm.

"When you contact Groce Funeral Home you become a personal friend with the owners and staff. You are not a number standing in line for needed service," Brown said.

Al Williams will act alongside his wife, Richelle, and J. Richard Gassaway as funeral directors of the new Groce home. He said the chance to return to work at his family's business is a "dream come true."

As the funeral home's sign was scheduled to be erected this week, Dale Groce noted that he had wanted to incorporate the Williams name into the title, but he faced a problem.

"We considered opening it as the 'Williams Branch' or 'Williams Memorial Chapel of Groce Funeral Home,' but that corporation bought the Williams name, they won't let us use it," said Groce.

"That won't stop us from telling people there's a Williams managing it."

7-22-2004

FRED F. GROCE

ASHEVILLE — Asheville funeral director Fred F. Groce Sr., 90, of 7 Naylor Road, Asheville, died Tuesday, July 20, 2004.

Fred F. Groce

Mr. Groce was born on July 11, 1914, in Candler, to the late Rev. T.A. Groce Sr. and Elizabeth Hunt Groce. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, J. Robert Groce, Thomas A. Groce, the Rev. W. Harold Groce, Alvin "Rip" Groce and Willis H. "Bill" Groce. He was a graduate of Sand Hill High School and attended Weaver College before graduating from Asheville-Biltmore College. He worked with Dunn & Groce Funeral Home in the mid-1930s before attending Williams Institute of Mortuary Science in Kansas City, Kan., where he graduated in 1937. In September 1941, he married June Barger of Asheville and enlisted in the Army shortly after the outbreak of World War II, where he served three years in the Army Medical Corps.

Following the war, he returned to Asheville and rejoined his family and associates at Groce Funeral Home. He was a charter member of Abernethy United Methodist Church, where he was former chairman of the Finance Committee, former chairman of the Board of Trustees and member of the Administrative Board. He was also a charter member of the Asheville Jaycees, charter member of the West Asheville American Legion Post 335, past chairman of the Buncombe County Welfare Board and former secretary and president of the Candler Lions Club. He volunteered as a senior arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau of Asheville and Western North Carolina. Mr. Groce co-owned and operated Groce Funeral Home for many years and maintained the position of corporate vice-president through retirement and until the time of his death.

He enjoyed his family, traveling, fishing and relaxing at Lake Lure. His family includes his wife of 63 years, June B. Groce; four children, Fred F. Groce Jr. and his wife, Cindy, of Asheville, Laura Thomas and her husband, John, of Charlotte, Martha Hughes Davis and her husband, James, of Atlanta and John A. Groce and his wife, Lori, of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren, Robin G. Fulk, Lindsey G. Whitlatch, Virginia Hunt Groce, Liza Hughes Mooney, Anna Patton Hughes and Sarah Rebecca Groce; three great-grandchildren, Catherine Ford Whitlatch, Samuel Bradley Whitlatch and Elizabeth Patton Mooney; and one brother, Hugh W. Groce of Asheville.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Patton Avenue chapel of Groce Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Henry R. (Rusty) Inman officiating. Private interment for the family will follow at Green Hills Cemetery.

His family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home and request that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Abernethy United Methodist Church Air Conditioning Fund, 1418 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28806.

The memorial register is available at "Obituaries" at www.grocefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By FRED SEVERANCE

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JOHN ROBERT GROCE

Raising white face beef cattle and roses are two hobbies that would take most of any man's time, but when he can do all this in addition to acting as treasurer of a flourishing business, it would make live reading in anybody's newspaper. We have heard of corned beef and cabbage as a combination but not with roses.

John Robert Groce, affable member of the Groce quintet operating the Dunn & Groce Funeral Home, Inc., of 756 Haywood Road, West Asheville, hero of this week's News Personality column, is the man in question.

John Robert, or Bob, as he is better known to his multitude of friends, was born in Greenville, S. C., on July 29, 1900. He is the son of Rev. Thomas A. Groce, Sr., and Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt Groce, both natives of the Palmetto State. His father who was and still is a Methodist preacher of the not too old school, has endeared himself to hundreds of friends in this section since he indentified himself with Asheville a number of years ago.

The family moved from Greenville to Asheville when Bob was a little shaver and the future matador who can throw white face bulls began his school days in North Carolina. The Groce family first came here in 1907. Methodist ministers do not as a rule spend more than four years with any single church so quite a bit of travelling was involved in the years ahead. Bob claims he has lived in about every section of the State from Murphy to Greensboro and Charlotte.

Bob graduated from Candler High School in 1917. He was too young to join Uncle Sam's fighters the first year of World War I, but he took up army training at Trinity College—now Duke University—and put in hours of study on a literary AB course. However, he did not continue in Durham long, for he was mustered out during the 1918 Christmas holidays, and entered Weaver College at Weaverville. He rounded out his college education later at the University of North Carolina.

Both in school and at college Bob was active in athletics, playing baseball and football. Perhaps handling the pigskin with proficiency enabled him to throw white face bulls later as a hobby. He was also active in literary and debating societies. So fond was he of getting into an argument that at one time he seriously considered studying law. All we can say about this is that the courtroom lost a promising attorney who might have been presiding as Judge Groce in our Superior Court today if he had so desired. He participated in State Triangle debates.

Perhaps Bob first cultivated his rose hobby in spare time after banking hours. Yes, Bob made a connection with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company and was with them until July, 1942, when he donned a uniform in the 879th Truck Company. He was stationed during the war at Camp Sutton headquarters and his chief duty was convoy duty in the states.

These many years Bob's main desire was to enter business for himself, so he became associated in Asheville with his father after Hitler and Hirohito ran up the white flag. Some time before, Thomas A. Groce, Sr., had purchased the business interest of the late Mr. Dunn and his sons were taken into the business. Thomas A. Groce, Sr., is president of Dunn & Groce Funeral Home. Other officers are T. A. Groce, Jr., vice-president; Fred F. Groce, secretary; John Robert Groce, treasurer; and Willis H. Groce, manager.

For some reason or other, Bob has not been "hooked" by a designing woman. He has preferred to blaze his own trail alone, but who knows when he will fall into the matrimonial net! Perhaps he has the right slant on life at that but we could not mean the end of the morticians' business.

Bob is a 17th degree Mason in Hominy Lodge No. 491 and a member of the American Business Club. He is a Methodist and lives with his parents at 11 Tampa Ave., West Asheville. There are seven boys in the Groce family. In addition to those mentioned above there are A. L. Groce, who holds a position with the American Telephone Company, Atlanta, Ga. Rev. William Harold Groce, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Newton, N. C.; and Hugh Groce.

In conclusion Bob tells us that he has always "enjoyed life." We can believe it. He got a great kick the other day attending the baby beef show over in Waynesville. That is one of several annual events that is discussed all over Western North Carolina.

Well, when you're ready to be permanently buried we advise you or your heirs to contact the genial John Robert Groce.

ECW honors June Groce as 'Honored Woman'

June B. Groce, recognized by the ECW as "Honored Woman" of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, was born near Asheville and attended the Church of the Redeemer from infancy until the family moved to Asheville when she was a teenager. She then attended Trinity Church where she was active in the youth group. June studied music and has been a choir member almost all of her life.

She helped organized a group to start a new Episcopal mission in West Asheville where she had moved following her marriage to Fred Groce, who is now retired from Groce Funeral Homes. That mission became St. George's Church. It was started in 1951 with her help and June has been a very energetic participant ever since.

She has taught Sunday School, has been active on the altar Guild, has been president of the ECW many times, has served on the vestry and has helped with dinners, receptions and rummage sales.

As small churches often do over their lives, St. George's had its ups and down — June was one of the most influential and effective people in the congregation in overcoming those downs.

In the community, June helped organize the Asheville Buncombe County Christian Mission (ABCCM) in 1969 to help low income families with heating and electric bills, food, clothes, etc. This is now a huge organization that is a tremendous asset to Asheville and Buncombe County. June volunteered at ABCCM for 25 years.

She also volunteered for many years as a welcomed visitor to inmates at the medium security prison, Craggy Correctional Center, north of Asheville. She is past president of Thom's Rehabilitation Hospital Auxiliary, the Jaycettes, and the Rhododendron Civil Club of Asheville. She is past president and treasurer of the Salvation Army Auxiliary and has volunteered at the Red Cross for many years.

In the diocese, she was a member of the ECW board and served on the board of Patterson School. She worked with the Episcopal Deerfield (Retirement Community) Auxiliary and was on the committee that initiated the Renewal Conference at Kanuga Conference Center. During many years, June has often been an elected and voting delegate to the annual convention of the diocese.

June never stops doing and giving. She sends cards to the sick and to those with birthdays. She calls those who miss church or are sick. She has taken meals to countless people over the years. June is a very special, humble and loving Christian.

— Lucy Gunn

June Groce (left) was recognized at the Triennial as the diocese's 'Honored Woman.' Lucy Gunn (right) presented her a plaque at the ECW annual meeting.

Rev. T. A. Groce

Coming to Western North Carolina from Greenville County, SC in 1909, the Rev. T. A. Groce was one of Methodism's few remaining old-time circuit riders.

T. A. Groce was known as a vibrant force in WNC for more than a half a century. He was a son of the late John T. and Mildred Goodlett Groce.

Rev. Groce was ordained to preach in 1907 and first served the Jonathon Creek Church in Waynesville before later pastoring Mills River, Haywood Street and Asbury Memorial churches along with others.

In WWII, the old-time circuit rider was an army chaplain and following the war he became the first Methodist chaplain at the V.A. Hospital in Oteen.

Transportation from place to place involved first, riding a horse, then by horse and buggy and eventually the Model-T Ford came along.

The Gospel work was the pleasure of the 83-year-old clergyman, who also became involved in various campaigns such as the cancer drive in Buncombe County, in which he served as chairman of the unit in 1957.

T. A. Groce didn't really see what the suffering cancer patients went through until undergoing surgery for cancer himself.

His efforts with the cancer drive in Buncombe County raised $10,000 each year to assist the American Cancer Society.

Rev. T. A. Groce

From his birth in 1879 to his death in 1962, T.A. Groce lived to be a very inspirational person, whose ideas influenced not only the world he lived in, but also his family, who presently owns and operates Groce Funeral Home in Asheville.

PREACHERS ROLL UP SLEEVES—Methodist ministers of Asheville and vicinity didn't wait for the shortage of labor to improve, but they went right ahead with clearing brush from the site purchased on Haywood road for a new Methodist house of worship. Shown here, busy with the job at hand, are the Rev. Clifford Pearce, the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, the Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, the Rev. T. A. Groce, the Rev. A. B. Dennis, the Rev. C. Moody Smith and the Rev. Lee F. Tuttle. It is expected that services will be held in a large tent on the property in the next few weeks, preparatory to the formation of a congregation. The property is situated opposite the Deaverview road intersection.

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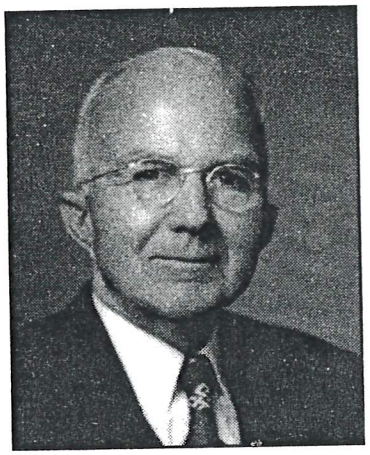

T.A. Groce, Sr.

The high standards in compassion and integrity demonstrated by the staff of Groce Funeral Home were established by the Reverend T.A. Groce, Sr.

Rev. Groce was a vibrant force in Western North Carolina Methodism for more than a half century and was one of the last old-time circuit riders. He was born in Greenville County, SC, and was admitted to the Western Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in 1907. His early career saw him serving churches in Jonathan Creek in the Waynesville District and Mills River and Fairview churches in the Sulphur Spring District. He traveled his early duties in a horse and buggy and then a T-Model Ford, which he once said, "got around like an old horse".

He served as an Army chaplain during WWI and came back to WNC after the Armistice, where he became the first Methodist chaplain at the then new VA Hospital at Oteen. Afterward he served Asbury Memorial Church and then Montmorenci Methodist Church at Candler. He retired for the first time in 1939, but WWII took many young ministers from the mountain region so he left retirement to take the Piney Mountain Charge until 1945, and then the West Asheville Methodist Church. In 1950 he helped organize Abernethy United Methodist Church, after which he retired for the second time.

This also was a short-lived retirement as he began filling in the Swannanoa charge, serving Bethel and Azalea Churches, and also Sandy Mush in Leicester. When the Methodists of Beverly Hills began to want a church in their community, Rev. Groce was sent to investigate their needs, and for the second time since his retirement he helped a group of families organize a church, which was named in his honor, Groce United Methodist Church.

In addition to his church work, Rev. Groce, who died in 1962, also chaired the Buncombe County Cancer Drive in 1957, and was a member of the Hominy Masonic Lodge #491 and the West Asheville Rotary Club.

He and his wife, Elizabeth Hunt Groce, who died in 1948, were parents of seven sons, J. Robert Groce, Thomas A. Groce, Jr., Willis H. Groce, Rev. W. Harold Groce, Alvin L. Groce, Fred F. Groce, and Hugh W. Groce. Most of these sons were active at one time or another in the founding and operation of Groce Funeral Home and based their standards of integrity on their father's example.

By Rev. T. A. Groce

Early Circuit Days Recalled

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By BOB SEYMOUR
Citizen Staff Writer

The days when preachers covered their circuits on horseback and preached in "camp meeting style" every Sunday are recalled in a record being distributed by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Groce Memorial Methodist Church.

The Rev. T. A. Groce, one of Methodism's few remaining old-time circuit riders, put his early experiences on a tape recorder a couple of years ago. Since then the women of the church have had the tape made into a long-play record.

After a few statements of his youth and life before he entered the ministry, Mr. Groce begins an amazing tale of primitive life as he saw it in 1909, when he moved to the Jonathan Creek circuit near Soco Gap in Haywood County.

His parsonage was furnished with a few pieces of furniture and a 1,200-pound horse, complete with saddle. The horse and saddle, he learned, went with the circuit.

Civilization had made few inroads into the mountains in 1909, and Mr. Groce found that even the steel-tired buggy he bought in Asheville would not go everywhere he had to travel.

RECALLS EPISODES

The frankness of mountain people surprised Mr. Groce at first and he still recalls humorous examples: One man, quite a skeptic, always stood outside the church with a heavy dogwood stick.

Mr. Groce was also impressed by the poverty of many of the mountaineers who lived on his circuit. They lived, slept, cooked and ate in the same room.

After the children were put to bed the mother and father would take positions beside the hearth, he with tobacco and she with snuff, and "spit the fire out" before going to bed themselves, Mr. Groce declares.

BACON QUALITY POOR

He also recalls days when he went to bed "tired, worn down and still hungry." He ate so much at one home the man of the house told him "we expect to have a little something in the house for breakfast!" The mountain hogs which ran wild didn't furnish very high quality bacon but it filled a man's stomach.

Church services in the mountains were far removed from the worship conducted in churches today. Preachers carried bulky Bibles with large type so they could read by candle light.

Since there were never enough song books to go around, the preachers would "line off" songs. When the preacher had read a couple of lines, a member of the congregation would "hist a tune" and the people would sing as far as the preacher had read. Then he would read two more lines.

Even when all the members knew the song, the custom of "lining off" was carried through. One of the favorites was: "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie."

These people, living in a hard country, sang "I am bound for the Promised Land" with a fervor born in hunger and hard times.

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Mr. Groce finally invited the man in and got a reply he still laughs about. The man agreed to come inside the church if the preacher would let him "send to glory" all the souls who were converted at the altar. He declared that was the only way they could get to heaven because they soon forgot their religion once they left the church.

With equal candor, a mountain man told the precaher what a fine son he had. "In fact, I like your son more than I do you!'

WENT BAREFOOT

Mr. Groce still remembers seeing grown men coming to church barefoot—wearing overalls and blue shirts. These men, though, had faith that their God was ever mindful of their tribulations.

In evening services they would rise for "a word of testimony." On one occasion an elderly man kept trying to get up but every time he would clamber to his feet someone else already had the floor.

Finally the preacher asked the congregation to wait until the old man managed to get up. "And what has the Lord done for you," the preacher asked. The old-timer replied, 'Well, to tell the truth, He's just about killed me."

This was taken better, however, than a statement by the community bully, who came to church drunk. Midway through the sermon he became violently ill and had to be carried from the church. Forgetting the quantity of white lightning he had stowed away earlier, the bully declared, "Preaching like that would make anybody sick."

Mr. Groce thrived on Gospel preaching and turned his 81st birthday this week. (Tuesday, Sept. 22). Retired for the third time, he has built two churches and rebuilt a third since his first retirement, Mr. Groce is still regarded as a leader by Western North Carolina Methodist ministers.

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Services [redacted]r Rev. T. A. Groce To Be Held Today At 11 A. M.

8/28/62

Services for the Rev. T. A. Groce who died Tuesday night in an Asheville hospital, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday (today) in Groce Methodist Church, one of the churches he organized since his last "retirement." The other is Abernethy Methodist.

A native of Greenville County, S. C., Rev. Groce came to Western North Carolina in 1909 as a circuit rider. He first served the Jonathan Creek Church in the Waynesville district, and after that served in succession, Mills River, Sulphur Springs, Acton, Candler, Haywood Street, Asbury Memorial, Ray Street in Statesville, Coburn Memorial in Salisbury and Zion Hill at Cornelius and Andrews.

During World War I he was Army Chaplain at Camp Green in Charlotte. He was the first Methodist chaplain of VA Hospital, Oteen in 1919.

He started his church work as a supply pastor in the South Carolina Conference in 1907, and was admitted to the Western North Carolina Conference two years later.

Rev. Groce came to this section for tht benefit of his wife's health. She died in 1948.

Survivors are seven sons J. Robert, Thomas A. Jr., Willis H., Fred F., and Hugh W. Groce of Asheville, Alvin L. Groce of Charlotte and the Rev. W. Harold Groce of Albemarle; three sisters, Mrs. W. E. McCain and Mrs. Beauford Trammel of Greenvillt, S. C. and Mrs. John Baylo of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, W. O. Groce of Greenville and J. W. Groce of High Point, and 12 grandchildren.

Officiating at today's service will be tht Rev. F. W. Kiker, pastor of Groce Church; the Rev. Robert Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville Methodist District and tht Rev. R. T. Houts, pastor of Abernethy Church.

Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Thomas F. Dabney, Hugh B. Stevens, Hubert Kanipe, Hoyt Johnson, Charlie Clark, Robert Blake, Frank A. Johnson, Jr., Howard Miller, Wilbert Burgess, David Ball, Charles Daniel, Gordon Liverette, Lee A. Hollars, and Gene Pope.

Three years ago, the WSCS of Groce Methodist (named in his honor) taped his reminisences of his old circuit riding days.

While devoting most of his time and energy to church and missionary work, he found time after his retirement to help with various campaigns such as the Cancer Drive. He was chairman of the Buncombe County unit in 1957. He was a member of the Hominy Masonic Lodge 491, AF and AM, and was a member of the West Asheville Rotary Club.

REV. T. A. GROCE

At the outbreak of World War II, Rev. Groce came out of retirement to take the Piney Mountain Charge from 1942 to 1945.

The church burned during the time and Rev. Groce saw to it that the structure was re-built, as a model rural church costing $22,000.

Rev. Groce served at West Asheville Methodist Church for a period of time after the Rev. H. C. Sprinkle entered service as a chaplain.

Rev. T. A. Groce Rites Set Friday

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The Rev. T. A. Groce, a vibrant force in Western North Carolina Methodism for more than half a century and one of the last old-time circuit riders, died Tuesday night in an Asheville hospital.

Mr. Groce thrived on Gospel work, and while he had "retired" three times, he continued to be regarded by thousands of church members and ministers as a principal leader in the church.

A resident of 11 Tampa Ave. for many years, he would have been 84 years old Sept. 22.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. Friday in Groce Methodist Church, one of the churches he organized and one which was named after him.

Officiating ministers will be the Rev. F. W. Kiker, pastor of Groce Church; the Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville Methodist District; and the Rev. R. T. Houts, pastor of Abernethy Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery, and pallbearers will be Thomas F. Dabney, Hugh B. Stevens, Hubert Kanipe, Hoyt Johnson, Charlie Clark, Robert Blake, Frank A. Johnson Jr., Howard Miller, Wilbert Burgess, David Ball, Charles Daniel, Gordon Liverette, Lee A. Hollars and Gene Pope.

The body will be placed in the Groce Funeral Home chapel Thursday morning to remain until time for the service Friday.

A native of Greenville County, S. C., a son of John T. and Mildred Goodlett Groce, Mr. Groce began his church work as a supply pastor in the South Carolina Conference in 1907.

Two years later, he was admitted to the Western North Carolina Conference and came to the mountain region at the age of 30.

The Rev. Mr. Groce first served the Jonathan Creek Church in Waynesville District and later was given the Mills River and Fairview charges in the Sulphur Springs circuit.

His parsonage in those early days of the century was furnished with a few sticks of furniture and a 1,200-pound horse.

By the time he received the Sulphur Springs circuit, he had a horse and a buggy and finally graduated to a T-Model Ford, which he once said got around like an old horse.

A short period of service in Statesville at Mt. Zion Methodist Church was followed by a new career in the Army Chaplain Corps at the outbreak of World War I.

Although his health prevented his acceptance for overseas duty with the troops, he served as chaplain at Camp Green in Charlotte.

The armistice saw him return to the mountain region where he first worked with the YMCA in the interest of rehabilitation of 16 western counties.

In 1919, Mr. Groce was appointed evangelist for the Waynesville District and served as pastor at the Methodist Church in Andrews.

Shortly thereafter, he became the first Methodist chaplain to be stationed at the then new VA Hospital at Oteen.

The late Twenties, from 1926 to 1929, saw him serve Haywood Street Methodist Church in Asheville, followed by a year at Race Street Methodist Church in Salisbury.

His health made it necessary for him to return to a higher altitude and from 1930 to 1934 he worked in the Acton circuit.

From 1934 to 1935 he was minister at Asbury Memorial Church, then he served Montmorenci Methodist Church of the Candler circuit until 1939.

His wife's illness was responsible for his retirement (for the first time) in 1939. (He had married the former Elizabeth Hunt of Dacusville, S. C., who died in Asheville in 1948 at the age of 70).

Another world war took many young ministers from Mr. Groce's beloved mountain region, and he left retirement to take the Piney Mountain charge from 1942 to 1945.

The church burned during this time, and Mr. Groce saw to it that the structure was re-built, a model rural church costing $22,000.

He served at West Asheville Methodist Church for several months after the Rev. H. C.

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Sprinkle entered service as a chaplain.

Mr. Groce helped organize the Abernethy Methodist Church in 1946. In 1950, for the second time, he retired. Again his plan was short lived.

He began to fill in on the Swannanoa charge, holding services at Bethel and Azalea Methodist Churches, and spent six months at Sandy Mush.

When the Methodist residents of Beverly Hills began to want a church in their community, the Rev. Mr. Groce was sent to investigate the needs, and for the second time since his "retirement," he helped a group of families organize a church.

Three years ago, the Women's Society of Christian Service of Groce Methodist Church taped his reminiscences of the old circuit riding days.

Subsequently transferred to a recording, the session served as a permanent commentary on the mountain people and the old religious meetings as remembered by this active minister.

Mr. Groce, while devoting practically all of his time and energy to church and missionary activities, found time after his last retirement to aid various campaigns, such as the Cancer Drive. He was chairman of the Buncombe County unit in 1957.

However, he made a point of conserving his strength to work among his churches and people, and his social activities were confined to such occasions as church or neighborhood gatherings in observation of anniversaries and other special events. He was a member of Hominy Masonic Lodge 491, A.F. and A.M., and West Asheville Rotary Club.

Surviving Mr. Groce who did more in retirement than some men accomplish in a lifetime, are seven sons, J. Robert, Thomas A. Jr., Willis H., Fred F. and Hugh W. of Asheville, Alvin L. of Charlotte and the Rev. W. Harold Groce of Albemarle; three sisters, Mrs. W. E. McCain and Mrs. Buford Trammel of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. John Balyo of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, W. O. of Greenville and the Rev. J. W. Groce of High Point; and 12 grandchildren.

REV. T. A. GROCE

T. A. Groce Foundation Is Outlined

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Outlines for the T. A. Groce Memorial Scholarship Foundation have now been completed by the board of directors and executive committee.

The foundation was established in memory of the Rev. T. A. Groce, dean of Western North Carolina Methodism, who died Aug. 29.

To be supported from the annual income of permanently invested capital funds, the scholarship or scholarships will depend upon the size of the invested endowment.

Although it will be directed particularly to Methodist students at Brevard College, it can be granted to a student of another denomination or one attending another institution.

Western North Carolina students who plan to enter a full time Christian vocation or have shown that they plan to make their vocation "the finest expression of Christian service and witness" will be eligible.

The foundation will be handled by a board of directors that includes:

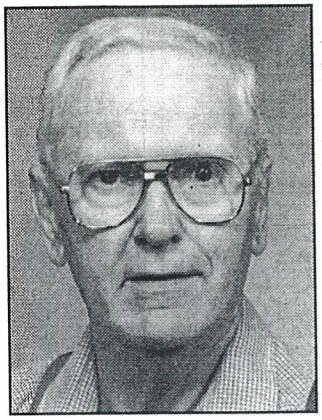
Phil Sales, the Rev. W. J. Miller, Robert Groce, Alvin Groce, Willis Groce, the Rev. Vernon Hall, Hugh Stevens, Paul J. Smith, the Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Ottis Green, the Rev. John R. Jordan, Hubert Kanipe, the Rev. R. T. Houts Jr., Harold Shipley, the Rev. F. W. Kiker, Mrs. J. D. Johnston, Mrs. B. T. Ray, all of Asheville; C. J. Setzer, Candler; Hugh Massie, Waynesville; Mack Ray, Burnsville; the Rev. Harold Groce, Albemarle; Dr. L. F. Zerfoss, Hendersonville; and Glenn Hardesty, Brevard.

An executive committee of nine persons will handle the details of administration. They are Ottis Green, honorary chairman; the Rev. R. T. Houts Jr., chairman; Hubert Kanipe, vice chairman; Mrs. B. T. Ray, secretary-treasurer; Paul J. Smith, legal advisor; and Robert Groce, Willis Groce, Robert G. Tuttle and Hugh Massie, all members at large.

Contributions should be directed to Mrs. B. T. Ray, 167 Lakeshore Dr., Asheville.

I really didn't want to do it, but they needed blood for the soldiers...

It was 1950 and the Korean War was going on when Asheville resident David A. Guthrie gave his first pint of the blood. He didn't come up with the idea on his own, instead Guthrie says two buddies he worked with at American Enka pushed him to do it during a bloodmobile at the company. "They needed blood for the soldiers. I didn't really want to do it because I didn't like the idea of getting stuck but they talked to me into it."



David A. Guthrie

Forty three years and almost 28 gallons of blood later David A. Guthrie is still giving the gift of life. In addition to whole blood, Guthrie has also given platlets 73 times in the apherisis program at the Asheville-Mountain Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. "It's something I can do that helps my fellow man a little bit," Guthrie says.

A lot has changed in the blood donation process since Guthrie's first experience in 1950. At that time doctors, not nurses, drew the blood and donors were given a shot of novocaine to numb the arm before the needle for blood was inserted. "That shot of novocaine was like having a hornet sting you. I dreaded that worse than giving the blood," he says. After a few donations Guthrie says he convinced the doctor to take his blood without the shot of novocaine. He says donors were also required to lie flat on their back during the process which took about two hours.

These days novocaine is not necessary and is not used during blood donation. Donors are seated in lounge chairs and the entire process, from registration until a donor is on his or her way, takes only about an hour. "If you can't spare an hour every 8 weeks what else are you goanna do with your time," Guthrie says. Since Guthrie gave his first pint of blood he's gotten his family into the act - all give blood and Guthrie says one of his daughters helped organize one of the first bloodmobiles at Asheville High School in the 1970's.

Why the dedication? The answer is simple Guthrie says and that's also the point. Giving blood is one of the simplest, most immeasurably important things a person can do and just about anyone can do it. He says anyone can make a difference and help others and they don't have to spend money to do it. "Poor people or rich people can give blood. It doesn't matter because it doesn't cost a dime to give blood."

For all blood donors there must be a "first time" and it's normal for new things to cause some anxiety. That was true for Buncombe county resident Veronica Whitfield who gave blood for the first time just this December. "I guess I was a little afraid it might hurt but she (nurse) had the needle in so fast it felt like just a little sting," says Whitfield. She decided to donate blood because someone simply asked her to. "Change is hard and the unknown is scary but this really wasn't so bad."

If you'd like to donate blood please call the Asheville-Mountain Area Chapter of the American Red Cross during its annual 12 Days of Christmas Blood Drive. It takes about one hour to donate a pint of blood. When you arrive you'll register and be asked about your present and past health and lifestyle. This is done confidentially with a nurse. Next, we'll check your blood pressure and temperature and test the hemaglobin in your blood with a finger prick. You'll then be given a form so you can decide in private whether it's safe to give your blood to another person. No one at the center will know your answer. A nurse will cleanse the arm from which you will donate. All the supplies used, including the needles, are sterile and used only once. You cannot get HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, from donating blood. During the actual donation process you'll fell a brief sting and in about 10 minutes you'll have donated a pint of blood.

After you donate you will be given a snack and drink in our canteen where you'll relax for a few minutes. During our 12 Days of Christmas Blood Drive we'll have some special treats, holiday music and a token of appreciation for you as our way of saying thanks this holiday for giving the gift of life.If you'd like to donate call the Red Cross today at 258-3888 and make an appointment.

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Asheville Citizen December 23, 1993

Community Chest Essay Winners

These three young women were declared winners yesterday in the city and county high school Community Chest essay contest. They wrote on the subject, "Being A Good Neighbor." Left to right, they are: Telma Orr, Grace school, $7; Billie Marie Hall, Hall Fletcher school, $2; and Catherine Williams, Haw Creek school, $7. Miss Orr and Miss Williams tied for first place. Each school entered its best essays and the judges were unable to decide between those written by the Misss Orr and Williams. Miss Hall won second place.

Asheville Citizen November 2, 1935

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FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1943

HENRY HALL IS REPORTED AS MISSING

Pfc. Henry Garrison Hall has been reported missing in action in the North African theater of war, according to a message received Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall, of 66 Mildred avenue, West Asheville.

The telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. Hall was from the adjutant general and stated that Private Hall had been missing since March 28.

Young Hall, who became 19 years of age since his induction in the army last June, entered the service immediately after graduating from Lee Edwards Senior high school. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and then was transferred to Fort Bragg before being sent overseas. He was among the first American troops to reach North Africa.

Young Hall was a member of the Sons of the Legion Drum and Bugle corps and was a member of the local unit of the North Carolina State guard.

West Asheville News

Hall Sends Message To His Parents

A Berlin news broadcast has revealed that Pfc. Henry Garrison Hall, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall of 66 Mildred avenue, is a prisoner of war in Germany. The announcement cam over a broadcast heard last night by Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Wright of 26 Farrwood avenue.

Pfc. Hall had been reported missing since April 21. The message was as follows over the short wave radio:

"Dad, I am safe in Germany. Details will follow later. The Red Cross is wonderful. Love to everybody. Signed—Henry." Mr. and Mrs. Wright listen in each night for these messages from Berlin and Tokyo and have relayed their information on to more than a score of parents. Ten messages were received last night.

Pfc. Hall enlisted in the army in June, 1942, and has not been home since entering the service. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and was sent overseas last October in the first American group to land in North Africa. He was in the infantry.

He was graduated from Lee H. Edwards high school in 1942 and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion drum and bugle corps and of the state guard. He also took an active part in the work of the West Asheville Methodist church.

Asheville Times June 5, 1943

This Is Memorial Day

IT'S A GRAND OLD FLAG...

By GERTRUDE RAMSEY

Joseph L. Hall is a man who loves his country and reveres his country's flag.

He served his country in the first World War, his sons were in World War II. It is a family to which patriotism is a noble, fine thing, unsentimentalized, shown in loyal service and good citizenship.

Several years Hall acquired a flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol on July 4, 1961. This was the first day a 50-star flag became the symbol of a 50-state Union. And he treasured this flag not only for its great historical significance, but for all the nation's history told in those stripes and bright stars.

You know how it is with a family with a treasured flag. It's put away carefully for safekeeping, but the family loses something by the very fact the flag is stored away

Hall decided he needed some way to display this flag and yet keep it in a case. With his son Garrison (who had spent two and a half years of World War II in German prisoner-of-war camps) he worked out a blue print for a three-cornered wooden case with glass front exactly the size and shape of the official flag folded into the traditional "tricorne" dating from the days of the American Revolution. Thus mounted, the flag was sealed in a case that could be displayed on mantel, shelf or hung on the wall.

Friends who saw the flag were impressed. And being a generous man, Hall made several cases for friends. His flag case was not only suitable for his own flag, but was a method of preserving and yet displaying the flags treasured by those who have received them from the caskets of loved ones buried with military honor

Hall, of a family with a tradition of serving its country (a grandfather fell at Chickamauga) and himself a veteran and his son Garrison Hall knew how such flags are valued now and will be valued in years to come — but these flags cannot be flown at home; after all, they are about nine by five feet.

Although he experimented with other woods, he settled on walnut for the flag case, which by the way is copyrighted, because of the wood's beauty, durability, response to hand-rubbing, and because it is a much-liked American hardwood.

He was a member of the Asheville Fire Department for many years, retiring as a captain.

A creative man, he has many hobbies including gardening and the care of a large country place, "Hall's Seven Acres." He has a woodworking shop in his home, where he turns out many fine items ranging from wall plaques of birds in flight to the most interesting and comfortable chairs imaginable, also of walnut, which he calls "kibitzer chairs."

A generous man, he willingly permits groups in the area to schedule picnics, retreats and meetings at "Seven Acres." Here many hours of spare time work have resulted in a log cabin museum filled with relics and items from this mountain area showing the history of the section and the people; there are lily ponds and a mallard pond and a mill wheel; walks and paths lead by little nooks each with its own surprise. There is a cooking and picnic area and a large pavilion. There is a huge ancient tree in which one of Hall's ancestors carved his initials more than a century ago.

Those who use the area are asked to leave it clean—there is no fee.

The flag case is copyrighted, but Hall has no intention of letting production become purely commercial. Veterans organizations expressed interest in having them for veterans, and this and similar purposes please him.

(Staff Photo By Bert Shipman)

Asheville Citizen May 30, 1965

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

West Asheville Nominations Made Last Night.

A largely attended non-partisan mass meeting was held at the Jarrett school house, West Asheville, last night. On motion N. Plamondon was called to the chair, and Jas. D. Carrier was requested to act as secretary.

S. D. Hall, D. H. Penland, E. G. Carrier, N. Plamondon and J. R. Reynolds were put in nomination for mayor. All but the two first withdrew their names, as they could not serve. S. D. Hall received the majority of all the votes cast and was declared the nominee.

W. E. Logan, W. H. Wright, N. Plamondon, Newton Shepard, colored, J. D. Penland, A. E. Clark, J. R. Reynolds, M. M. Ledford, Jas. Young, colored, and W. G. Looper, colored, were put in nomination. The balloting resulted in the nomination of W. E. Logan, N. Plamondon, J. D. Penland and J. R. Reynolds. Upon the second ballot between W. H. Wright and N. Shepard, colored, the former was nominated. The election will be held the first week in May.

Asheville Daily Citizen –March 12, 1892

West Asheville Officials.

Mayor S. Doak Hall and Aldermen J. D. Penland, W. H. Wright, W. E. Logan and J. R. Reynolds, of West Asheville, were sworn in yesterday afternoon. The remaining alderman, N. Plamondon, was not present. He will take the oath of office this afternoon, and the first meeting of the new board will be held tonight.

Asheville Daily Citizen – May 11, 1892

WEST ASHEVILLE ROAD. 1899?

S. D. Hall Hopes the Commissioners Will Push the Work.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—I feel the necessity of a good road through West Asheville. I, as well as thousands of citizens of the country that traveled the turnpike road last winter, know something of the necessity of the road, and just to think that a few individuals would cause the work to stop! It is too bad. Let the people have the road. Let our superintendent have the nerve to go ahead and our good commissioners that we elected press the work. When I was a schoolboy I got plenty of whippings and decided that when I got to be a man I would lick the teacher. The former writer says Gaston would get a licking the next election. Gaston, as I understand, says, "Let the surveyor locate a 4 per cent. grade," and he did it. Now, then, if the road doesn't pass my house let it be made for the good of the country and public in general.

So far as petitions to the Commissioners are concerned they don't amount to anything. A friend of either survey may start out and get a thousand names, just because they were asked to sign by a friend. I feel that all those opposing the change in the road are perfect gentlemen and want to see West Asheville advance with the times and let the wave of prosperity strike the ridge on the west side of the French Broad river once. We are now in the mud and need rocks to place our feet upon. We pay our tax and haul produce to Asheville and the traffic is heavy daily on this road. It got so bad last winter that the mail man said: "If you see an old hat in the mud don't drive over it; Uncle Sam's business is down under there."

Now, Commissioners, we know you have the brains, the bullion and the backbone and entreat you to have the nerve to push the work right along on the West Asheville road. If you can't make the change according to law, go ahead on the old road bed. Let us have the road. I know of several sites purchased by Chicago gentlemen in West Asheville and they say they will not build until we have a macadamized road. Strawberry Hill and adjoining property is just in this state. Don't let such a dark cloud come after the sun seemed to be shining for us so brightly.

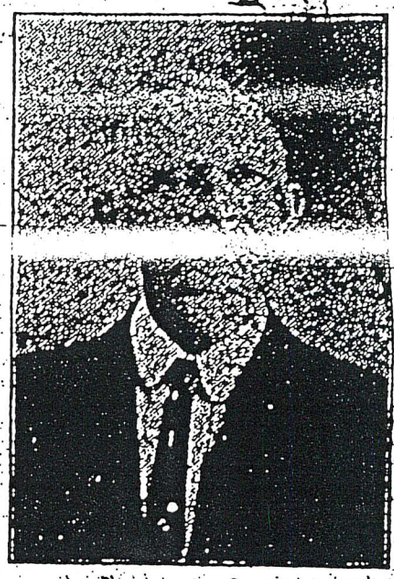
S. D. HALL.

Asheville Daily Citizen July 12, 1899?

S. D. HALL.

Real Estate Agent.

There can be no doubt of the fact that one of the greatest assets that any city or section can possess is wide awake real estate men. No class does more to assist in its development and making its advantages known to the outside world, bring settlers and attract the attention of capitalists and investors. Asheville owes much to its real estate men and its phenomenal growth is due as much to their efforts as to any other one thing. Among the best known dealers in the city is Mr. S. D. Hall whose office is located at 11 Patton avenue. Mr. Hall came to Asheville over thirty years ago, when it was scarcely more than a country town with a few thousand inhabitants. For some time he clerked in the general merchandising business at the corner of Patton and Lexington avenues, where the Bon Marche now stands. Years ago, however, he saw the possibilities that lay in the great natural resources of the section and went into the real estate business in which he has been most successful. Although he does a general selling and renting business in all its branches he is particularly interested in West Asheville, the thriving suburb where he resides and which has since the street railway was extended been growing so rapidly. This beautiful section is attracting great attention from investors and values are rising rapidly as the population increases. It is understood that the town will be incorporated at the next session of the legislature, and water works and other improvements installed. In



S. D. HALL.

all of these movements Mr. Hall is taking an active part and is always ready to aid every movement for the advancement of this section. It should also be mentioned that Mr. Hall once conducted a business in the Buttrick block, and later was with the Cotton Mills store for ten years, after which he entered the real estate business.

Asheville Citizen September 29, 1912

W. ASHEVILLE HAS PERPETUAL BOARD

Just Discovered that General Assembly Played Citizens a "Sanitary" Joke.

MEMBERS OF BOARD "SHALL BE" ELECTED

More Than That, the Board Is Authorized to Fill Its Own Vacancies.

West Asheville probably has the distinction of being the only town on the map that has a sanitary board that has been created by the general assembly of the state to serve perpetually. The act was passed at the last session of the assembly, but it was only lately realized by the citizens of West Asheville that they have a sanitary board that cannot be ousted; one that fills all its own vacancies; and the members of which must be re-elected every two years, whether they are the ones that the citizens desire or not.

No one has yet been able to learn who framed the statute, but it may be found in the new book of public laws of North Carolina, and the facts about the West Asheville sanitary board, as stated above, are borne out as follows:

"That the chairman of the board of county commissioners of Buncombe county, or vice chairman of said board, or temporary chairman of said board, if the chairman is for any reason unable to perform his duties as such chairman, together with J. D. Penland, John McElroy, Duke Hall and J. U. Jarrett, shall constitute the sanitary board of the district mentioned in section one of this act, and shall be known and designated as West Asheville sanitary board; that the parties heretofore designated as members of said board other than the chairman of the board of county commissioners, shall be duly and regularly elected on the first Tuesday in May of the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen and the first Tuesday in May every two years thereafter, and any vacancy occurring shall be filled by said board."

Asheville Gazette News September 5, 1913

Asheville Citizen
March 10, 1929

Community Life Centers About Organized Groups

West Asheville Folks Combine Efforts In Unity Plan

By GLENN W. NAVES

The people of West Asheville believe in organization.

And, incidentally, they believe in co-operation, and that a combination of these two elements is essential to community growth and progress.

Consequently, they have embodied the two in a number of well organized community groups, each of which is varied in policy and purpose so as to conform with the needs of everybody from the business man down to the boys and girls who are going to school and training themselves to be future citizens.

Beginning several years ago, public spirited citizens of the community grouped themselves in the belief that business, religion, social work, education and community government can best be conducted when each is thoroughly organized. And these organizations have grown with the progressive expansion of that section until each is a valuable asset, something which just as essential in a sense as the streets, schools and churches are, because many of these benefits have been obtained through the efforts of one or more of the organizations.

Club Is Oldest

The largest and oldest of these groups are the West Asheville club, the West Asheville Community club and the West Asheville Merchants Association.

The former was organized in November, 1925 with S. D. Hall as president. Other presidents have been: Don C. Young, 1926, Hugh Sowers, 1927 and H. B. Posey, whose term will expire in November of this year. Both Mr. Posey and Mr. Sowers are bankers, the former being cashier of the Bank of West Asheville and the latter connected with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Young is representative No. 1 from Buncombe county in the General Assembly. G. G. Morgan was elected the first secretary and after his resignation was succeeded by Bert Starnes, who has served in that capacity since.

The club's membership of around 75, includes business and professional men of every calling—lawyers, bankers, ministers, physicians, merchants, public officials, and even one fire chief, a mayor and a few "politicians." The fire chief is A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, the mayor, Gallatin Roberts and the "politicians" include Mr. Young, who is also among Asheville's best known attorneys.

The club has since its organization shown a deep interest in the upbuilding and progress of the community, and at present has on schedule a number of plans in that direction.

Community Club

Shortly after the West Asheville club was formed the ladies of the community decided that they should also have a similar organization so the West Asheville Community club was formed.

The club has its musical and literary de- which have separate meetings and give programs in which the members participate. One of the most popular of these features is the monthly musical program, usually held at the home of a member. Local talent is used and a visiting artist entertains with vocal or instrumental numbers, or perhaps lectures on some interesting phase of music study. Each month the program is planned under the supervision of a selected member and is arranged so as to provide variety and an opportunity for each member to exercise their talent.

In many other ways the club takes an active part in the social, and church and educational life of the community, and has a large and active membership, many of whom are charter members.

Merchants Group

The West Asheville Merchants Association was organized in January, 1926 with a charter membership of 13 business men. The organization has since grown to 60 members, including practically every business concern in the community.

In accordance with tentative plans this organization has continued to function as a mutual benefit group for business men and citizens, and has accomplished much in the expansion of the business interests of West Asheville.

J. R. Mills, who died about two years ago, was the first president. Other officers elected at the initial meeting who are still serving are O. J. Judd, vice president and V. F. Brown, secretary. John May succeeded Mr. Mills as president.

Other Organizations

Other groups pprovide the essential organization element for the people, of the comunity.

Young people's organizations include two troops of the Boy Scouts of America; the Junior Music club; the Business Girls' Circle; the Young Men of the Presbyterian church, and others.

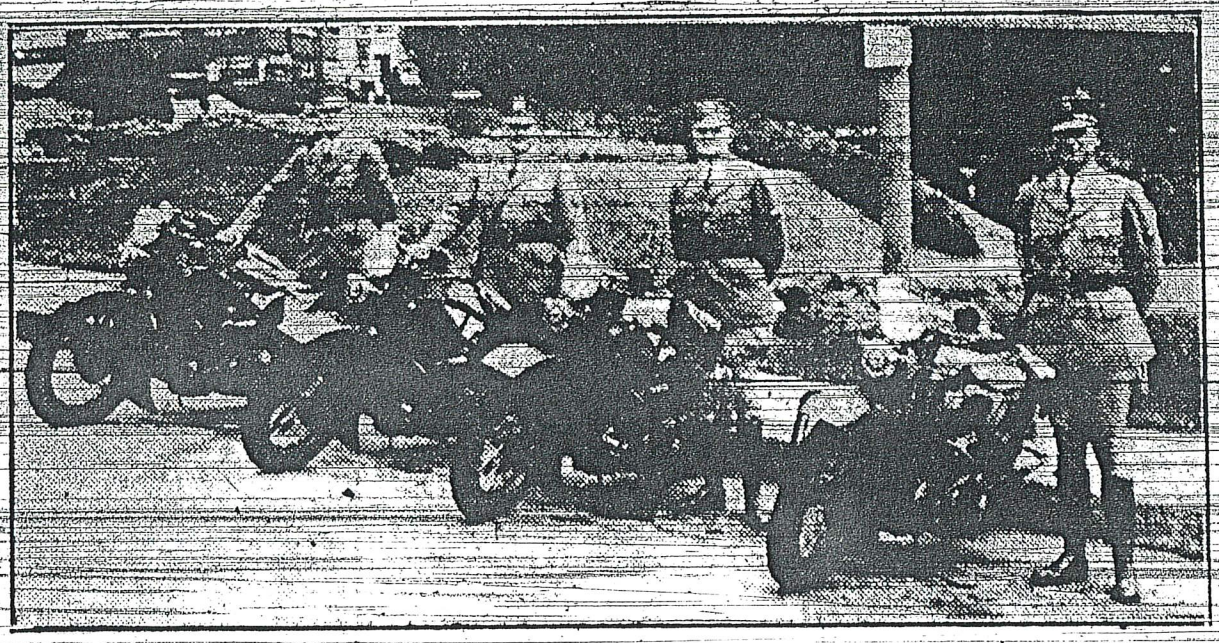
One of the Scout troops has been organized at the Methodist church and is sponsored by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, and others. Troop 5 of the Presbyterian church is under the leadership of Jimmy Haley, patrol leader and F. Bonnotte, Scoutmaster.

The Junior Music club was organized by Mrs. A. X. Blanchard and has since grown from eight to eighty members. The group was formed so as to give the children of the community with musical talent an opportunity to benefit from study and contact with each other, and to maintain their interest in music. The club is known as one of the most active in West Asheville.

Other organizations are the Calvary Baptist church orchestra and male chorus, the Junior choir of the Methodist church; Business Girls' Circle, Woman's Auxiliary, Men of the Church and Young Men of the Church, of the Presbyterian church, the Woman's Missionary groups of the community churches, the B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor organizations, the Mitchell Avenue Home club, the Friendship club, the Parent-Teacher Association of Hall Fletcher, Aycock, Eugene Rankin, and Vance schools, the Sunday school groups and others.

Fraternal organizations include the West Asheville chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Locke Craig Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Red Men, Moose, Odd Fellows and the A. F. and A. M. Masonic

City Motorcycle Officers Have Many Duties



These are four of the six motorcycle officers of the Asheville police force. Left to right, they are: Captain B. E. Brenton, R. L. Sluder, S. D. Hall and E. R. (Dock) Hall. Two officers are off duty due to illness. They are J. R. Pinner and Frank Hagan, the latter having suffered a broken leg while on duty. The six officers ride approximately 108,000 miles annually on Asheville streets. Captain Brenton is head of the unit.

Motorcycle Police Are Kept Constantly On Go

Officers Have Traveled 108,000 Miles In Past Year

Motorcycle police of Asheville during the past fiscal year have made 738 arrests, escorted 550 funerals, protected 2,500 school children without an accident and traveled within the city limits a total of 108,000 miles, Capain B. E. Brenton, in charge of the squad, said yesterday.

The force is composed of Captain Brenton, R. L. Sluder, S. D. Hall, E. R. (Dock) Hall, J. R. Pinner and Frank Hagan. Mr. Hagan has been off duty several months due to a broken leg received on duty and Mr. Pinner has also been ill and is now on desk duty at headquarters.

The motorcycle squad members work from 10 to 16 hours a day sometimes 18 hours, Chief of Police W. J. Everett said. They ride motorcycles six days each week and, due to the large number of drunks and other disorders on Saturdays, they use automobiles on these days. They patrol their beats from noon on Saturdays until 9 o'clock, at which time the regular night patrol comes on duty. They get one day off every nine days.

The city is divided into the following motorcycle police sections: North end, E. R. Hall; South end, R. L. Sluder; West Asheville, S. D. Hall; and general patrol, Captain Brenton.

The motorcycle officers patrol their beats constantly except when called in to escort funerals, parades, visiting notables and the like and to assist in directing traffic at dances and other events held at night. The officers have the same arresting authority as the chief of police and the sheriff. Their heaviest season is during the summer, when Asheville attracts thousands of tourists and is host to conventions.

Are Expert Riders

Captain Brenton joined the service July 1, 1929. R. L. Sluder joined the force April 1, 1924; S. D. Hall, August 3, 1928, E. R. Hall, May 11, 1925; Frank Hagan, January 1, 1926, and J. R. Pinner, December 17, 1930. All are young men and expert motorcycle riders.

In addition to their other duties, the motorcycle officers conduct examinations for automobile drivers during the rush season. This is done to facilitate the assignment of licenses to new drivers by the tax department of the city.

Captain Brenton and Chief Everett said that as soon as Mr. Hagan and Mr. Pinner are able to ride again, an officer will be assigned to downtown patrol to assist traffic officers in breaking up traffic jams.

Each officer rides approximately 50 miles a day in line of duty. This makes a total of 18,000 miles each year, or 108,000 miles for all officers for the year. Of the 2,500 school children watched and directed at crossing during the past year, not one was hurt in a traffic accident. When the officers are not busy in regular rush hours, they spend the time checking automobile tags and watching boulevard crossings to apprehend careless or reckless drivers.

Dressed As Farmers

During the last tobacco market season, several of the motorcycle officers dressed as farmers and broke up a bootlegging gang at the two warehouses.

The motorcycle officers recently donned new uniforms of Biltmore homespun in cream and khaki colors. They form one of the three units of the Asheville police force. The other units are the regular patrolmen and the plain clothes department.

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MRS. S. D. HALL TAKEN BY DEATH

Funeral Services Will Be Held At 11 O'Clock This Morning

Funeral services for Mrs. Amelia Cowan Hall, wife of S. D. Hall, real estate dealer, will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at the Dunn-Groce funeral home in West Asheville and burial will be in Green Hill cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Carlock Hawk, pastor of West Asheville Methodist church and the Rev. O. J. Candler.

Mrs. Hall died at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 267 Sand Hill road in her seventy-first year, after a long illness.

She was the daughter of Canada Cowan, pioneer Asheville jeweler, and Mary Caroline Miller Cowan. She married Mr. Hall October 27, 1886. He was one of the earliest men to realize the great possibilities in Asheville real estate development. For a number of years both he and Mrs. Hall had been active in the West Asheville Methodist church and Mrs Hall enjoyed the affection of all with whom she came in contact.

Besides her husband, she leaves five children: Mrs. L. W. Colson, Hugh C. Hall, Allan D. Hall, Frank C. Hall, and S. Dennis Hall; three sisters, Mrs. B. H. Cosby, Mrs. J. B. Seigler and Mrs. S. P. Burton, a brother, J. K. Cowan; and four grandchildren, Kathryn Ann, Elizabeth, Etta Lee and Billy Hall, all of Asheville.

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WEST ASHEVILLE COMMUNITY CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

Mrs. Hamlin Is Elected President To Succeed Mrs. Logan

Mrs. J. R. Hamlin was elected president of the West Asheville Community club at the annual meeting yesterday afternoon at the club house in Rhododendron garden, West Asheville. She succeeds Mrs. Carl Logan who has been president of the club for the past two years.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. J. A. Edwards, first vice president; Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, second vice president; Mrs. Paul Jones, secretary; Mrs. C. A. Hawkins, treasurer; and Mrs. Edward P. Barry, publicity chairman. Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Barry were re-elected. The new officers will be installed in May. Future meetings will be held at 3 instead of at 3:30 o'clock.

The following program was presented at the meeting: a talk by Mrs. Anne Kemps on "The Life and Work of Carrie Chapman Catts"; a sketch of Dr. Mary Wooley, noted peace advocate and president of Mt. Holyoke college, by Mrs. Hamlin; and piano selections from Verdi's opera, "Il Trovatore," by Mrs. Edwards.

Brief talks were made by several guests of the club. Mr. Rowland H. Latham, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, called attention to the fact that a series of radio talks on art are being broadcast. Mrs. O. C. Hamilton discussed musical activities in West Asheville. Mrs. H. G. Etheridge, district chairman of club presidents, and Mrs. C. B. Osborne, acting district president, also spoke.

Mrs. Hamlin was in charge of the program. A salad course in the St. Patrick motif was served by Miss Rollins and Mrs. Harry Logan, hostesses.

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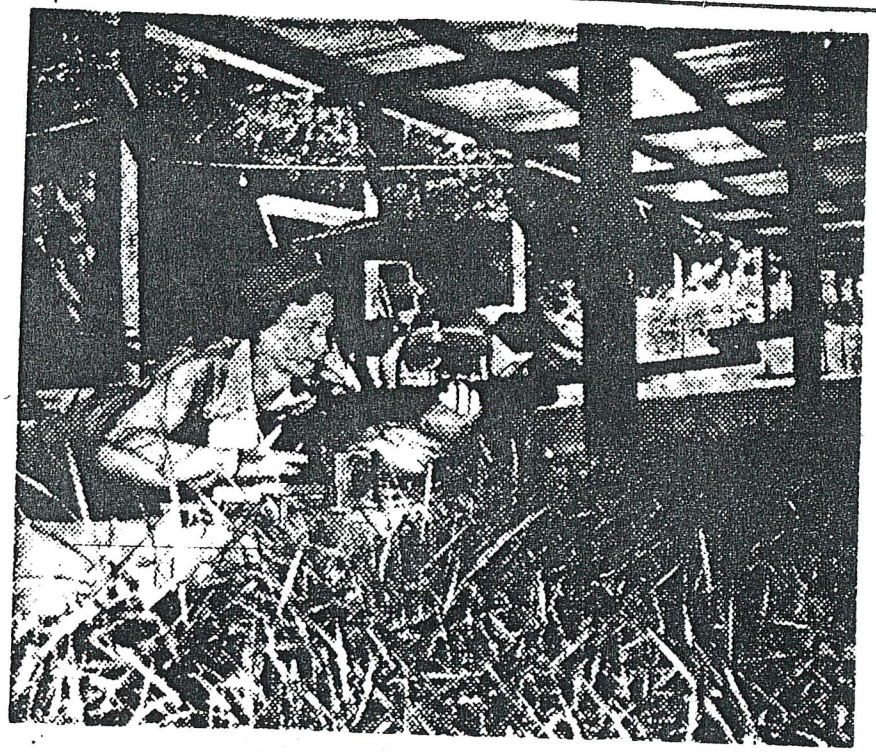

Citizen Photo - Al Geremonte

ON THE FIRING LINE—Miss Marjorie Hamlin of 93 Buchanan Ave., state women's smallbore rifle champion, is shown on the firing line at the Asheville Rifle and Pistol Club's shooting range at Sandy Bottoms just beyond the Bent Creek section last Monday. (See Al Geremonte's column.)

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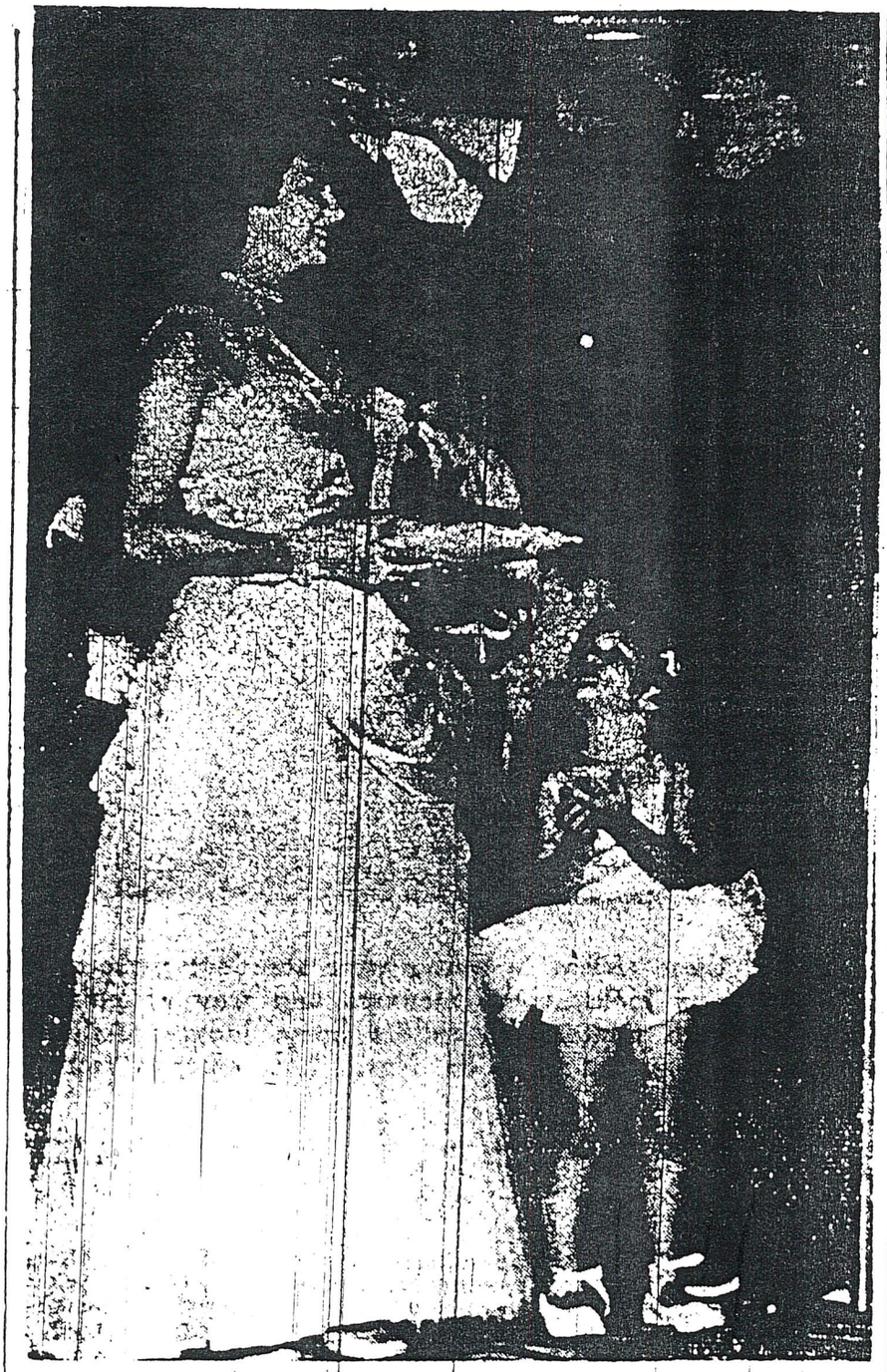
NOTRE DAME STUDENT

Miss Ovelda Hammond, daughter of Mr and Mrs. George H. Hammond, of West Asheville. Miss Hammond is a student at the Notre Dame College in Baltimore and is spending the holidays here with her parents. Miss Hammond, is majoring in music at Notre Dame and expects to continue for her degree.



— Bob Brown Photo

CROWNED BEAUTY QUEEN of the Malvern Hills Water Carnival and Beauty Pageant last night at Malvern Hills Swimming Pool was Miss Martha Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hampton of West Asheville. Miss Hampton is shown receiving the crown from Vice Mayor Walter Abernathy over the watchful eyes of tiny four-year-old Marcia Snipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Snipes of 9 Brucemont Circle. Miss Hampton was sponsored by the Rhododendron Club

Miss Hampton Crowned Water Carnival Queen

Miss Martha Hampton was elected queen of the Water Carnival last night at the Malvern Hills pool.

She was crowned by Walter Abernathy, vice-mayor, as the climax of the two-day event whose proceeds will help finance the proposed West Asheville Youth and Recreation Center.

Miss Hampton, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hampton of West Asheville, was elected by votes of the spectators over 10 other contestants. Miss Hampton was sponsored by the Rhododendron Club.

Runnerup was Miss Kay Atkins, sponsored by the West Asheville Lions Club. Miss Kay Mulvaney, sponsored by the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post and its auxiliary, placed third.

Between 800 and 900 men, women and children witnessed the coronation and the performances.

Mrs. Keith Bradley was general chairman for the carnival which was sponsored by the community organizations of West Asheville.

Bruce Emory
Research

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Martha Hampton home: 110 Salola St.

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CHEERLEADERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN for the 1953-54 school year at Lee H. Edwards High School. They will appear at the Asheville-Canton game tonight at Memorial Stadium. L to R are: Dick Wood, Barbara Moffitt, Marcie Hampton, Shelly Church, Margaret Jarman and Don Westmoreland. Members of the cheerleading squad who are not pictured are Beth Gilman, Beth Owens and Al Isaac. April - 1953

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1938

PLANS MADE TO IMPROVE PARK IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Will Seek All Varieties Of Rhododendron To Plant In Region

The West Asheville club last night endorsed efforts to make Rhododendron park one of the leading beauty spots of this section.

M. W. Hamrick was named head of a committee that will aid the chamber of commerce in seeking to bring the 65 to 75 varieties of rhododendron in the world to Asheville to be planted in the park.

Four members were named on a committee to confer with city officials and urge widening of Haywood road and construction of a new bridge between Asheville and West Asheville. They are: J. H. Parris, Frank Austin, Arthur Dunn and Don C. Young.

Five were named on a committee to nominate members for the board of directors: O. J. Judd, Bert Barnes, R. E. Reynolds, Jim Justus and Mr. Dunn.

Members of the club were urged to support and attend the beautification contest and flower show to be held in West Asheville tomorrow.

E. D. Roberts, president, presided. The meeting was held at Rhododendron park clubhouse.

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Handte At 87 Alert Trader

By C. R. SUMNER

Jacob S. Handte started working with seeds when he was seven years old and today, at 87, he is still at it and having fun.

There is something about the great potential of seeds that has always fascinated him. In his lifetime he has seen many changes in the way seeds are handled and has watched the encroachment of almost countless aphids, bugs, lice, worms and other pests upon the serenity of the garden operation.

JACOB S. HANDTE

Just now, Handte is owner-manager and general factotum of the Seed Store at 771 Haywood Road. He makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Elta Handte Blanchard at 77 Blue Ridge Avenue.

A native of Lisbon, Ohio, where he was born Oct. 27, 1868, Handte has during his life seen 18 Presidents of the United States elected. His father, John M. Handte, was a florist and had a greenhouse adjoining his home in Lisbon. It was natural then for Handte to take to flowers and growing things.

When he was a youngster, one of his chores was to get up at 5 o'clock and go to the pasture and drive the cows in for milking and then drive them back to the pasture again before going to school.

He says he never had any trouble waking up because he was always ready to go.

Came Here In 1907

When he was 15 years old he got a little job with a big seed company, the L. Templin organization at Calla, Ohio. During this time he had plenty of opportunity to learn from the ground up scores of "do's and don'ts" about growing things.

It was in 1907, after he had spent some 25 years on the job with Templin that Handte, his wife and daughter came through Asheville bound for Florida. They decided to stop off here a week and were so delighted with the climate that they have been here since.

Handte is proud of the fact that he has never smoked tobacco and has never consumed a bottled beverage. He is not trying to set any kind of record. It is simply that he is just that way.

For some years he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Blanchard, a well-known musician, music teacher and composer. He is a faithful member of Centra Methodist Church and takes his post faithfully at the South door each Sunday to greet friends and visitors.

Handte says that the big change in the seed business since he first became interested some 80 years ago has been the rise of the importance of chemicals in gardening and farming. Not only do they greatly influence the fertility of the soil but they also serve to keep a road block on countless bugs and pests that continually attack growing things, he said.

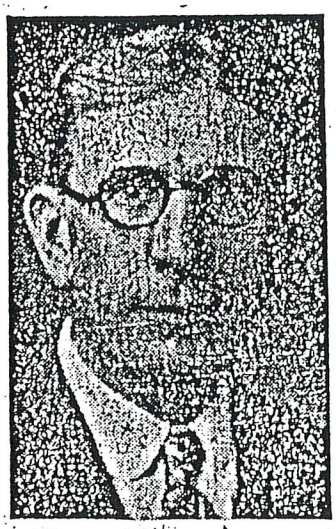
Does Most Of Work

These pests have appeared during his lifetime, he said, but he is not sure just where they came from. Chemicals make it possible to keep them under practical control but it still takes a bit of doing.

He cited the black "Thrip" insect on gladiolas which keep them from opening, the Japanese beetles, the potato beetle, the bean beetle, the tomato blight, a sort of mildew, and the cabbage worm as examples of the several hundred pests that may attack garden and farm production.

Already, he reported, he is making preparations to handle the spring sale of seeds. He does all of the work at his store himself, except a little part-time sacking of seeds for spring handling. For this he pays out about $50 annually and that is his whole labor cost in his store operation.

He has a wonderful time with his work and is still bright, alert and full of energy.



JACOB HANDTE

If per chance, Walter Pitkin should write another book, he would be correct in the title "Life Begins at Eighty" in depicting the many activities of Mr. Jacob S. Handte, owner-manager, bookkeeper, buyer, salesman, and ambassador of good will at his Seed Store on Haywood Road, West Asheville.

Mr. Handte celebrated his 86th. birthday this past October, and among the prized letters he received was one from his friend, the late Gov. William Umstead, written the day before his death. Other letters included one from Major Marshall Kurfees, a close personal friend whose home is in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mr. Handte lives for his church, his home, and his store, and he is happiest when he is at one of these places. He is honorary member of the Board of Stewards and honorary member of a number of the classes at the Central Methodist Church.

He is active with his own Mens' Bible Class at the Central Methodist Church, and every Sunday morning he is there taking care of his secretarial duties, and prior to church service he is always at the door where he gives a cheery greeting to the hundreds of worshipers who enter, each in his own way feeling a little better after this greeting of fellow-ship.

During the week days Mr. Handte may be found at his Seed Store active in many services, -- meeting and talking with people, advising them about various garden problems from the planting on through the harvest. It is always his pleasure to help the prospective gardner (whether it be flowers or vegetables, or both) with his individual needs, and assists him in selecting the seeds that are sown in well prepared earth and later sprout forth into a panorama of colorful loveliness. He sees the tender plants come up and has a feeling of creating something new and fine, and within him a joy as deep and as intangible as the joy of religion arises.

"Polly" the parrot is Mr. Handte's constant companion in his Seed Store. Polly is a good psychologist and greets Mr. Hante

JACOB S. HANDTE

McCullough Seed Company is proud to number among its friends and customers, a man who came to Cincinnati to attend the firm's recent Garden and Lawn Trade Show from Asheville, N. C., Mr. Jacob S. Handte, who is 88 years young operates his own seed store in Asheville. He says he is owner-manager-bookkeeper, buyer-salesman and good will ambassador. He counts his friends by the hundreds and lives for his home, his church and his seed store. Proof of his interest may be seen in the fact he won the prize the McCullough folks awarded the dealer traveling the most distance to their show.

He says we are never old because we have lived a long time. It's what we do-the way we think and the way we live-that makes people old.

Here is a man who proves "Life Begins at 80" and it is a pleasure and a privilege to present to Seed World readers Mr. Jacob S. Handte of Asheville, N. C.

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Lanning Harris Browning
—Citizen Photo

A WOMANLESS WEDDING will be a feature of the annual Harvest Festival today and tonight at Vance School. The wedding will be given at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The festival is sponsored by the Vance PTA. Taking part are Jack Harris, Jim Lanning, L. D. Cahoon and Charles Browning.

Robert E. Harris Is The Circuit- Rider

Does the name Robert E. Harris ring a bell? If it doesn't, think back to maybe the times you've called Dial-A-Prayer. Remember the voice on the other end telling a Bible story and then having prayer?

Yes, it's the same man.

Robert Harris otherwise known as the Circuit Rider brought the idea of Dial-A-Prayer into North Carolina and Tennessee in 1961, receiving approximately 7800 calls a day; a service too large for the phone company. But still, he pursued the effort and was successful. Robert was born June 13, 1923 to Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Harris of West Asheville.

He had one brother named Bill, and a sister who died at the age of 49. Robert's father was a blacksmith and a man of morals. His grandfather was a Baptist preacher and his great-grandfather was a Methodist minister named Frank Lualan.

The Harris Family in 1923. Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Harris with their two sons, Robert and Billy, made on Hilliard Street in Asheville.

The first dollar bill Robert ever put his hands on was one he found near church.

He asked the Methodist preacher to keep it until it was claimed, and then give it back if no one spoke for the loss. After several hours, the dollar was given back to Robert, and with it, he bought himself a pair of overalls and a Baby Ruth candy bar.

Later in life, Robert Harris took on a role of workmanship to assist his parents during the Great Depression.

That trade was selling ties for a penny-and-a-half. Soon his parents liked the idea well enough that they started their own business.

Robert calls himself a history nut. Everyday of the year he collects between four and five pages of the Asheville Citizen Times.

The front page is pulled out, the sports, comics and then the religious section. Robert Harris is one man that truly believes in giving account of himself; he keeps a diary 365 days of the year of special things completed each day.

Rev. Robert Harris prepares a radio program.

During the year of 1949, Jay Muzzel Mull asked Robert to fill in for a radio program on WLOS, and he liked it so well that he had to have his own program, telling the story of Jesus.

Throughout his ministry, Robert Harris has had several programs on WLOS and WSPA as the "TV Pioneer Preacher", as he has also been well known for having the call-in talk show program in March of 1971 on WWNC,

Rev. Harris poses with his horse.

while Claude Freeman was station manager.

Robert tells the story of a lady who stayed up to watch Shock Theater on TV and had to later listen to comforting words from the Nightwatch Pastor to soothe her nerves.

Robert Harris's illustration of the Circuit Rider depicts a fellow dressed in a long-black coat, wearing a pointed hat and riding a black stallion, passing out pamphlets and gospel tracts detailing the simple plan of salvation to all of mankind.

Even today the Circuit Rider, Robert E. Harris says, "I'm everybody's preacher, but nobody claims me." His ministry goes out into the highways and hedges of the world.

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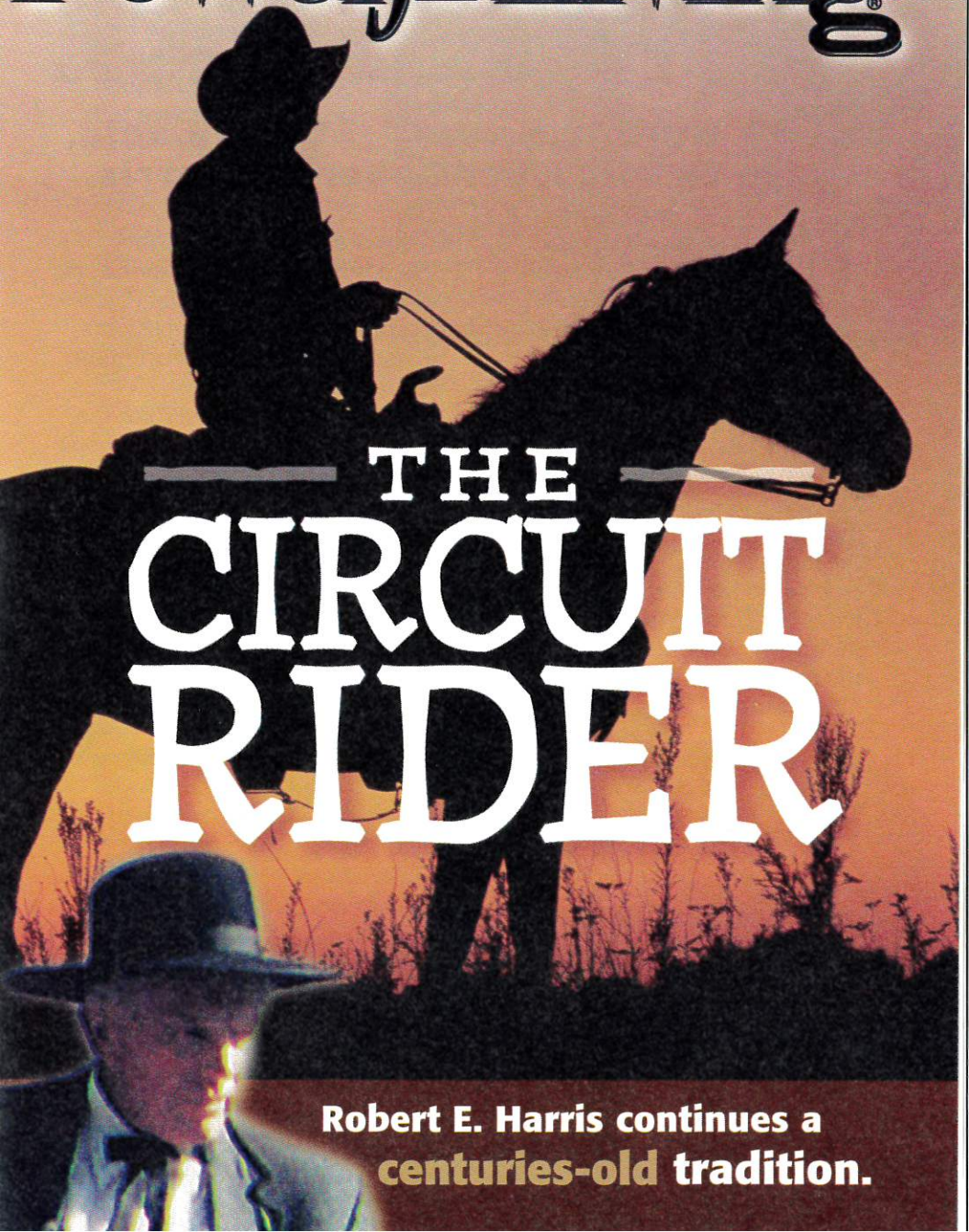

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Robert E. Harris continues a centuries-old tradition.

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Dialing up some inspiration

John Fletcher/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Robert Harris makes a recording on his Dial-A-Prayer answering machine at his home in West Asheville.

At 78, colorful Robert Harris remains steadfast to his Dial-A-Prayer service

By Dale Neal
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — Technology changes over 40 years, but Dial-A-Prayer remains the same number, the same voice, the same basic message.

"Thank you for dialing a prayer," the recorded voice at 254-5343 reassures the listener. "God be with you and bless you until you dial again is my prayer."

That anonymous voice belongs to Robert E. Harris, better known locally as the Circuit Rider, a preacher on horseback who spreads the gospel message at Ridgecrest Conference Center, at rest stops and the N.C. Welcome Center along Interstate 40.

In his 61 years of ministry, Harris has never been afraid to try new approaches to evangelism, from the old-fashioned to the high-tech. "There's only one message, but there's a million methods to getting the word out."

Dial-A-Prayer is one of the oldest ministries for the 78-year-old Harris, who has also had newspaper columns and radio and TV shows over the years.

Each day for the past 40 years, Harris has changed the two-minute message on his Dial-A-Prayer in Asheville.

He's also offered the service in Marion and Marshall, Knoxville, Tenn., and in Greenville and Spartanburg, S.C.

He's not sure who calls in, although he's heard of people using the service for devotions at bedtime or when they needed a spiritual uplift.

"There are people who have qualms about going to church," he said. "They like to pick up things on the Q-T. They won't tell you that they listen to Dial-A-Prayer, but they do."

In its heyday, Dial-A-Prayer drew 7,800 calls a day, tying up phone lines. Four decades later, Harris says he gets seven to eight calls a day.

Harris has never been at a loss for material. Early in his ministry, he went through the

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Bible, making notes on index cards about words, lines and verses that jumped out at him.

Over time, Harris wound up with 4,317 notations, enough fodder for a daily reflection for 13 years, seven months.

He also keeps an eye out for new observations, taking quips from advertising, signs and newspapers.

"The other day I saw something about artificial intelligence. I've seen so much of that in my lifetime." Harris laughed.

Bill Roseborough of Asheville appreciates that sense of humor. "Robert's a beloved man, great Christian. I admire his wit and humor. He's just a delightful person."

Over the years, Roseborough has called Dial-A-Prayer for spiritual pick-me-ups.

"I think many Christians use it for support and encouragement. If you were to track this number, I think a lot of calls would come in the wee hours of the morning. People call and feel they're talking to someone who cares, who appreciates their needs."

Working outside the walls of a conventional church, whether passing out tracts from horseback or preaching in a parking lot during summer Sundays for his Asheville Drive-In Church, Harris makes an impression.

"He's reaching a segment of the population that the average church doesn't reach," said the Rev. Gayle Brown of Morgan Hill Baptist Church, who's preached at Harris' Drive-In Church.

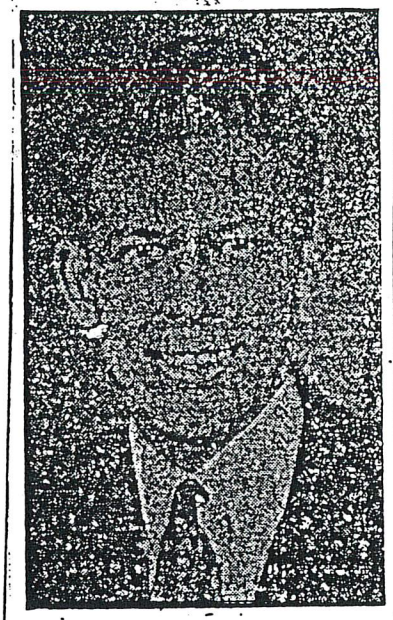
"He's a multitalented preacher who's made an impact with an unusual ministry," Brown said.

While Harris has made use of telephone, radio, television and print, he still hasn't ventured into the latest frontier of technology — the Internet.

"I'm afraid to admit that I'm totally ignorant about computers," he said.

"I wish someone would take that on for me."

AUTHOR OF BOOK FOR BOYS



Guy Harwood

YOUNG HARWOOD PUBLISHES BOOK

(By John Gibbs)

Guy Harwood of West Asheville has just had his manual published titled "Success Tonic," a Manual for Boys and Young Men. It is believed that he is the first boy in the South to ever write a valiant message for the betterment of youth as he did in his message in "Success Tonic."

Guy Harwood was born July 30th, 1911, and reared on his grandfather's farm far back in the rugged mountains of Graham County, North Carolina. Leaving his country home at the foot of the Great Smokies he came to Asheville and worked his way through high school. From age of 16 to 21 he took active part in religious work and for a period of three years served as Boys' Club Director here in Asheville.

Poverty-stricken, he was forced to leave the third year of high school and procure work for a period of two years. He did not give up his studying as so many do when forced to quit, but continued studying, engaging in boys' work and lecturing during spare time. In summer of 1931, he was unexpectedly awarded the "Lyke's Scholarship" to the Grove Park School of Expression. In the coming fall he re-entered High School and was graduated in the class of 1932.

With no financial support, he was four times denied the entrance to a higher academic institution to prepare for ministerial and boys social work. With his long, anxious desire to acquire a college education defeated, he would not acknowledge it, but got busy and obtained a job and it was then during spare time that he wrote "Success Tonic" and "Developing a Boy's Love of Nature." For the past three years during spare time he has

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YOUNG HARWOOD

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borrowed dozens of college books which he has ardently studied and has done much research work. His motto has been the same as that of Lincoln's: "I will study now and be ready when the time comes."

The manual "Success Tonic" is written in the form of a lecture created especially for "Father-Son" banquets. The speaker goes into the present situation of the youth of today, encourage them, advises them in reading, and gives them warning. "Success Tonic" in the manual represents a 'tonic' whose ingredients are composed of various character building agents. Each ingredient is carefully analyzed in precise language. "Love" is the base of all the ingredients in the 'tonic.' The author carefully explains the enactment of these into each one's daily activities. It is believed that never before has the principles of 'success' been arranged and explained as they have in the manner that this youthful author has.

The manuscript "Developing a Boy's Love Nature" is now ready for publication. The work is believed to be the last word on the most vital and intimate problems of the adolescent boys. The manuscript contains several chapters and is a work of tremendous beauty.

For a boy to leave the back woods and come to the city to get a better education—fight his was through poverty—become an influential leader among his youth and to bring the message he has in "Success Tonic" is food for thought on progress of our youth.

These manuals may be purchased at the Y. M. C. A., Sebren's Book Shop, and at the Bilbro Drug Store in West Asheville, N. C.

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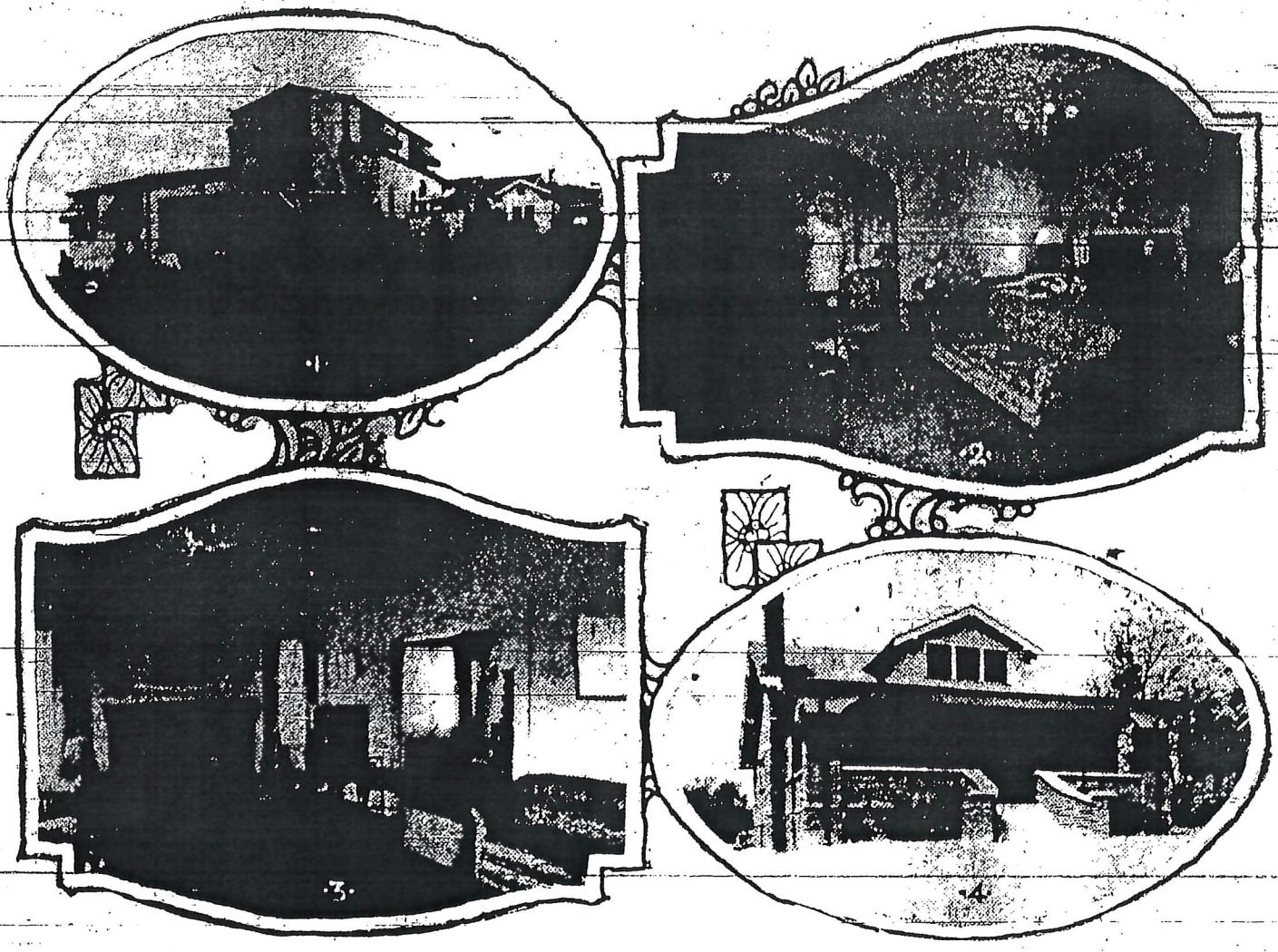
West Asheville's Two Model Homes



—Staff Photo by Michael

Above are the two model homes selected by the West Asheville Community Club for the community exhibition during Better Homes Week, beginning tomorrow and ending April 28. At the top is the beautiful Spanish type stucco residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hauk, 165 Vermont Avenue, the model large home. The spacious living room with its arched entrance is shown at the left. Lower right is the model small home, the property of Misses Fannie B. and DeEtta McCoy, which is located at 25 Clinton Avenue. The well-lighted and cozy living room with its modern furnishings and interior decorating, planned by the Community Club, is shown at the left.

Asheville Citizen April 21, 1929

Organization Sponsors Model Home Exhibition

West Asheville Plans Varied Program For Civic Event

With the opening at noon of the first of two model homes planned for the community exhibition, the Better Homes Week campaign was launched in West Asheville yesterday by the West Asheville Community club and other organizations.

Co-sponsors of the campaign and community program for the event include schools, churches and a large group of citizens enthused with civic pride.

The model small home, a brick bungalow located at 25 Clinton avenue, the property of the Misses Fannie and DeEtta McCoy, has been furnished and decorated along modern lines, with landscape work done by a competent designer. At the opening a large number of people were present, and viewed the beautiful and well arranged interior decorations and furniture. During Better Homes Week, April 20-28, the home will be in charge of a hostess committee headed by Mrs. Raymond H. Officer, chairman of the Model Homes committee of the Community Club.

Interior Decoration

Interior decorating was in charge of C. W. Marshall, of Denton and company, who recently came to Asheville from Daytona Beach, Fla. Mr. Marshall is known as one of the most competent interior decorators in the South, having assisted in beautifying the interiors of some of its finest homes. In addition to a number of the largest and costliest homes in Miami, he did interior decorating work in the Daytona Beach homes of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., J. E. Delaney, lumber king, Albert Brumley, of the New York stock exchange, and others. The interior decorating of the beautiful Daytona Beach Golf and Country Club home, and the Halifax district hospital was also handled by him.

The furniture for the model home was furnished by the West Asheville branch of Sterchi Brothers. This is the fourth home the concern has furnished in Asheville in connection with community efforts.

Mrs. W. C. Brownson, former president of the Community Club, and well-known landscape artist, supervised the landscape planning for the home. Mrs. Brownson is noted for her interest in this work, and her beautiful planning of the grounds at Aycock school on Haywood road has been commended by citizens and civic groups of the community.

Model Large Home

The model large home which will be open on the final two days of Better Homes Week, is located at 165 Vermont avenue, and is the property of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hauk. One of the most beautiful homes in West Asheville, its selection as the model large home was influenced by the ideal arrangement of the furnishings and interior decorating which made it suitable for exhibition purposes.

While on exhibition the home will be in charge of Mrs. Hauk and a committee composed of members of the Community Club.

Prize Awards

A number of prizes will be awarded in connection with the campaign. These prizes have been donated by West Asheville merchants and will be on exhibition at the model small home until the final evening when they will be given to winners in contests to be conducted. The contests pertain to the improvement of homes and grounds and merchants donating awards include the Carolina Power and Light company, Sterchi Brothers, Barker's department store, I. M. Teague, Sheider's Pharmacy, and D. L. Moyde, manager of the Southern Hardware corporation.

Judges appointed for the contests are the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church; Mrs. W. C. Brownson and Mrs. C. B. Anderson.

Clean-up Campaign

In connection with Better Homes Week, the city-wide "Clean-up Campaign" planned by officials, organizations and citizens of Asheville, is being promoted in every section of West Asheville. Residents are being urged to clean up unsightly grounds and premises, and where needed to repaint homes and other buildings. As a result of the efforts made in this direction many improvements are now being made. A number of homes have been repaired and painted, and lawns and shrubbery given attention, lending a more beautiful atmosphere to the community.

The West Asheville "clean-up" program will be directed by a group of organized workers, cooperating with the civic organizations and city officials. Plans are being made to assist home owners in planning improvements and promoting their interest in a better and more beautiful community.

Hundreds of people are expected to visit the two model homes during the exhibition week, and their inclusion in the plans of the club for Better Homes Week has attracted community-wide interest and commendation.

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CROWDS INSPECT MODEL COTTAGE

Club Exhibition Is In Charge Of Hostess Committee

Large crowds, including many out of town visitors, are inspecting the model small home opened at 25 Clinton avenue, West Asheville at noon Saturday, as a part of the model homes exhibition of the West Asheville Community Club. The opening Saturday was largely attended and Sunday afternoon from 200 to 300 people called between 3 and 6 o'clock and were shown the home by Mrs C Whit Gaskins, president, and Mrs Robert H. Spiro. Many Western North Carolina towns, including Swannanoa Waynesville, Hendersonville and others were well represented on the visitors' list.

The home will be open from 3 to 6 o'clock each afternoon and from 7-30 until 9 o'clock evenings throughout Better Homes Week, which opened yesterday morning. Mrs R H O'Officer assisted by a hostess committee, is in charge of the home. A sign pointing the location of the home has been placed at the intersection of Clinton avenue and Haywood Road for the convenience of visitors.

The model large home, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hauk at 165 Vermont Avenue, will open Saturday. Many of the out-of-town and local visitors have stated that they will attend the opening of the Hauk home.

The interior decorating and furnishings of the small home attracted much interest and favorable comment, the committee announced.

Asheville Citizen April 23, 1929

CIVIC GROUP TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Hauk To Honor The Community Club At Home Meeting

A general meeting of the officers and members of the West Asheville Community Club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. C. Hauk, 165 Vermont avenue, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, it has been announced. Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, president, will preside with the other new officers of the club, and a general business and social program has been arranged.

Mrs. W. E. Logan, delegate of the club to the North Carolina Federated Clubs convention which adjourned at Charlotte Friday, will give a report of the meeting, and it is probable that the "Clean-Up Campaign" and other matters of interest to the club will be discussed.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hauk was the model large home in the recent Better Homes Week exhibit sponsored by the Community Club under the supervision of Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. R. H. Officer, and others.

Asheville Citizen May 5, 1929

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FLOAT

West Asheville Civic Club To Take Part In Festival

Appointment of a committee to supervise plans for the participation of the West Asheville Community Club in the Rhododendron Festival, and to arrange for a float to be entered in the festival parade was announced yesterday by Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, president.

Members of the committee are: Mrs. J. S. Handte, chairman; Mrs. Carl C. Hauk, Mrs. J. G. Anderson, Mrs. Raymond H. Officer, and Mrs. R. B. Truett. The first meeting was held Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Gaskins where plans were discussed, and other meetings are to be held.

The West Asheville Club is also planning to enter a float, the matter having been discussed at a recent meeting, when it was decided to confer with officers of the Community Club, and to enlist the support of members of both organizations. R. E. Currence, a member of the club, has been appointed by President H. B. Posey to represent the organization on the Rhododendron Festival committee. The appointment was made at the request of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Asheville Citizen May 24, 1929

WEST ASHEVILLE GROUP TO GATHER

Community Club Plans General Program For Tonight

The West Asheville Community club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Hauk, 165 Vermont avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock, for a general business and social program. Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, the president, will preside with the other new members of the club who were elected for the fiscal year at the last meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Logan, delegate from the club to the state convention of the North Carolina Federated Clubs held in Charlotte last week, will report the convention to the meeting and the program includes other features of community interest.

It is probable that the "Clean-up" campaign being sponsored by the club in addition to other city groups, will be given an important place on the program. The campaign was launched in West Asheville Monday morning and due to much successful preliminary work on the part of the club is community-wide in scope. Previously many lawns, gardens, yards, and homes had been beautified and improved through the club's activities and the city officials have been pledged the full co-operation of the community civic organizations.

Asheville Citizen May 8, 1929

WHO'S WHO AND WHY IN ASHEVILLE

Ask. Cit-Times 3/19/33

THE REV. CARLOCK HAWK, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist Episcopal church, South, is noted, both in church and business circles, for his ability in bringing to life financially distressed charges.

Coming to the West Asheville church in November, 1931, Mr. Hawk found the congregation owed $150,000. Since, the indebtedness has been reduced to $135,000 and several cuts in the interest rate have scaled it from 6 to 1 per cent.

In addition to placing the church in good financial position, Mr. Hawk has added approximately 200 new members to the congregation in the less than a year and a half since coming here. The average Sunday school attendance last year was exceptionally good.

Mr. Hawk was born May 30, 1884, in Sullivan county, Tennessee, the son of W. I. Hawk and Martha Morrell Hawk. His family has always been closely associated with the church, his father having served 45 years as a Methodist steward.

His brother, Dr. John C. Hawk, was for 30 years a missionary to China and helped administer the sacrament to President Chiang Kai-Shek when he jointed the Methodist church. Dr. D. E. Hawk, a first cousin, is presiding elder of the Oklahoma City district of the Methodist church and another first cousin, Dr. E. B. Hawk, is pastor of the Fourth Avenue Methodist church at Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Hawk attended Holston Institute, Emory and Henry college and Vanderbilt University. He was admitted on trial to the Holston conference of the Methodist Epscopal church, South, in 1911 at Morristown, Tenn. He served the following charges in the Holston conference: Johnson City circuit, Erwin, Harriman and LaFollette, all in Tennessee. Mr. Hawk during this time was devoting his main energies toward building churches, paying off debts and handling other financial matters.

In 1917, Mr. Hawk was sent by the church to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he was superintendent of the only institutional plant of the church in South America. Before going to Brazil, however, he raised $6,000 in donations for university students in Texas, to be used in forwarding young peoples work in the church in Brazil.

REV. CARLOCK HAWK

At the People's Central Institute in Riode Janeiro 500 lives were touched daily. In addition, Mr. Hawk was superintendent of the American Seamen's mission at Rio de Janeiro and acted as chaplain for the Pacific fleet of the United States for 18 months during the World War. He was commended for his work among the sailors by Edwin Morgan, American ambassador to Brazil.

In 1920, Mr. Hawk returned to the United States because of his wife's health, having been called at that time also to advise with the general committee of the American Red Cross concerning peace-time work in Brazil.

He located at Lake Junaluska he served the following charges, in the order named: Haywood street, Asheville; First church, Lenoir; Wadesboro; Meyers Park, Charlotte; Canton; and West Asheville.

Mr. Hawk married Miss Ruth Hendricks, a native of Asheville, on August 20, 1912. They have two daughters: Miriam, 11; and Elinor, 7, and reside at 25 Balm Grove avenue, West Asheville.

Asheville Citizen March 19, 1933

NEVER ABSENT — Miss Elizabeth Hawkins holds a record at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church for attending Sunday School for 20 consecutive years without missing a Sunday. She will be recognized and presented a pin during Rally Day tomorrow at 9:45 a. m. in the church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hawkins of West Asheville. Miss Hawkins is a graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School and is employed by Southern Bell Telephone Co. She teaches in the primary department of the Sunday School, is a member of the adult choir, chairman of the Training Circle and advisor to the Junior High Fellowship. The Rev. J. T. Kesterson, pastor, will present the pin.

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Five Generations In This Family

Five generations of one Buncombe county family are represented in this picture, taken at the home of Mrs. H. N. Hawkins of West Asheville Route No. 8 this week. D. W. Reynolds, 89-year-old Confederate veteran of the Turkey Creek section, who is Mrs. Hawkins' uncle and represents the first of the five generations, is seated at left, and Mrs. Hawkins, 77, the second, is seated at right. The third of the five generations is Mrs. Hawkins' son, L. R. Hawkins, 47 of Leicester, standing at right, and his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Gillespie, 23, of Leicester, standing at left, is the fourth. Her daughter, little Carleen Gillespie, age 5, standing between the two oldest members of the group, is the fifth generation of the family. Their ages added together total 241 years.

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Tar Heel Inventor 'Boots Home A Winner

Bernard Hayes, Ingenious Asheville Designer, Comes Up With 'Boot That Breathes.'

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An off-hand suggestion by a sick friend during a bed-side visit several months ago may result in the greatest improvement in men's footwear comfort since the invention of the rubber heel.

The chance remark set off a train of thought in the mind of an ingenious Asheville designer that led to his invention of "The Boot That Breathes," a simple device which ventilates the foot without impairing the boot's waterproof qualities. Already U. S. military services are interested in the idea and its development for men in the field on the belief that dry socks lessen the hazard of frostbitten feet. A university research department has expressed interest and a boot manufacturer has made inquiries.

Its designer is Bernard L. Hayes of Asheville, one-time commercial refrigeration and air conditioning sales engineer. His designs and inventions have run from a children's school kit and assorted novelties to adult games involving mathematical probabilities. He has been inventing and designing since he was in grammar school in his home town of Wilmington.

A HEALTHY SUGGESTION

Last winter while visiting a friend who was ill the talk turned to Hayes' latest design, an orthopedic rubber heel. The wedge-shaped moulded rubber heel which the inventor claims not only improves posture but gives the wearer "a lift" comparable to the more expensive elevator - type shoes, had just been accepted by a manufacturer and Hayes was discussing its possibilities with his friend who had some knowledge of marketing. "The heel sounds good, Bill," the friend said. (Everybody calls Hayes Bill instead of Bernard.) "But while you've been talking I've been thinking about boots. Since I've been in bed I've been reading about our soldiers in Korea. Thousands of them have been evacuated because of frost-bitten feet. If you could do something about that — well, that **WOULD** be something! I talked with my doctor about it a day or so ago. I believe that if you could invent some way to keep man's feet dry they wouldn't be so likely to freeze in cold weather."

Hayes was all ears.

The ill friend enjoys hunting and fishing. "I know something about boots, first hand," he went on. "A pair of rubber waders are the hottest most water-proof things imaginable. And these new hunting boots are almost as airproof as they are waterproof. I have a pair of them made by a famous manufacturer in Maine. They have crepe rubber soles, rubber vamps, and leather legs. They won't slip on rocks. They are grand in the woods, and as comfortable as any boot I ever wore. I wear two pairs of socks with them, a thin wool pair next to the skin and a heavy wool pairs of socks to give me an air cushion. My feet are soaking wet on cold days after a day in the field."

Hayes had never had on a pair of boots in his life. He was interested neither in hunting nor fishing. He knew something about footwear from his work on his orthopedic heel and he was convinced that the American shoe industry was the most conservative business in the world. Ventilated men's shoes he knew were only recent developments, in spite of the fact that women had been wearing out-at-the-toe and flimsy high-heeled things for generations.

Nevertheless when he left his friend's house he went, not home, but to a shoe store and ended up with a brand-new pair of rubber boots, guaranteed water-proof. And for days he forgot everything but boots. The problem as he saw it was how to get air into the boot without letting water in at the same time. It was simple: get it in from the top of the boot. The inventive mind went to work. A rubber tube

Military Services, Mindful Of Frostbitten Feet, Interested In 'Blister Boot.'

running from the mouth of the foot to the instep might do the trick. He tried it. He cut a hole in the boot itself and inserted the rubber tube. The ventilation was practically nil. He had to have an air chamber. A hollow rubber ball cut in half and then down to size provided it. He cemented the rubber tube to the rubber ball, attached the open side over the hole in the boot vamp just above the sole and began to get results. Hayes knew he was on his way. The size of the vent tube, the size of the air chamber, which he straightway named a blister, both had to be worked out mathematically to provide the proper ventilation.

The movement of the foot in the boot, he found, had a near-bellows effect. As the foot lifted off the ground, creating a partial vacuum, air was introduced from the outside into the foot or vamp of the boot through the vent tube and the blister. Returning the foot to the ground expelled tht air through the blister and the tube.

IMPROVES INNERSOLE

To increase the bellows-like action of the foot inside the boot he developed an improved innersole, not as soft as sponge rubber, but a material somewhat resembling it.

Hayes found that his boot was "breathing" at every step, "inhaling" every time it lifted and "exhaling" each time it returned to the ground under the pressure of walking. On marching men, he theorized it would "breathe" 120 times a minute, in military cadence!

He incased both tube and breathing blister in a leather covering which he cemented to the leg and the vamp of the boot. It made a neat package.

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Home 3 Bear Creek Rd.

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BERNARD L. HAYES, Asheville, N. C., designer, displays three of his inventions, including a "boot that breathes." He has invented a method of introducing air into the foot of a boot without impairing its waterproof qualities. It consists of a vent tube, leading from the air chamber above the sole of the top of the boot. It breathes every time the wearer takes a step, thus air conditioning the foot and keeping socks dry. Directly in front of him is his "Deskit," which he designed for elementary school children. The manufacturer of the item sold 100,000 of them. At his right is a new parlor game, "Red, White and Blue." The designer calls it "an entertaining and educational game designed for the scientific study and research into the laws of probability relating to numbers." (Observer Staff photo.)

Then he went to a manufacturer.

In the months he was working on his rubber heel idea Hayes' had received considerable technical advice and much encouragement from E. M. Rothermel, research director of the Waynesville division of Dayton Rubber company. Dayton manufactures hundreds of rubber specialities at its Waynesville plant. Consequently, when he thought his device was ready for technical criticism he turned to Mr. Rothermel. Together they went over it. Rothermel agreed that the tube, the casing and the blister could be moulded together in a single operation. The innersole, would, or course, have to be moulded separately for attaching to a boot after manufacture. Hayes says that the two can be manufactured in one piece for incorporating in a boot at the time of manufacture.

"Improvements will come. In fact I have already improved it myself. I have found that I can decrease the size of the blister by using two smaller vent tubes instead of one. The present blister is only three-eighths of an inch thick and one-and-an-eighth inches in diameter. The first blister was twice this size. Streamlining the design will make the blister and tube almost unnoticeable."

BEST FOR MILITARY USE

Hayes believes its best immediate future lies with the military services. Civilian use will come later. Combat boots worn by troops in the last war and in Korea, he points out, have rubber soles, rubber vamps, are waterproof and practically airproof as well. "In World War II," he said, soldiers were issued four pairs of wool socks and were told to wear two pairs at once, a thin pair and a heavy pair. Army instructions were for the men to change and wash their socks daily.

"The theory was fine. The object, of course, was to keep the soldier's feet healthy. But the army didn't provide wash basins and soap in foxholes. As long as the feet are ventilated and consequently dry they are less likely to be frostbitten. The 'Boot that Breathes' adds to foot comfort by evaporating moisture secreted by the skin pores. Such moisture is trapped in present combat boots because rubber, unlike leather, it supplanted, doesn't breathe."

Hayes is of course pleased over the interest being shown by the military services in his design. He has enlisted a retired Navy officer to work with procurement officers in military tests. Reports from him are encouraging.

He doesn't plan to undertake manufacture of his invention himself. "I'm not a manufacturer," he says. "I'm a designer. If I have something good, and I am convinced I have, manufacturers and their design departments will go on from here. Besides, I have a couple of other things on the fire."

One is a game called "Red White and Blue". It is played with three balls in these colors. Each ball is divided into 10 areas, in the center of which is a flat surface. The ball is divided in such a way that the flat surfaces are equi-distant. These are numbered 0 to 9. Corresponding numbers are printed on the interior surface of the box. The players roll the balls on a flat plane and any combination of nine hundred and ninty-nine digits may come up. The game, Hayes points out takes advantage of the law of mathmatical averages and probabilities. He calls it "an entertaining and educational game designed for the scientific study and research into the laws of probability relating to numbers."

RULER FOR CHILDREN

His other design of the moment is a 10-inch ruler made of clear plastic for use of school children. With it they can draw circles, triangles, squares and stars. It is really a simplified draughtsman's ruler, and has a series of holes punched through it to enable the user to mark off designs. An oil company even now is considering its manufacture to distribute to elementary school children.

"School children like it," he said. "They have tried it out already."

Hayes's first design was for school children. He made his kit to hold his pencils, rulers, crayons, and paper when he was in elementary school. Like most of the first-graders of his time and now, he had crayons in a paper box, a tablet, drawing books, and a ruler. He made a little bag which he divided into compartments to hold the tools of a young scholar. Other children admire it. When he progressed beyond the first grade his thoughts turned to other things, like rabbit boxes and kites.

CHILDREN LIKE KIT

Married to an elementary school teacher in the Asheville schools and noticing all the equipment she carried to and from the classroom, he thought of his own school kit. "Twenty five years after that first kit I realized I had had a good thing," he says. First graders were still using crayons and rulers and pencils. For them I designed a little thing I called a "Deskit." I fixed a strap so a little girl could wear it over her shoulder like a woman's handbag. By changing the strap the little boy could fasten it around his waist like a belt and wear the kit on his hip. Mrs. Hayes took several to school and gave them to the children. It proved to be a good testing laboratory. The little girls pasted paperdoll cutouts on the cover. We decided to dress the item up in various shades. It was very successful."

The company which manufactured it sold 100,000 deskits — Not as popular as the whirly beanie of a few years ago but still worth an inventor's time and ingenuity.

Mr. Hayes is now on a trip to Washington and New York. He went to Washington to consult his representative about the "boot that breathes" and to New York in the interest of his Red White and Blue game. A manufacturer is interested.

"The Boot That Breathes"

A FISH DINNER FOR TEN—Proof that large mouth bass have been growing fat and sassy while most of the anglers were away winning a war is furnished by the 10-pound, 26 1-2 inch beauty hooked by E. L. Hayes, Brucemont apartments, West Asheville, in Lake Lure last Friday. Mr. Hayes snared his beauty on a No. 4 Eagle Claw hook and landed him with an 8 ounce rod and rebuilt Shakespere reel after a five-minute battle that "seemed like an hour" while fishing from a boat. In the boat with him, as witnesses to the catch, were his son, Hubert Hayes, a brother, Van Hayes, and Lewis Davis.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1945

HUBERT HAYES NAMED MANAGER OF AUDITORIUM

Playwright And Fireman Succeeds James In Position Here

Hubert Hayes, Asheville playwright and member of the city fire department for many years, has been named manager of the City auditorium to succeed Ralph James, who resigned to become head coach at High Point college, it was announced Saturday by J. Weldon Weir, director of public works.

Mr. Hayes, who was the co-author with John Taintor Foote of the Broadway play "Tight-Britches," is the author of a number of published plays and has had long experience in the show business.

He attended Duke university as a member of the class of 1926 and is a graduate of Asheville high school. He is married and lives at 147 Edgewood road.

Mr. Weir, in announcing the appointment expressed regret at losing Mr. James, who has been with the parks department of the city for several years, but said that he was glad Mr. James was getting a larger field for his talents as a coach. He has an enviable record during the years he has coached football at Lee H. Edwards high school.

Mr. Weir said that he felt that Mr. Hayes was well qualified to handle the work at the auditorium because of his long association with the stage in dramatization, technical direction and in the handling of crowds. It is a field in which he is keenly interested, Mr. Weir added, and he should have ample opportunity to display his knowledge of the theater and the stage.

MANAGER — Hubert Hayes, above, Asheville playwright and member of the city fire department, Saturday was named manager of the City auditorium to succeed Ralph James, who resigned to take a position at High Point college.

Asheville Citizen September 3, 1945

Hubert Hayes Dies After Long Illness

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Writer Founded Youth Jamboree

Hubert Hayes, whose annual Mountain Youth Jamboree has nurtured and fostered the old ways, songs and music for countless Western North Carolina children, died Thursday night after a lengthy illness.

Hayes, a compassionate man whose many talents were spent mostly in building up the mountain area, succumbed to a heart ailment. Four heart attacks and nine strokes had previously failed to fell him completely.

A playright in his younger years, Hayes authored "Tight Britches", a realistic drama of the Great Smokies. The play was produced on Broadway in the early thirties. The show later had a long run in Asheville.

He also authored "The Red Spider", "Blackberry Winter", "Smoky Joe", "Where Vanishes The Flame", "Held For Call" and "Dear Tojo".

Another mountain drama with wide success, "Thunderland", was written by Hayes.

Over the past several years, Hayes drew praise from far and near for continued auditioning of mountain youth for the jamboree, despite his failing health.

He had also endeared himself to hundreds of young people and adults by encouraging them in their quest for recognition in artistic endeavors.

Born in West Asheville, he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hayes. He was a graduate of Asheville High School, attended the University of North Carolina, and was a member of the class of 1926 at Duke University, where he majored in dramatics.

Following graduation from Duke, he joined the Augustin Stock Co. of Reading, Pa., and Greensboro, appearing in many productions over a period of three years.

Later he returned to Asheville and joined the Asheville Fire Department. He appeared in many productions of the Asheville Theater while a member of the Fire Department.

It was at this time that he turned to writing drama.

During World War II, Hayes did a radio script, "Dear Tojo", which was used in scrap metal campaigns.

Hayes' "Thunderland" was produced in an amphitheater by the French Broad River just south of Asheville.

He became manager of the Asheville City Auditorium in 1945 after he resigned his position in the Asheville Fire Department. It was during his years as manager of the auditorium that Mr. Hayes encouraged any flame of talent that he could find.

The first of his heart attacks and strokes forced his retirement as City Auditorium manager in 1954.

In 1961, Mr. Hayes was named "Man of the Year" by the North Carolina Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. At that time he was cited for his work with mountain youth.

At the annual jamboree, Hayes had but one criterion for the performers—that they use authentic old time mountain folk music and dance. No popular or "hillbilly" entertainment was produced at the show.

He founded the Mountain Youth Jamboree in 1949, and it had been sponsored by the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce.

On June 9, 1934, Hayes and Miss Leona Trantham of Biltmore, a lead actress in "Tightbritches" were married at the summer home of Mrs. Anna Lee Styles.

He was a member of All Souls Episcopal Church.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. Yvonne Oakley of Richmond, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Juanita Marshall of Walkertown, N. C., and Mrs. Kate Young of Charlotte, and three grandchildren.

Morris-Hendon-Black Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

HUBERT HAYES

Asheville Citizen July 31, 1964

Hubert's Mountain Monument

How do you write a tribute to Hubert Hayes? You wonder and the memories flood in, engulfing you with bits and pieces of his past.

Hubert Hayes—playwright, showman, benefactor of thousands of mountain children.

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Perhaps, you think, his writing is to be most admired, for Hubert could tell of the region and its people with an insight possessed by few.

Or his ability as a theatrical director, or as an actor or master of ceremonies.

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But you really knew all along—the children will miss Hubert most. Compared with what he has done for them, his other accomplishments, while formidable, run a distant second.

Hubert Hayes loved the talented, bashful youngsters in our mountain coves. His annual trips in search of Mountain Youth Jamboree talent are legendary.

The kids responded to his warmth and came to Asheville in great numbers, winding up at Hubert's beloved cabin on Maney Avenue.

Hubert and his wife, Leona, shared the knowledge that these children had great potential. And the couple knew how to overcome the shyness of the hillborn.

Hubert would ask for a song, and the clear voice of a youngster would respond. His contacts with people were based on respect. He knew this was important, even in the very young. This knowledge and a built-in goodness opened the doors to many a youthful mountain heart.

His illness was to Hubert Hayes an annoyance, not a matter to be brooded upon. His tiring forays into the high hills continued, he went on directing the Jamboree. His speech was dulled, but his mind still raced ahead.

Most artists are dreamers, and there was the dreamer in Hubert. Still, with his wife's assistance, he turned many of his dreams into reality.

Those of us who knew him well hope that the Jamboree will be perpetuated as a memorial. But whether or not this is done, we can say that Hubert Hayes already has built his monument.

Asheville Times August 1, 1964

Hubert Hayes Funeral Set This Morning

Hubert Hayes, 62, Asheville playwright who died Thursday night after a long illness, will be buried Saturday in Calvary Churchyard Cemetery at Fletcher following a funeral service in Asheville.

The Rev. C. Al Lanske, pastor, and the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the diocese of Western North Carolina, will conduct the service at All Souls Church at 11:30 a. m.

Hayes had been in declining health almost a decade. He authored "Tight Britches," a drama of the Great Smoky Mountains which was produced on Broadway in the 1930s, and "Thunderland," a drama of the Daniel Boone era, which was produced in a forest theater near Asheville.

He also was the author of half a dozen short plays.

He was widely known as the founder of the annual Mountain Youth Jamboree here.

Hayes was a native of Buncombe County and was educated at Mars Hill College and Duke University.

Pallbearers will be Charles T. Jackson, John Hunter, Frank Parker, Richard B. Wynne, Harry Keller, D. B. Dover, C. R. Hunter and J. W. McKennon.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. D. H. Vollmer, Dr. Richard Nailling, Dr. C. C. Swann, Dr. Walter Clark, Dr. Edward Moore, Dr. Jack Powell, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Dr. Billy Graham, members of the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce, members of the Scottish Rite and Oasis Temple and members of Local 278, International Stage Employes.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Hubert Hayes Memorial of the Asheville Heart Fund of the Hubert Hayes Memorial of All Souls Church.

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Hubert Hayes Never Lost Sight Of Goal: Expanding Youth Jamboree As Attraction

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HUBERT HAYES, photographed at work in his cabin on Maney Avenue. The bust in foreground was presented him by Jeanne Geveart, Belgian sculptress now living in Atlanta. (Bob Lindsey Photo)

Mountain Youth Jamboree Founder Hubert Hayes, severely restricted by illness, during the last few years of his life, never lost sight of a goal — that of seeing the Jamboree expand to a Southern regional, perhaps national, attraction.

This dedication inspired thousands of children and was the big factor in Mrs. Hayes' decision to direct the memorial festival this year.

Hayes had a firm faith in the mountain heritage, and his career as a playwright, actor, director and folklorist always had uppermost the preservation of folk music, folk stories and folk dancing.

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Hayes had published a number of plays and other writings that evidenced this. Perhaps the prime example is the play "Tight Britches," which ran on Broadway. - CITIZEN

An article in the Citizen-Times, by Virginia T. Lathrop, sums up this feeling:

"Hubert's interest in folk culture goes back to his youth in Asheville, when he was attending the public schools and listening to Aunt Mary Frisbee as she read to him from the big family Bible with the entries that produced dramatic stories of pioneer days in the mountains.

"Entering college at Trinity in Durham, after attending school in Asheville, Hayes had the experience of attending both Trinity College and Duke University, since he was there in its transition, and as long as his money held out. Planning at the time to be a doctor, he minored in English and first developed an interest in putting some of the stories he had heard onto paper.

"Leaving Duke, he went to work in Greensboro and during the first summer there tried out for a part with the Augustin Stock Company. In high school he had been active in dramatics and had played the lead, in his senior year, in 'Nothing But The Truth'."

"Returning to Asheville in the early thirties with the depression at its worst, he began writing in earnest . . . "

His writing led to directing, and his ability as a showman was apparent in his acting.

In the late 40's, his energy turned to work with youth, and the Jamboree became the biggest thing in his life. He erected a mountain cabin on his property on Maney Avenue and auditioned and counseled literally thousands of children there. Uncounted others he visited in mountain schools and homes.

Mrs. Hayes, whom Hubert married June 10, 1934, worked closely with her husband in all his endeavors, acting in his plays and taking care of many of the Jamboree details.

For the past several seasons, Hubert's health dictated for her a larger role and she became almost as much a part of the Jamboree as her husband.

Asheville Citizen November 29, 1964

Mountain Youth Jamboree To Memorialize Its Founder

The musical youth of the North Carolina hill country will gather next year in Asheville as living memorial to Hubert Hayes, a man who loved them all.

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Hayes died in July after shepherding the Mountain Youth Jamboree through the 16 seasons since he founded it in 1949.

Saturday, Mrs. Leona Hayes, his widow, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the folk music wonder since its beginning, announced that the show will be perpetuated as the Hubert Hayes Mountain Youth Jamboree.

The place will be, as usual, the City Auditorium. The dates are March 31, April 1 - 3. The time 7:15 p.m.

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Hubert Hayes always made sure the show was for the children, and that only pure folk music and folk dancing was offered. From this format, the Jamboree has vaulted into national attention.

The only change envisioned by Mrs. Hayes will be those dictated by her career — auditions for the children will be carried out primarily at the Hayes cabin on Maney Avenue and by appointment at other locales on weekends.

Mrs. Hayes, who worked so closely with Hubert over the years, will audition and approve all dance teams and talent and will direct the Jamboree, as did her husband in the years past. This is being done at Hubert's request.

In the weeks ahead, schools in the area are being contacted as the first step of many necessary to staging the event. Rules have been formulated as in the past and are being circulated so that there will be no misunderstanding.

All entries, both team and individual talent, must be school-sponsored and supervised or directed by school personnel. The entries are limited to boys and girls attending school in the first through 12th grades. March 13 is the dance team entry deadline; March 20 the deadline for talent entries.

Square dance teams will consist of eight couples and may compete in three divisions: Class One, grades 1-6; Class Two, grades 7-9; Class Three, grades 10-12. Individuals who sing, play a musical instrument or who have any other appropriate traditional folk talent and who meet the school - connected provisions may audition.

Auditions will be conducted January through March 20 at the Maney Avenue cabin, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturdays and from 3 to 5 p. m. Sundays. Auditions and appointments may be arranged by calling AL 2-8409. Additional information may be obtained from the Jaycee office in the City Building, AL 3-5643, or from Mrs. Hayes, who is manager of the Asheville city ticket office for Delta and United Air Lines, in Battery Park Hotel.

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Rutherford B. Hayes Came Here In 1882

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(Editor's Note: Asheville over the years has been host to many distinguished visitors, including presidents, ex-presidents and men who were to become president of the United States. The first in a series of Sunday stories on this city's presidential visitors is presented here.)

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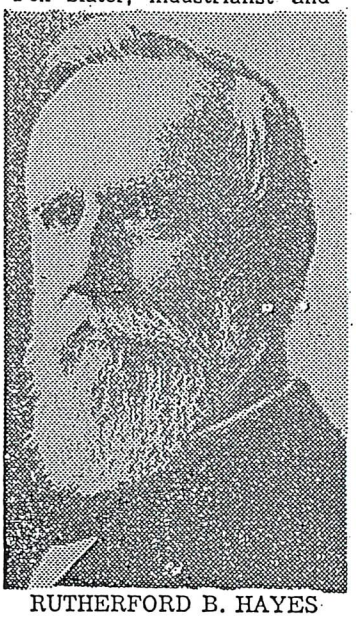
Careful checking at the Sondley Reference Library reveals that the first President or ex-President of the United States to visit Asheville was Rutherford Birchard Hayes, who succeeded Ulysses S. Grant in 1877.

The visit to Asheville came in 1882 a short time after Hayes had left the White House. John Fox Slater, industrialist and philanthropist, had given $1,000,000 to the cause of education for Negroes in the South. The Congress, in recognition of this generous act, had presented Slater with a gold medal and a resolution of appropriate thanks. Congress also, on April 28, 1882, passed an act setting up a board to handle the fund and naming Rutherford B. Hayes as president of the board.



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

It was while he was serving in this capacity that he made a swing through the South to check up on the Slater Fund operations. This was the trip that brought him through Asheville.

Ex-President Hayes was accompanied by his son, Rutherford P. Hayes. The younger man so struck with the beauty of the French Broad Valley that he declared he wanted to come here to live. His father did not take the suggestion seriously and rather joked about the idea. Rutherford P. Hayes, however, was a man of considerable determination. He bided his time and in 1897 came to Asheville, purchased a farm in what is now West Asheville and made his home here.

He lived here for many years and is perhaps best known because of his operation of the Buckeye Water Co., a private concern which was later taken over by the city.

Asheville Man Specializes In Goats' Milk

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Dr. H. A. Heinzerling, who believes that Goats' milk is fine for children, is shown above with two of his fourteen imported goats which he keeps at his home, No. 154 Montana avenue.

GOAT HERD NEW INDUSTRY HERE

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Heinzerling Claims Their Milk Is Fine For Infants

Goat milk is superior as a food for infants and invalids because it is easily digested, is highly nourishing and is alkaline in reaction, Dr. H. A. Heinzerling, chiropractor who specializes in diet problems, said yesterday.

Dr. Heinzerling, who has at his home,—154 Montana avenue— 14 of the finest goats in Western North Carolina, has found goat milk can "get results" in stomach ailments.

His small herd is largely in the experimental stage, Dr. Heinzerling, explained, but he is considering increasing the number to what he terms "commercial" size. He has French Alpines, English Nubians and Swiss Toggenburgs.

The French and Swiss varieties are almost alike, being French and Swiss breeds from the same Alpine strain. They yield more milk than the English Nubians, six quarts or more daily. The English goats yield about four quarts daily, but the milk is exceptionally high in butterfat.

American Goats Worthless

Native American goats are practically worthless from the milk standpoint, said Dr. Heinzerling, since the yield is not large enough to pay for the care and feeding—not more than a quart daily. Asiatics and Europeans bred superior goats for thousands of years to perfect the varieties of animals which must be imported to this country for successful milk production.

Dr. Heinzerling started his herd with only two goats 16 months ago, when he wanted goat milk for his newborn child and could not obtain it. He knew the value of the milk because another child's life was saved by it seven years before.

Other persons began asking him for his surplus milk, so he obtained more goats. He believes a goat farm could be made a paying venture, but pointed out that goats require entirely different attention from cattle and will not prove satisfactory unless correctly handled.

Contrary to popular ideas, goats are the most fastidious animals of all when properly cared for and fed, said Dr. Heinzerling. For example, his goats will not eat anything which touches the ground—nor even anything which has been in a human mouth or been breathed upon by a human. Goats which eat dirty food are simply doing so because they have to do so or go without, he explained.

Males Have Odor

Female goats have no odor, though males have; so it is necessary to keep the males away from milking barns. Goat milk properly produced has a fine flavor. It will yield excellent cream or cottage cheese; by use of a separator, the cream may be obtained for making high-grade butter, though it is pure white like the milk.

Goats are gentle, easily milked. They are immune to tuberculosis. Dr. Heinzerling has in mind a plan of feeding his animals to obtain milk rich in the sunshine vitamin—D—for use of patients indoors.

Two goats would supply an average family, Dr. Heinzerling estimated—that is, two goats of high-production strain. Native American goats can be cross-bred for three generations to yield fairly well. Two goats would be necessary, since one could be milked while the other was being used for breeding. The animals are milked daily, beginning at the age of 20 months or so.

Hendricks Brothers End Visits At Home

JOHN

WILLIAM

Pvt. John Allen Hendricks and his brother, Seaman First Class W. P. Hendricks, both having recently arrived in the United States from overseas duty, have returned to their bases after visiting their mother, Mrs. Iva Hendricks of West Asheville.

Pvt. Hendricks entered the service in December, 1941, and received training at various bases in the United States prior to going overseas 13 months ago. While serving with the tank division overseas he took part in the Sicilian and North African campaigns.

Seaman First Class Hendricks joined the navy in 1942 at the age of 16. He has been stationed at Bahia, Brazil for the past 18 months. At present he is receiving special training at Philad[illegible] Pa

Asheville Times April 19, 1944

West Asheville YMCA Names Committees

Standing committees of management were appointed at a meeting of the West Asheville YMCA last night.

Committees and chairmen include membership, John Ehle; finance, Charles A. McClain; spiritual emphasis, Burt Starnes, and boys' work, Victor Stephenson.

Brock Henry, boys, work secretary, spoke on activities of the Gray-Y. He reported that a kite-flying contest will be held sometime this month, and that baseball rather than softball will be sponsored by the Y this season.

Raymond Bell, chairman, presided.

Asheville Citizen March 7, 1951

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The South Fork boys marched to their position with quick step, Major Chronicle ten paces in advance, and heading the column were Enock Gilmer, Hugh Ewin, Adam Barry, and Robert Henry. Arriving at the end of the mountain, Major Chronicle cried, "Face to the Hill!" The words were scarcely uttered when they were fired upon by the enemy's sharp-shooters, and Major Chronicle and William Rabb fell dead. But they pressed up the hill under the leadership of Lieutenant-Colonel Hambright, Maj. Jos. Dixon, Capts. James Johnson, Samuel Espy, Samuel Martin, and James White. Before they reached the crest, the enemy charged bayonets, first , however, discharging their guns, killing Captain Mattocks and John Boyd and wounding Gilmer and John Chittim. As Robert Henry, a lad of sixteen, raised his gun to fire, a bayonet glanced along the barrel, through his hand and into his thigh. Henry discharged his gun, killing the Briton and both fell to the ground.

Henry observed that many of his comrades were not more than a gun's length in front of the bayonets and the farthest not more than twenty feet. Reaching the foot of the hill, they reloaded, and fired with deadly effect upon their pursuers, in turn chasing their enemies up the mountain. William Caldwell, seeing Henry's condition, pulled the bayonet out of his thigh, kicked his hand from the bloody instrument and passed on. Thus the battle raged on all sides. No regiment, no man failed to do his duty. The unerring aim of the mountain men from behind every tree and every rock was rapidly diminishing the brave fighters under Ferguson, who began to despair. At the end of an hour Ferguson was killed and a white flag was hoisted in token of surrender. Three hundred of his men were dead and wounded, and six hundred prisoners. The Americans suffered a loss of twenty-eight killed and seventy-four wounded.

The Lincoln County men, considering their small number, suffered considerably in the engagement: Maj. William Chronicle, Capt. John Mattocks, William Rabb, John Boyd and Arthur Patterson were killed; Moses Henry died soon thereafter in the hospital at Charlotte of the wound he received in the battle; Capt. Samuel Espey, Robert Henry, William Gilmer, John Chittim, and William Bradley were wounded. The Tories, shooting down the steep mountain side, much of their aim was too high. Lieutenant-Colonel Hambright's hat was perforated with three bullet holes, and he received a shot through the thigh, his boot filled and ran over with blood, but he remained in the fight till the end, gallantly encouraging his men.

Lincoln County Pension Roll

On the pension roll as late as 1834, more than fifty years after the Revolution, the following is the Lincoln County list of soldiers yet living and drawing pension: Robert Abernathy, Vincent Allen, Christian Arny, Matthew Armstrong, Robert Berry, Jonas Bradshaw, Caspar Bolick, Alexander Brevard, Samuel Caldwell, William Carroll, John Chittim, Michael Cline, Samuel Collins, Martin Coulter, Thomas Costner, George Dameron, Joseph Dixon, Peter Eddlemon, William Elmore, Samuel Espey, James Farewell, Abraham Forney, Robinson Goodwin, Joseph Graham, William Gregory, Nathan Gwaltney, Nicholas Hafner, Simon Hager, John Harman, John Helm, James Henry, James Hill, John Kidd, John Kincaid, Robert Knox, Shadrack Lefcy, Tapley Mahannas, Marmaduke Maples, Samuel Martin, Thomas Mason, William Mayes, William McCarthy, William McLean, Nathan Mendenhall, Alexander Moore, John Moore, William Moore, Jeremiah Mundy, Humphrey Parker, Hiram Pendleton, Jacob Plonk, William Potter, William Rankin, Charlie Regan, Adam Reep, Joshua Roberts, James Robinson, Henry Rumfeldt, Peter Schrum, John Stamey, Bartholomew Thompson, Charles Thompson, Phillip Tillman, Conrad Tippong, Robert Tucker, John Turbyfill, Charles Whit, John Wilfong, Joseph Willis, James Wilkinson, and Elisha Withers.

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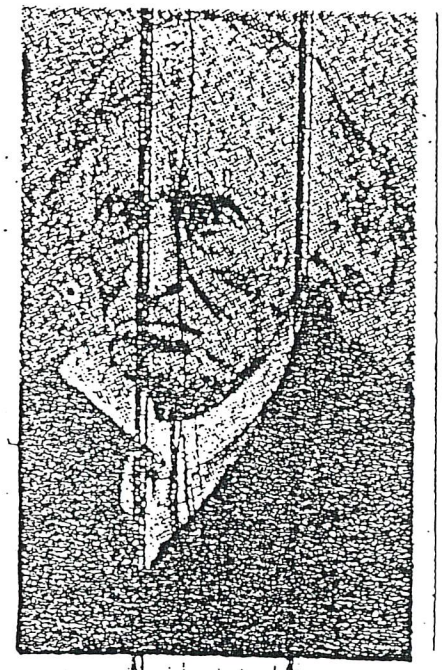
"Soon after the Swannanoa settlement was established in 1782, a school was started in accordance with the principles of the Presbyterians. 1Robert Henry taught the first school in North Carolina west of the Blue Ridge.'" (1914. Arthur, John P. Western North Carolina, A History..., p. 421.)



ROBERT HENRY

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Rabid fox helped turn WNC youth in Revolutionary hero

Rob Neufeld

In 1759, England became master of the world, beating France in global wars. At the same time, British dogs, infected with rabies at an unprecedented level, created panics in London's streets, causing magistrates to offer rewards for each dog killed. Moorfields, formerly a squatters' village within the city, became the cemetery for the dog massacre.

Across the Atlantic, a decade later, rabies broke out in Boston. Fox hunts, a favorite pastime of English lords, created an avenue of transmission. America's red foxes became infected, and the virus traveled the wilderness road south.

A rabid fox bit 10-year-old Robert Henry in the woods along the South Fork of the Catawba River — in present-day Gaston County — around 1775. Knowing that rabies can take months to show symptoms, Robert's dad, Thomas Henry, took his boy with him to a meeting in Charlotte rather than chance inflicting a fevered outburst on his large family.

On May 19, 1775, Thomas and other local patriots talked through the night in the Mecklenburg County courtroom, while Robert lay down to sleep on his father's coat. "What are those men doing?" the boy asked his father. They are "passing resolutions for freedom," Thomas replied, which, most probably, "would bring on war."

The meeting resulted in the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the Mecklenburg Resolves. Virginians and Northeasterners were more cautious about rejecting British citizenship. The Continental Congress reassured the King on July 8, 1775 that its members had no design to separate from Great Britain, though it did have grievances it wished redressed.

But the mountains of North Carolina were an outpost of resistance to the Crown, based on its experience within the Regulator Movement, fighting unfair taxation and government corruption. And it was a breeding ground of populist democracy, thanks to the longer-ago political history of the Scots-Irish and other settlers.

Robert Henry's fox-spawned experience of mountain farmers arguing for liberty made him a common man's warrior for life, including through his years as a wealthy Buncombe County landowner. As Buncombe's leading criminal attorney in the early 1800s, he won 61 of 63 cases involving capital felonies, according to F.A. Sondley, the late local historian.

"The rabble with whom he (Henry) so freely associated, conversed, smoked, drank whiskey and slept," Sondley wrote, "whose lingo he adopted and whose dress and manner he shared, were the jurors in a court where about every question was left to the determination of the jury."

Henry was at his father's home on South Fork in the fall of 1780 when news came of Colonel Isaac Shelby's call for men from the Catawba-Broad and the Watauga-Holston River areas to attack British Major Patrick Ferguson, encamped near King's Mountain. Robert Henry was not yet a man. He was five months short of 16. But with no father home to stop him at the time, he grabbed his rifle and volunteered.

Surrounding the hill on which Ferguson's men were planted, Henry suffered a bayonet wound while simultaneously shooting the soldier who charged him. The blade went through his hand and into his thigh, and had to be pulled out. The shock and pain, and the horror of seeing men fall beside him, did not shy Henry to the cause. On February 1, 1781, nine days short of his 16th birthday, he participated in the Battle of Cowan's Ford.

"We went up the river to John Nighten's, who treated us well by giving us potatoes to roast, and some whisky to drink," Henry wrote in his account of the battle, and of the news of British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton's river crossing. "We became noisy and mischievous ...I proposed to go to the camp at the Ford, if anyone would let me have a gun and ammunition."

Armed with guns and more whisky, Robert Henry and Charles Rutledge, a companion, joined the American picket. Henry fought with fervor, leading to disproportionate British fatalities before the British crossed and Americans retreated.

Few youths involved in revolutionary causes get to experience them as centrally as had Henry. At King's Mountain he'd sat in on officers' councils, and when it was suggested he leave, Colonel William Campbell replied that "he was a son of 'Old Rugged and Tough' (Thomas Henry's nickname), that his cheek was too well hooped to leak."

After the war, Henry established the first school in Asheville, Newton Academy. He went on to work as a surveyor, delineating North Carolina's northern boundary; serve as Buncombe County's first resident lawyer; establish the area's first resort, Sulphur Springs Hotel; and gain a reputation as a seer, foretelling the hour of his own death.

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The sources for this story are "1759: The Year Britain Became Master of the World," by Frank McLynn (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2004); "Rabies and Hydrophobia," by George Fleming (Chapman and Hall, 1872); "Buncombe's First School Master," by F.A. Sondley (Asheville Citizen, Sunday Magazine, March 4-March 25, 1928); and "Narrative of the Battle at Cowan's Ford," by Robert Henry (in the collection of Pack Memorial Library).

Robert Henry

Forster A. Sondley, author of *A History of Buncombe County North Carolina*, names Robert Henry as Asheville's first physician. Actually, Henry is more famous for being the first schoolmaster west of the Blue Ridge. There is no evidence that he had any special training in medicine. Healing the sick apparently was just one of Henry's many pursuits, which Sondley enumerates as hunter, pioneer, frontiersman, schoolmaster, lawyer, farmer, surveyor, manufacturer, landlord, politician, author and historian, as well as physician. He and his young slave Sam discovered medicinal Sulphur Springs in 1827.

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Robert Henry's revolutionary life comes to light

I've got a list of Western North Carolina subjects that are crying for thorough treatment, and now I can check one off the list.

Rob Neufeld

VISITING OUR PAST

Richard Russell has scoured the archives and produced a biography of Robert Henry, the eccentric Asheville pioneer whose accomplishments ranged from fighting at Kings Mountain to establishing the earliest health resort in the area, Sulphur Springs (the site of which is in West Asheville).

We can now get a clearer picture of the man who we mostly know by a photo of him as a 90-year-old (see book cover).

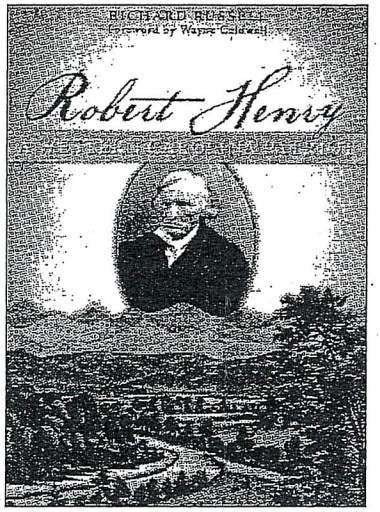
A true son of liberty

There are certain advantages to being a true son of liberty — and Robert Henry was one.

As a boy he'd been in the Mecklenburg County Courthouse in 1775, overhearing locals shouting about the killing of American protesters in Lexington, Mass., and declaring that they were no longer bound to their government, Great Britain.

As an adolescent, Henry had fought as a soldier on the front lines of the Revolutionary War at King's Mountain and Cowan's Ford.

So when Henry, a few decades later — having become a prominent Asheville lawyer



and landowner — went to court, he presented his I-don't-need-to-conform, "country bumpkin" (as some described him) self.

BOOK AND EVENTS

Richard Russell presents his book, "Robert Henry: A Western North Carolina Patriot, at:

» West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Road, 7 p.m. Wednesday (250-4750)

» Malaprop's Bookstore/Café, 55 Haywood St., Asheville, 7 p.m. Saturday (254-6734)

» Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society, 128 Bingham Road, Suite 950, Asheville, 1 p.m. Oct 26 (253-1894)

"His appearance," Russell relates, "was more of the criminal than the defender…At times, he neglected to wear stockings."

At home, he dressed like a Cherokee. "It is said he preferred sleeping on the floor." And on journeys of a day or less, he traveled "by foot, using a large walking stick nearly as tall as himself."

Frontier bred

Henry was also one of those people to whom legends adhered, like Davy Crockett.

Robert Henry was born in a "rail pen," biographers say. A rail pen is a crude structure built to confine livestock, a kind of manger.

Russell steps in to explain that the term "defined several building types in pioneer days, including a settler's first dwelling," and could also be called a log cabin.

When Robert's father, Thomas — according to leg-

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HENRY: Fighter, teacher

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end, a stowaway carpenter who hid in a box on a ship from Liverpool — arrived in America, it was with a Welsh wife. So, probably no box.

Like many other Scots-Irish, Thomas moved his family down through Virginia to the Catawba River area, and settled on the South Fork, where some other Henrys had preceded him.

Robert, third child and second son, grew up in a flourishing frontier town with a Presbyterian core, an Indian-fighting and Regulator Movement history, and a strong pioneer urge to be fruitful and multiply.

Get your gun

The Catawba Valley community found itself in the crosshairs of British General Cornwallis after he vanquished South Carolina in the Battle of Camden. Cornwallis instructed North Carolina Loyalists to hunt down and hang rebels.

One day, after sunset, Thomas came out of hiding, and sat on his property fence, only to be shot at from across a field. "He ran past a clump of chestnut sprouts and turned and jumped in on the stump," and evaded detection, his grandson, William L. Henry later narrated.

The Tories departed, Thomas followed their trail, got ahead of them, and killed three. Robert was 13 at the time.

The next year, local rebels, joined by other troops including the Overmountain Men, surrounded British Maj. Patrick Ferguson's regiments on Kings Mountain. Teenage Robert and three other South Fork boys followed American Maj. William Chronicle up the hill.

When Chronicle's contingent merged with another, he raised his hat and shouted, "Face to the hill." "The words were scarcely uttered," Henry wrote in his account, "when a ball struck him and he dropped."

Further up, a British soldier charged Robert, who was behind a log, stabbing a bayonet through Robert's hand into his thigh. Robert's gun discharged, sending its load through the soldier's bladder and cutting a main artery in his back.

American cries of "Hurrah for Liberty" echoed as the British retreated. Robert heard that Ferguson had been killed and sought him out.

"He found him shot in the face and the breast — and he saw fellow fighter Samuel Talbot turn him over and take his pocket pistol," Russell recounts.

After the war ended, Robert Henry returned to South Fork. It isn't until several years later that the biographical record picks up.

Cousin Joseph Henry was buying and selling land in newly created Buncombe County and helped get Robert, age 26 in 1793, the position of schoolteacher at the county's first school, Union Hill (later Newton Academy).

Russell repeats a famous story, related by Henry's granddaughter Kate Boyles. Henry called an unruly girl up to the front of the class for a reprimand and, when she extended her hand, apparently for a whack with a ruler, she suddenly "seized teacher Henry by the queue of his hair, spun him around the room and then left for home. Robert recounted this incident for as long as he lived."

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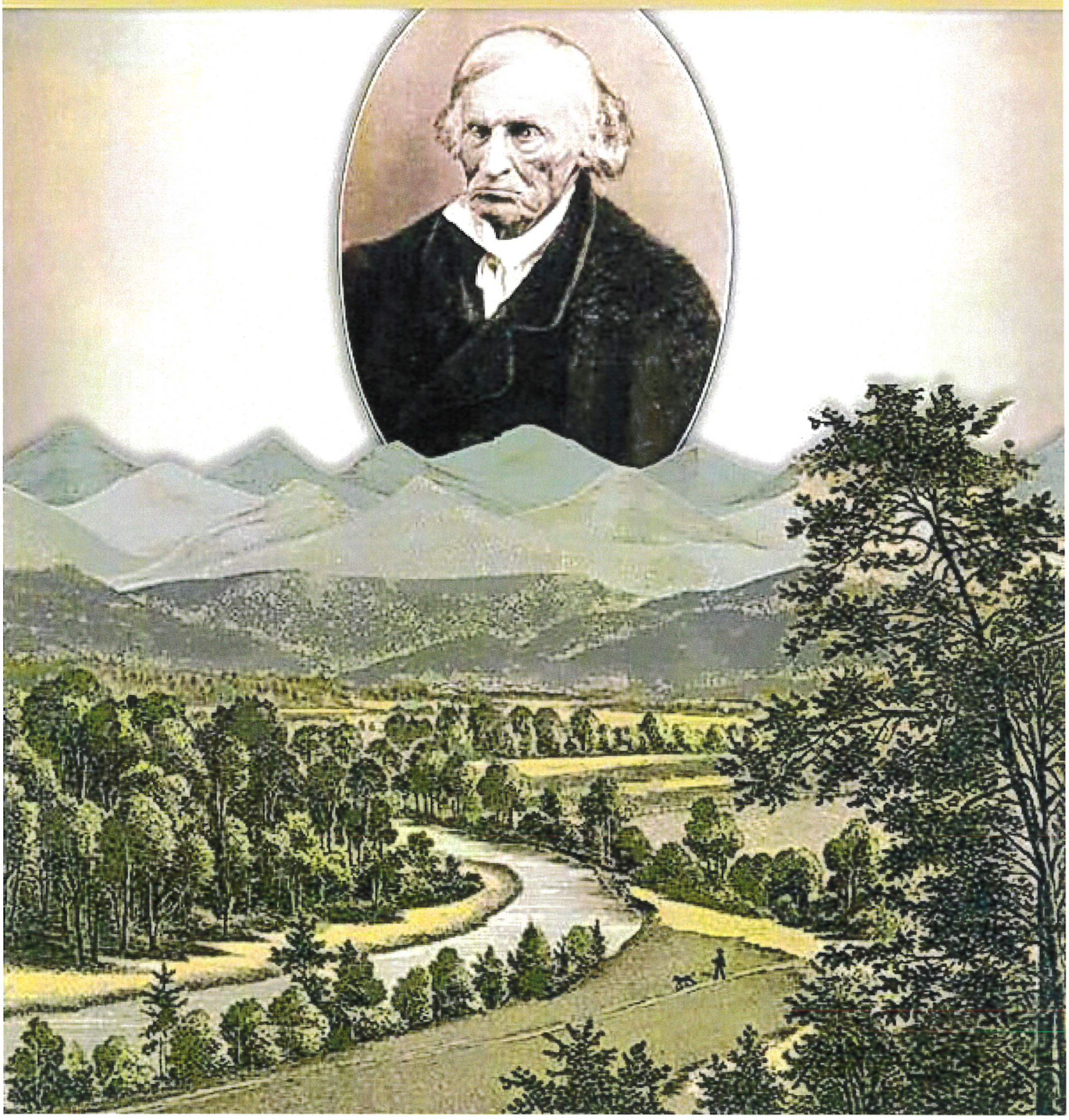
RICHARD RUSSELL

Foreword by Wayne Caldwell

Robert Henry

A WESTERN CAROLINA PATRIOT



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Birth: 10 Feb 1765 in Tryon Co., North Carolina [1]
Death: 6 Feb 1863 in Clay Co., North Carolina [1]
Burial: **Robert Henry** Cemetery, Tusquittee, Clay Co., North Carolina
Event: Photo
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Robert Henry at 94 years of age.

Event: Autograph 1837
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Robert Henry's signature from an 1837 bond issued as part

of the administration of the estate of his brother, John **Henry**.

Event: Military Service Oct 1780 Kings Mountain, Lincoln Co., North Carolina [2]
Event: Grave Marker
Note:

Robert Henry Born April 1765 Died 6 Feb 1863 Pioneer, Surveyor, Lawyer, Physician He was also the first school master of Buncomb **County** and "Undoubtable" the last of the heroes of Kings Mountain. Edward Bumcomb Chapter.

Julia (born 10 Feb 1765 died 1863), a slave belonging to **Robert Henry**, was buried next to him. She would not take her freedom when it was given to her. She stayed to serve **Robert Henry**. Julia was known in the Tusquittee area for her good Christian character.

Census: 1840 Cherokee Co., North Carolina
te: Living alone, male 60-70
Event: Biographical Note
Note:

ROBERT HENRY

In the office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh,. there is a record of a land grant to Thomas **Henry** for 168 acres located on the east side of the South Fork of the Catawba, dated September 26,. 1766. Twelve years prior to this time, on February 28,. 1754,. one had been issued to a William **Henry** down near the confluence of the South Fork and the Catawba, From the two families to which these grants were made sprang the several Gaston **County** Revolutionary heroes of that name. It is known that **Robert Henry** was a son of Thomas **Henry**, who also saw Revolutionary service. One record states that **Robert** was born in Tryon **County** on February 10, 1765, another that he was born in Rowan **County** in a rail pen. It could easily have been in what was then Tryon **County** on the South Fork grant, for often lands were settled and entries made long before grants were issued.

His father was from North Ireland and had instilled in his son that patriotism so characteristic of the Scotch-Irish., **Robert** was one of Major Chronicle's "South Fork boys," and though only sixteen at the time, he displayed such heroism at King's Mountain as to cover himself with undying glory. Near the beginning of the engagement, Major Chronicle was killed. Lieutenant Colonel Hambright, now leading the Gaston **County** men, pressed on and fought with great determination. Before reaching the top of the hill, several of their number were killed by rifle balls. Then the enemy charged bayonet. **Robert Henry** had placed himself behind a log lying across a hollow and was firing from that position. While he was in the act of cocking his gun, a bayonet glanced along the barrel, passed through one of his hands, and penetrated his thigh. **Henry**, in the mix-up, shot the Tory. He could not tell how it happened, but supposed that he must have touched the trigger and discharged his rifle. Evidently the ball cut a main

artery of his antagonist,. as he bled profusely. **Henry** fell with the Tory to the ground, completely transfixed. Through a mist of powder smoke he saw many of his friends and neighbors, not more than a gun's length ahead of the Tory bayonets. He saw them fire with deadly effect upon their pursuers and retire to the bottom of the hill, quickly reloading and in turn chasing their enemies up the mountain. William Caldwell, another "South Fork boy," seeing Henry's predicament, pulled the bayonet out of his thigh... but finding it still fast in his hand gave the wounded hand a kick with his boot which loosed the instrument from its hold.

Near the end of the battle, **Henry**, making his way to a branch to quench his thirst, met Colonel Graham on his large black horse, accompanied by. David Dicky. After he had started home, he heard the firing and could not resist the temptation to return and take part in the battle. In this he was disappointed, for the fighting was over before he reached the scene. A little girl, Sarah, Colonel Graham's only child, was born that night.

On Saturday evening, after the battle, **Robert Henry** was taken part of the way to his home on the South Fork. He was taken the remainder of the way on Sunday. Hugh Ewing and Andrew Berry, two of his near neighbors and friends, acted as his escorts, They left him, going on to their own homes for the night. Returning early Monday morning they found him much improved, owing to the effects of a poultice of wet, warm ashes which his mother had applied to his wounds.

While Ewing and Berry were still at the **Henry** home, several Tories, styling themselves as neutrals, called to learn the news of the battle. Ewing and Berry told them that Ferguson was really killed and his army defeated and taken prisoners. They were certain because they saw him after he was dead. Even the wounded **Henry** was carried to take a look at him. They told of the meeting near Gilbert Town when between six and seven hundred went on ahead, leaving as many or more footmen to follow, and of the surrounding and defeat of Ferguson. The Tories were slow to believe that so few could have accomplished so much, but Ewing and Berry responded, "We are all of us blue hens' chickens - real fighters and no mistake." The Tories, not believing what they were told, said, "There must have been over four thousand in all. We see what you are about - that your aim is to catch Lord Cornwallis napping."

The above conversation took place not more than two hours after sunrise on Monday, October 9th. The Tories then quickly took their departure. Swimming a horse across the swollen Catawba by the side of a canoe, they hastened to give Cornwallis his first news of Ferguson's defeat.

It was accounts such as these, largely exaggerated by the fear-stricken Tories, which so alarmed the British commander that he sent out Tarleton to aid Ferguson, if still alive, and which finally induced his Lordship to depart from Charlotte with all his army.

Robert Henry was at Cowan's Ford and was near General William Davidson when he was killed. After the Revolution, **Henry** became a surveyor. Ip 1795 hc surveyed and made a plot of Matthew Leeper's land on the west bank of the Catawba. This was a part of thc James Leeper grant. Another part was sold by James Leeper, a son of the pioneer, to Isaac **Henry** about the beginning of the nineteenth century. The home site of Isaac was one of the most beautiful along the river. The building has long since fallen into decay, but the loveliness of the spot on a bluff overlooking the stream remains unsurpassed. The place is still known as the **Henry** lands.

Not until after the Revolution did the white occupation of North Carolina extend beyond the Blue Ridge. Subsequent to that time, among the first to cross and settle in the new **county** of **Buncombe** were General Charles McDowell, Colonel David Vance, grandfather of Zebulon B.Vance, and private **Robert Henry**. Doubtless as a reward for their service at King's Mountain, they were appointed to run and mark the line between North Carolina and Tennessee. McDowell and Vance, were commissioners, and **Henry** was the

surveyor, While on this work, **Henry** wrote the narrative of his own recollections and experiences at King's Mountain and Cowan's Ford. McDowell and Vance also wrote theirs and left them in the care of **Henry**. After his death, his son, William L. **Henry**, entrusted the manuscripts to the late Dr. J. F. E. Hanly, who sent them to Dr. Lyman C.. Draper of Wisconsin. On the facts contained therein was largely based his Draper's "King's Mountain and its Heroes," published in 1880. This publication has been frequently drawn upon for incidents of the battle. After he completed his work as surveyor on the Tennessee-North Carolina line, **Robert Henry** studied law and was licensed to practice in July, 1802. He developed into a very able man and left his impress upon **Buncombe County** and Western North Carolina, where he spent his later years. He died on January 6, 1863, aged 98 years. He was the last of the heroes of King's Mountain.

To him we are indebted for the preservation and part authorship of the most graphic and detailed account of the battles of King's Mountain and Cowan's Ford which now exist. On page 97 of John Preston Arthur's "History of Western North Carolina" is a picture of **Robert Henry** from a daguerrotype made in his 94th year.

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Event: Biographical Note
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"Mr. **Henry** was born in a rail pen, in then Rowan, now Iredell **County**, North Carolina, January 10th, 1765. Full of patriotism though young, he shared in the trials and perils of the Revolution, and in due time recovered from the severe wounds he received at King's Mountain. In 1795, he was one of the party who ran the boundary line between North Carolina and Tennessee. He subsequently studied law, and practiced his profession many years in **Buncombe County**. He served in the House of Commons in 1833 and 1834. He was a clear and forcible public speaker and his memory deserves to be held in grateful remembrance for preserving the narrative of the King's Mountain campaign and battle, so frequently cited in this work. He died in the new **County** of Clay, North Carolina, January 6th, 1863, within four days of attaining the patriarchal age of ninety-eight years and he was undoubtedly the last of the heroes of King's Mountain.

"**Robert Henry** lived in the vicinity of Tuckaseage Ford, on the Catawba River, which is about ten miles below Cowan's Ford, when Cornwallis crossed at the latter ford. He lived on the West side of the river in Lincoln **County**. For many years, he owned the White Sulphur Springs about five miles South west of Asheville. It was a popular resort in the summer for the wealthy planters from the South and was the scene of much gayety and pleasure. Mr. **Henry** died in Clay **County**, the extreme Western **county** of the State, bordering on Georgia and Tennessee. I have myself heard my grandfather Michael Schenck, of Lincolnton, **N. C**. speak of Mr. **Henry** as 'a great land lawyer'. His practice as a surveyor, no doubt, making him formidable in such suits."

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Event: Biographical Note
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Pioneer led historical life (by Lois Tomas, Staff Writer)

One day **Robert Henry**, of Tusquittee was walking about as was his custom. As he crossed a small rushing creek flowing down the mountain into Tusquittee Creek, he dropped his compass into the water. From that point on, the creek in which **Robert Henry** lost his compass became known as Compass Creek. This is according to the North Carolina Gazetteer, a book about the origin of place names throughout the state. The naming of Compass Creek was not the extent of **Robert** Henry's accomplishments. The Revoluntionary War hero lived 98 years and amassed a number of historic achievements. **Robert Henry** is buried in a field in upper Tusquittee, not too far from Compass Creek.

According to the weathered tombstone that marks his grave, he was born April 1765 and died February 1863.

Henry reportedly predicted the exact time of his death according to his grandson, E.L. **Henry**. In an account of the prediction in a 1965 edition of an Asheville newspaper, E.L. writes that "grandsire", as **Robert Henry** was called by his grandchildren, refused to let his cousin and neighbor George Marstellar borrow some of his slaves.

E.L., who was 10, told Marstellar, "Grandsire said for me to come and tell you that you cannot have one of his Negroes tomorrow because he will die at two o'clock today and they will be busy burying him."

Robert Henry, who was described as tall and thin with stooping shoulders and coarse features, was considered very healthy.

E.L. said his grandfather ate a hearty dinner, talked for a while, and laid down on a bearskin spread on the floor. When two o'clock arrived, his grandchildren remarked that **Robert Henry** was still alive.

Robert Henry directed his family to stretch out his body and in a moment he was dead.

Robert Henry was born to Thomas **Henry** and Martha Isabella Shields. His father was of Scotch-Irish lineage, born in northern Ireland.

Thomas and Martha had seven children, five sons and two daughters. **Robert**, the third youngest, was born in a rail pen near the present day town of Tryon.
Settlers would protect their cattle from wild animals by building a split-rail wooden fence. This was known as a rail pen.

When **Robert Henry** was very young, he was bitten by a rabid fox. His father was said to be so worried about his son having a fit and doing harm to his family, that he took **Robert** along with him. It was on one of these journeys away from home that placed **Robert** at a pivotal even in American history.

Thomas **Henry** actively supported the drive for American Independence. He took part in a historic meeting in Charlotte, **NC** in which the Mecklenburg Declaration was read and ratified for the first time.

Robert Henry awoke from a nap in time to hear talk about "declaring for liberty" and "passing resolutions of freedom." The day was May 19, 1775.

Robert Henry was called to service to the new nation of the United States when he fought in the battle of King's Mountain. This is considered one of the most important battles fought in the Revolutionary War. A victory by the Americans here turned the tide of the war in the south.

In a narrative written about the battle, **Robert Henry** described the battle from his perspective…

"We then advanced up the hill close to the Tory lines," **Henry** wrote. "There was a log across the hollow that I took my stand by. Stepping one step back, I was safe from British fire. I there remained until the British charged with Bayonets."
Henry had stepped back and was cocking his gun when one of the British soldiers thrust a bayonet along the barrel of Henry's gun, into his hand and thigh.
The bayonet blade was pulled from Henry's thigh but remained dangling from his hand. A fellow soldier kicked it loose, causing excruciating pain. The British soldier who had wounded him lay dead, killed from the blast of Henry's weapon.

Henry was one of the first to move into the Swannanoa Settlements, coming around 1783. The first schoolmaster west of the Blue Ridge line, **Henry** taught at Union Hill Academy.

He became a surveyor by trade. In 1799, he was one of two surveyors hired to determine the Tennessee - North Carolina border. The boundaries drawn by **Henry** have never been contested.

This venture drew **Henry** into the practice of law. When admitted into the practice, he became the first lawyer to live in the western part of the state.
He gained a reputation for defending criminals, apparently successfully, as a colleague stated. **Henry** also studied medicine, becoming a physician.

In 1809, **Henry** married Dorcas Bell Love, the daughter of Col. Love, who helped found Waynesville. **Henry** was 46 and his bride was 12. Dorcas bore six children.

Henry moved to Clay **County** in 1859. He was divorced. At the time of the 1860 census, he reported his age as 94.

Henry is described in many accounts as being an eccentric, a man that would rather walk then ride his horses. He emulated the ways of the Cherokee instead of the ways of the white.

It is said **Henry** preferred 'low company' and was fond of whiskey. He disliked shoes, always wore moccasins and was given to mispronunciations of words.
He owned slaves, many of whom are buried near him in graves marked by an unadorned stone. One of these is Julia, reportedly a woman of Christian faith and values. **Henry** gave her freedom and built a home for her near the ridge in Tusquittee that bears her name.

Henry was one of the first white settlers in Clay **County**. It is said in the course of his life, he lived through the terms of the first 16 presidents of the United States. He died while Jefferson Davis served as head of the Confederate States.
Henry also saw the creation of the **county** of Clay in 1861.

In 1928, the Clay **County** News suggested a day in the summer be set aside to pay tribute to **Robert Henry**. Nothing came of that effort, with the exception of a poem written by R. E. Crawford. "Among the whispering pines, a lonely grave there be. They whisper day and night, "Honor to Bob **Henry**." Note: Thanks to Don Taylor of Canton, **NC**, the great great grandson of **Robert Henry**, for his help in providing articles and photographs."

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   My Dear Sir and Kind Friend;
   I send you the MS of my father, **ROBERT HENRY**. He was born in Tryon (now Lincoln) **county**, **N. C**. in a roll pen, 10th February, 1765; was a lawyer and surveyor by profession; was one of the first settlers in **Buncombe county**; taught School on Swannanoa, the first school taught in **Buncombe county**. He died in Clay **county**, **N. C**. February 6th, 1863; wanting but four days of being 98 years old. THOMAS **HENRY**, his father, died soon after the Revolution, of rheumatism contracted during the war. THOMAS **HENRY** was from the North of Ireland.
   I do not want this manuscript lost, as you see it is in **ROBERT** HENRY'S own hand, and a little relic. If not used, I should like it should be returned to.

   Respectfully,
   WM. L. **HENRY**
   ASHEVILLE,
   Buncombe County, **N. C**.
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"From **Robert** Henry's diary we learn that 'in the summer of 1815 no rain fell from the 8th of July till the 8th of September. Trees died.' Also that, 'on the 28th day of Aug. 1830, Caney branch (which runs by Sulphur spring five miles west of Asheville) ceased to run. Tom Moore's creek and Ragsdale's creek had ceased to run some days before; the corn died from the drough {sic}. This has been the driest summer in sixty years to my knowledge. Our spring ceased to run for some weeks previous to the above date.' Again: 'The summer of 1836 was the wettest summer in seventy years in my remembrance.' This is the climax: 'Thursday, Friday and Saturday next before Christmas 1794, were the coldest days in seventy years,' though as he had been born in 1765 he could not then have been quite thirty years of age himself. (1914. Arthur, John Preston. Western North Carolina, A History...p.296.)

Back cover text

Robert Henry is a character more suited for fiction than non-fiction. While just a boy he fought with the Overmountain Men at Kings Mountain and battled British troops along the Catawba River. As a surveyor he helped mark the boundary line between Tennessee and North Carolina. He had a long career as a prominent attorney and owned the famous Sulphur Springs resort. Yet, while Henry is one of western North Carolina's most accomplished ancestors, he is also one of the most eccentric. He preferred to dress in moccasins and traveled with a walking stick nearly as tall as he. Some said he had the gift of foresight and was able to predict his own death. Join author Richard Russell as he navigates the unusual, contradictory and fascinating life of Robert Henry.

Introduction

On the afternoon of October 7, 1780, British major Patrick Ferguson and his Loyalist militia of over one thousand men were camped along the high ridge of Kings Mountain near the border of North Carolina and South Carolina. The American Revolution had dragged on for four years, and Ferguson had been dispatched by Lord Cornwallis to crush local resistance and gain Loyalist support in the Carolinas. While in route to Charlotte, Ferguson decided to reverse course and take a defensive stand against pursuing Rebels. Robert Henry, three months shy of fourteen, stood poised at the base of the mountain with a courageous group of Patriot friends and neighbors known as the "South Fork Boys." The boys had come from their homes on the South Fork of the Catawba River in North Carolina to join forces with more than nine hundred rugged fighters known as the "Overmountain Men." The mountain men had tracked Major Ferguson to the ridge top, and now their forces surrounded the mountain, ready to attack. The South Fork Boys launched an assault up the northeast side of the mountain, and within minutes, young Robert Henry lay on the mountainside with a Loyalist bayonet impaling his hand to his thigh.

The following February, recovered from his wounds at Kings Mountain, Robert stood as one of the picket guards at a location on the Catawba River known as Cowan's Ford. He observed British soldiers on horseback attempting to cross, many being carried away or drowned by the swift current. He fired until a number of them reached his chosen signal rock in the river and then ran up the bank and took refuge behind a tree. He continued to fire as long as he could. With the tree's bark being loosened by enemy bullets, Robert narrowly avoided injury and was able to make an escape.

The zeal to fight for liberty may have been ingrained in Robert at a very early age. In 1775, while accompanying his father to Charlotte, he observed concerned and outraged citizens meeting and deliberating the Mecklenburg

Declaration of Independence.

These boyhood experiences were surely influential and instrumental in preparing Robert for a remarkable life that spanned nearly a century. After the close of the Revolution, Robert studied law, medicine and surveying. He became an accomplished and prominent trial and land lawyer, one of the first in western North Carolina. He was appointed an official surveyor of the boundary line between Tennessee and North Carolina. He was Buncombe County's first teacher, and he also practiced medicine for a time.
Using surveying experience, knowledge of the law and contacts with Revolutionary War veterans, Robert amassed vast land holdings in North Carolina and Tennessee. Discovering naturally occurring sulphur and mineral springs on his land, he established a resort hotel, attracting more summer visitors than the nearby town of Asheville.

He was a landlord, a plantation owner, a farmer and a slave owner.
Robert Henry has been described as versatile, a hero as brave as a lion, a philosopher and naturalist, a historian and author, an inventor, a genius and a pioneer. He was said to have a phenomenal memory.

Conversely, he was noted as slovenly and a bumpkin, a fraud and an imposter, and he has been called a liar.2 He was known to be "fond of the bitters" and smoking. His appearance was more of the criminal than the defender. An eccentric man, he shunned normal attire and preferred to dress in the style of the native peoples, wearing moccasins at home. At times, he neglected to wear stockings when attending court. It is said he preferred sleeping on the floor rather than in a feather bed. His chief method of travel for less than a day's journey was by foot, using a large walking stick nearly as tall as himself.

At age forty-seven, he married Dorcas Bell Love, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Robert Love, founder of Waynesville, North Carolina. Robert and Dorcas Bell lived in Buncombe County, North Carolina, approximately seven miles west of Asheville, where they raised a large family. After thirty years of marriage, the couple was legally separated and then divorced.
Robert Henry was a man of legend, mystery and myth. His life was one of great achievement and one of tragic personal failure, yet his part in history remains unknown to most. A letter referring to Robert in an 1859 issue of Harper's Weekly stated, "Let honor be given to whom honor is due." Perhaps this writing will aid in achieving that goal.

Battle of Asheville was more like a fireworks show

Bob Terrell
COLUMNIST

We missed chronicling the anniversary by a week and a half, but the Battle of Asheville was fought 141 years ago a week ago last Thursday — on April 6, 1865. It wasn't much of a battle, something more like a fireworks show. Our battle was fought three days before Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On orders from the Union military hierarchy, Union Col. Isaac M. Kirby of the 101st Ohio Infantry, based in Greeneville, Tenn., was ordered to take 900 infantrymen to "scout in the direction of Asheville," reaching here in time to join Stoneman's Raiders, who were headed this way from the northeast, to mop up Asheville's Confederate town.

However, word reached Asheville that "The Yankees are coming!" The courier was sent to town by the Sondley family, who owned a farm where the town of Woodfin is now located. Asheville quickly came up in arms. Backed by cannon emplacements on Stony Hill — where the Battery Park Hotel was later built — and others on a hill on the Woodfin end of Riverside Drive, all Confederate soldiers in the area were rounded up. They then marched with civilian men and boys, dug entrenchments (which are still visible) on the present campus of UNC Asheville, and formed a line of riflemen across Kirby's path. These local "troops" were commanded by Col. George Wesley Clayton, a West Point graduate, in the absence of Asheville's military commander, Gen. James C. Martin, who was away from town on military business.

Cornelia Smith Henry, wife of William Lewis Henry, who lived on the west side of the French Broad River, chronicled what happened those days. She wrote:

"Mr. Henry went to town this morning. About three o'clock we heard the Yankees were in town, but did not believe it till about four, when George came up from the mill and said some men had come from town and said it was certainly so.

"Sam said Mr. Henry had gone to the front and sent me word not to be alarmed. I am very uneasy about Mr. Henry. I fear he will expose himself. It has been raining a little all evening. May a kind Heaven protect my dear husband this night, and all our brave men, and turn back our enemies. Oh! Lord, deliver us from our enemies, I pray..."

Henry was the son of Robert Henry, first schoolmaster in Asheville. A wounded veteran of the Battle of Kings Mountain, he helped survey the state line across the Smokies, separating North Carolina from Tennessee. And at his death, he was the oldest living veteran of the Revolutionary War.

At 3 o'clock the following day, the Yankees and Confederates came together, both sides opening up with ineffective long-range rifle fire. The Union commander, Kirby, knew the war was within a day or two of ending, and chose not to engage the Ashevilleans in close-range combat. This almost became the first battle of the war without casualties.

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After five hours of sniping at each other, the Union forces withdrew through Woodfin to a safe bivouac place down the French Broad River, and the following morning before dawn, headed back to Tennessee at a gallop, littering the road with abandoned rifles, ammunition, bayonets, canteens, packs, and other things that might impede their flight back to Tennessee. Two days after that, on April 9, Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Court House.

While gathering up all this treasure, the Asheville defenders discovered that blood had indeed been spilled by the Union forces. Two legs, both wearing the blue pants and boots of the Yankees, were found on the battlefield, blown off their unfortunate victims by Asheville's cannon fire.

This battle embittered Forester A. Sondley against the Yankees for life. They had taken his pony and when they discovered it could not keep up carrying a heavy load, they shot it before Sondley's eyes. Wherever he is at this moment, he is probably still ticked off at the Yankees for murdering his steed.

Mrs. Henry wrote the closing chapter of the Battle of Asheville in her journal on April 7, while the Yankees flew down the old Buncombe Turnpike toward the safety of Greeneville, Tenn.:

"Mr. Henry came back about 11 o'clock. I was glad to see him. . . . Mr. Henry said we repulsed them handsomely. I am very glad of it. He thinks they will fight again today. It nearly killed me this morning to tell him goodbye. He went to town and came back about 12 o'clock and said the Yankees left last night. I believe the Lord heard my heartfelt prayer.

"They took some prisoners at Rankin's tanyard, about four or five. We had two men slightly wounded. We do not know the enemy's loss as they were some 600 yards apart (while they fought).

"They left one leg in a boot. Our men acted well. The artillery played on them all the time. They fought down about Nick Woodfin's farm. I do hope they may never come back again."

So passed the Battle of Asheville.

And so passed the Confederacy!

Asheville Citizen April 16, 2006

WM L. HENRY DIES AT THE AGE OF 77

HE WAS A SON OF ROBERT HENRY, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

Capt. William L. Henry, one of Buncombe's best known citizens, died at his home near Acton yesterday morning. The burial will take place Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Sulphur Springs cemetery. Friends of the deceased are invited to attend, especially ex-Confederate soldiers.

Captain Henry was in the 77th year of his age. He was captain of company B of the Fourteenth N. C. battalion, which was later organized into the Sixty-ninth regiment.

His father, Robert Henry, was a soldier of the Revolution, and was in the battle of King's Mountain.

Captain Henry is survived by a wife and seven sons and two daughters.

Asheville Citizen April 9, 1900

ROAD BUILDING IN WEST ASHEVILLE

A force of the convicts are at work cutting a new road from the old Henry house near Smith's bridge, and west of the river, to a point near where the Hazel Green mill stood. The building of this road will open up the Henry Property which for twenty years has been entailed, but recently a clear title was obtained and the property is now in the hands of real-estate dealers and has been divided into lots and quite a number already sold.

Asheville Gazette News August 24, 1904

MRS. C. C. HENRY DIES AT HER ACTON HOME

Mrs. C. C. Henry, eighty-one years old, died at her home at Acton Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock. Although Mrs. Henry had been in failing health for some time, her death was unexpected. Her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Boyles, and her youngest son, Wade Henry, were at her bedside when the end came.

Mrs. Henry is survived by six son, G. A. Henry, of Miami, Fla.; J. T. Henry, of Senoia, Ga.; E. L. Henry, Arthur Henry, W. V. Henry and Wade Henry, of Asheville; and two daughters, Mrs. M. A. Hyatt, of Aberdeen, Wash., and Mrs. E. J. Boyles, of West Asheville.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Acton Methodist church and will be conducted by Rev. A. T. Groce, the pastor. Interment will follow.

Asheville Citizen April 5, 1917

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1945

HENSLEY BROTHERS KILLED IN BOMBER CRASH IN ENGLAND

West Asheville suffered a double loss on February 17, when the B-24 "Iron Duke," giant British based Liberator, crashed in the English Channel, ending the service careers of Staff Sergeants Edward Jack and Edwin Joe Hensley, 19 year old twin brothers and sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hensley, 63 Vermont Ave. Also killed in the wrecked plane was its pilot, Lt. L. M. (Mac) Duncan, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duncan, 94 Starnes Ave. Another Asheville crew member, co-pilot, Lt. Charles M. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Frank, 1062 Haywood Road, escaped death. The luckless bomber had the distinction of being the only aircraft of its type with as many as four members of the crew from a single city.

Final confirmation of the tragedy came officially last Friday afternoon, when Col. Ulric N. James, commanding officer of the army distribution station here, carried the news in person to Mrs. Hensley, in compliance with a recent ruling of the War Department governing cases where two or more members from the same family are killed.

Col. James was notified by phone by the Fourth Service Command in Atlanta of the circumstances and instructed to go in person to the Hensley family. Capt. George F. Hood, Protestant chaplain here, accompanied Col. James to the home of the boys' grandmother, Mrs. W. G. Hensley, and later drove to Mars Hill to break the news to the mother, who was visiting her sick mother. The family notified the father, who is in New Jersey.

Assigning of the Asheville crew to the bomber, Iron Duke, dates from last summer, when Lt. Duncan found the three other Asheville servicemen at Westover Field, Mass. They were reassigned to his crew with Lt. Frank as co-pilot and the Hensley brothers as gunners. They have been together ever since last October, when they went overseas.

Lt. Duncan was well known here as having been captain of the undefeated 1941 football team at Lee Edward High School. He was a freshman at Duke University when he entered the service in February, 1943.

The Hensley brothers, too, graduated from Lee Edwards High School. Joe was president of the student body and his brother was a member of the student council. They were both honored by being made Junior Rotarians. Both brothers were active as members of Calvary Baptist Church. They enlisted for the war in the fall of 1943 and were assigned Jan. 31, 1944.

Friends of the 19-year-old Hensley twins recalled that the pair held the highest student offices at Lee Edwards High School during the last year they were enrolled there. Joe headed the student council; Jack, the house of representatives. Their popularity never affected the friendliness and democracy that were essentials of their nature.

Lt. Frank, co-pilot of the "Iron Duke," who has cabled that he is safe, entered service February 26, 1943, receiving his commission and his silver wings at Stuttgart Field, Ark., last April. He attended Asheville schools and Biltmore college.

Survivors include a brother, Sgt. James G. Hensley, who was in a hospital in Belgium suffering from wounds when the family last heard from him; the parents; the grandmother, and a number of uncles and aunts also survive.

The West Asheville News March 9, 1945

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN
"DEDICATED TO THE UPBUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"
ESTABLISHED 1870 — ASHEVILLE, N. C., SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 3, 1945 — 10 PAGES

HENSLEY TWINS, LT. DUNCAN DIE IN PLANE CRASH

TWINS KILLED — S. Sgt. Edward Jack Hensley (standing) and S. Sgt. Edwin Joe Hensley, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hensley of 63 Vermont avenue, were killed when their bomber crashed over the English channel. Lt. L. M. Mack Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duncan of 94 Starnes avenue, pilot of the plane, was killed in the same action.

Among 15 Casualties From WNC Listed Yesterday

Three Asheville servicemen who have served together on the same B-24 since last summer were killed February 17 when their plane crashed into the English channel, their families were notified yesterday. They were among 15 Western North Carolina casualties reported during the day, five others being listed as killed, two as missing, and five as wounded.

The three killed in the plane are S. Sgt. Edward Jack and S. Sgt. Edwin Joe Hensley, 19-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hensley of 63 Vermont avenue, and Lt. L. M. (Mack) Duncan son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duncan of 94 Starnes avenue. A fourth Asheville man who has been serving on the same ship, Lt. Charles M. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Frank of 1062 Haywood road, was believed safe.

Asheville Citizen March 3, 1945

—Citizen Photo

NATIONAL WINNER of the third place trophy in advertising layout competition is Brenda Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Henson of 1159 Haywood Rd. Brenda, a Lee Edwards senior, works through the Distributive Education program at Bon Marche. She won in the ad layout contest at local, district and state levels, then went to Tacoma, Wash., to compete with about 25 other state winners. Her trip was under auspices of the Western North Carolina Sales Executives Club and local merchants. Here, she confers with Olen Lyon, advertising and layout expert of the Citizen-Times Publishing Co.

Asheville Citizen April 8, 1959

HERREN, WILLIAM
First Sergeant, U.S. Army
Machine-Gun Company, 58th Infantry Reg., 4th Div., A.E.F.
Date of Action: August 7, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to William Herren, First Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ville-Savoye, France, August 7, 1918. Sergeant Herren carried guns and ammunition to the front line platoons through an intense barrage after several carrying details had failed to get through. He then volunteered to stay with the right flank platoon, which was under heavy fire in an exposed position. During the afternoon, he and one other man pushed forward with a captured machine gun, and assisted materially in breaking up several hostile counterattacks during the day.

- General Orders 64, W.D., 1919
  Born: at Buncombe County, North Carolina
  Home Town: West Asheville, North Carolina

BASKETBALL BENEFIT

Steve Dixon/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Flowers surround a photo of Sgt. Jeff Hewitt at West Asheville Baptist Church before his funeral on April 8. Hewitt was killed in the line of duty.

A benefit basketball game to fund the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard unit will be held Saturday at the Woodfin Elementary School gym. The Honor Guard unit is trying to raise money for a trip to Washington, D.C., to honor Buncombe County Sgt. Jeff Hewitt, who was killed in the line of duty last year.

Honor guard members will travel to Washington in May as escorts for the Hewitt family and participate in the memorial and other special services to honor law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty last year. They are trying to raise about $15,000 for the trip.

Hewitt was shot and killed while trying to serve commitment papers on a resident who ambushed him. He is one of 159 officers who will be honored and remembered in May.

The basketball game will be held at 4 p.m. and will be among Woodfin Police Department, Woodfin Fire Department, Buncombe County EMS personnel and the Woodfin Youth League coaches and parents. A 3-point shooting contest and other games will also held at the event. Items will be raffled off during the game. Donations may also be made at the Woodfin Police Department.

Money raised will go to benefit the Honor Guard Unit and send personnel to the 2005 National Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial. Tickets for the game can be bought at the door. Cost is $3 for adults and $1 for children.

Asheville Citizen Feb. 24, 2005

BonnieC.Hickey

July 6, 1928 - November 16, 1998
Resided in Asheville, NC

Obituary

Bonnie C. Hickey, 70, of 359 Barton Road, Asheville, died Monday, November 16, 1998, in an Asheville hospital.

Mrs. Hickey was born in Madison County and was a daughter of the late Walter Cutshall. She lived in Buncombe County for most of her life and was a graduate of Warren Wilson Junior College and Cecilâ€(TM)s Business College. She was a Real Estate
Broker associated with Sorrells Realty, and was the owner and operator of Kozy Korners
Realty. She was also Secretary and Treasurer of Red Hickeyâ€(TM)s Alignment Service, Inc.

She was active in civic affairs and was long-time secretary of the West Asheville Business Association. She was also business manager of the Asheville Youth Choral
Society, member of the Asheville Board of Realtors, and member of the Asheville-Buncombe Library West Asheville History Project Board. She was also a member of the
Weaverville Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, W.D. â€œRedâ€ Hickey; two daughters, Mary Beth
Lehnert of Franklin and Patty Fisher of Asheville; a granddaughter, Hannah Patricia Lehnert; her mother, Lovona Shelton Cutshall of Madison County; six sisters, Leona
Shelton, Mona Shelton, Della Sue Shelton, Jean Shelton, Wanda Adkins, and Donna Rice;
and a brother, Conley Cutshall.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am Wednesday at Groce Funeral Home Chapel

W.D.RedHickey

February 28, 1928 - August 11, 2010
Resided in Asheville, NC

Obituary

W. D. "RED" HICKEY
ASHEVILLE – W. D. "Red" Hickey, 82, of Asheville, peacefully entered eternal rest after a period of declining health on Wednesday, August 11, 2010.
Mr. Hickey was born in Plant City, Florida, to the late Guy and Mae Carr Hickey. He was a resident of Buncombe County where he and his wife, the late Bonnie C. Hickey, raised their two surviving daughters, Patty Fisher of Arden, NC and Mary Beth Lehnert of Franklin, NC. He graduated from Warren Wilson Junior College and, with his wife, was a long-time businessman and owner of Red Hickey's Alignment Service. He was an active member of the Better Business Bureau and the West Asheville Business Association.
Red Hickey's Alignment Service continually supported Little League teams in the local area for a number of years, as he enjoyed encouraging children of all ages. Likewise, he loved music and as a member of Weaverville Presbyterian Church, led the singing for the Men's Bible Class for many years.
Mr. Hickey will be remembered for his lasting legacy of attention to details, his work ethic, and his generosity through tirelessly donating time, energy, and skill in his area of professional expertise and business. He was also an avid gardener which came from a long time family heritage of farming in Florida.
In addition to his two daughters and their husbands, he is survived by 2 granddaughters, 2 neices, and 2 nephews.
Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the Patton Avenue chapel of Groce Funeral Home with the Reverend Sam McGinn officiating. Interment will follow at Ashelawn Gardens.
The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.
Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Home for Children, 80 Lake Eden Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711, or to Gideon's International, PO Box 1007, Asheville, NC 28802.

Photos

Services

Funeral Home

Groce Funeral Home
1401 Patton Avenue
Asheville, NCUS28806

Map / Directions

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Visitation

Groce Funeral Home
1401 Patton Avenue
Asheville, NCUS28806

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Friday, August 13, 2010
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Service

Groce Funeral Home
1401 Patton Avenue
Asheville, NCUS28806

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Saturday, August 14, 2010
2:00 PM

Cemetery

Ashelawn Gardens of Memory
901 Aiken Road
Asheville, NCUS28804

Map / Directions

Saturday, August 14, 2010

Steve Dixon/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Russell Hilliard, who does volunteer work with members of the Hispanic community in Asheville, talks with Carmen Alicia Nomcayo de Ayala during a recent gathering at Grace Baptist Church. She is drawing illustrations for a book he is planning.

Man enjoys helping immigrants

By Eden Foster
CITIZEN-TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEST ASHEVILLE — Russell and Patsy Hilliard moved to Spain in the mid-1950s for Russell to take a position at a small Baptist seminary. They didn't speak a word of Spanish, and found their new life to be extremely disorienting at first.

Twenty-one years later, Russell was forced to retire on a medical disability, and the Hilliards, now fluent in Spanish, chose to move to Black Mountain to be near one of their daughters.

Patsy began teaching Spanish at Montreat College, and Russell took a series of positions as interim pastor for local churches.

But his health continued to deteriorate, and in early 1988 he faced his sixth major surgery, this time for cancer.

Throughout his recovery, Russell felt an increasing urgency to work with Asheville's then small but growing Hispanic and Latino population.

By the fall of 1988, he and Patsy began teaching English classes for recent immigrants and assisting them with immigration related issues.

Their own experience helped them identify with the challenges these new residents faced.

From this modest beginning, the Grace International Program, as it became known in 1993, has now grown into a series of English classes for immigrants, as well as Spanish classes for English-speakers.

Tuesday evenings at Grace Baptist Church in West Asheville are alive with the musical sounds of Spanish and English, and everywhere children are laughing, reading, playing and studying. A nursery is offered for the young children while their parents are in class and older children receive help with homework and special projects.

Russell helps Spanish-speaking immigrants with any challenges they face involving immigration issues, medical appointments, translations, housing, childcare and work.

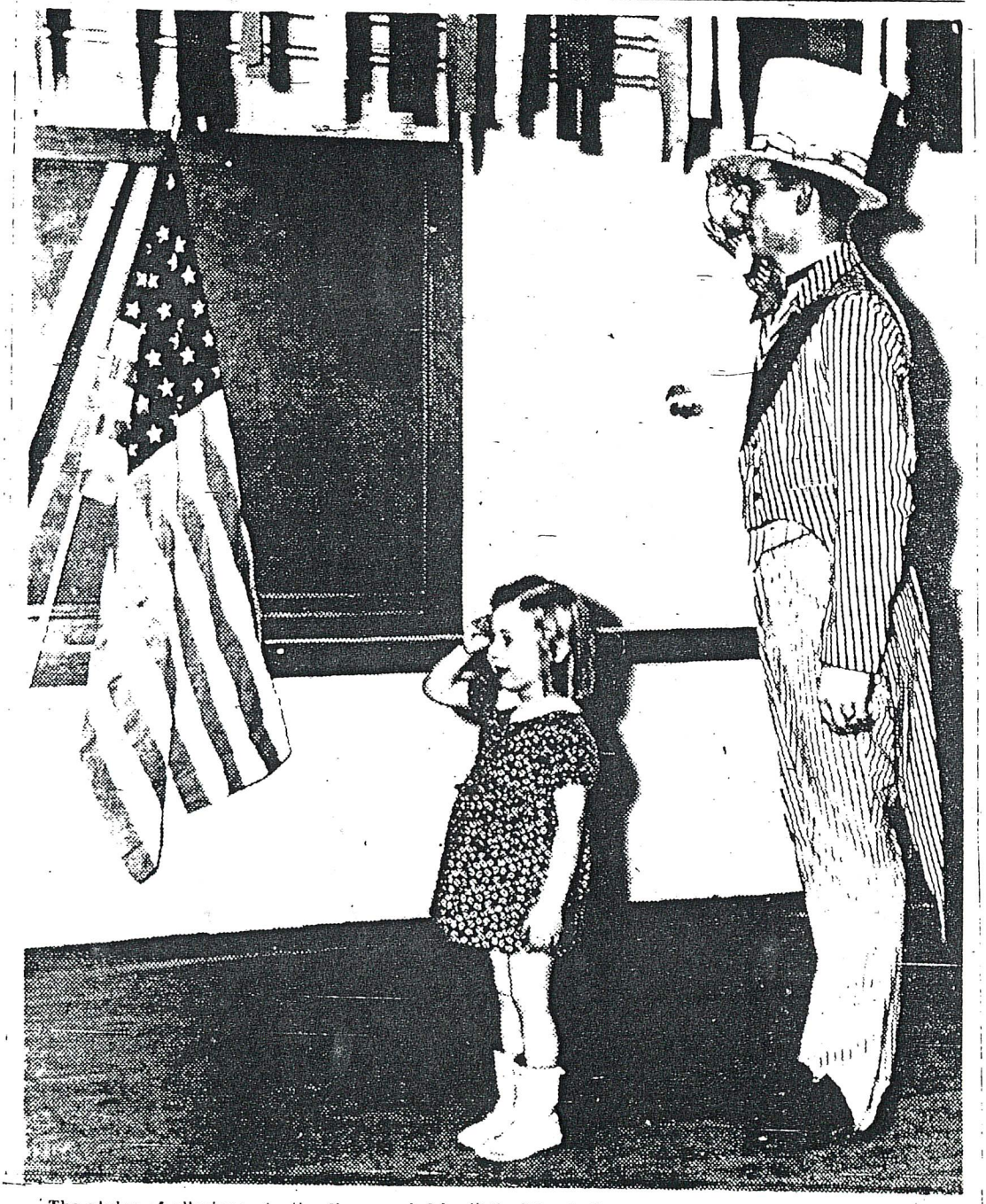
He says his health has improved dramatically since he was led to this meaningful, rewarding work, and he now volunteers as much as 70 or 80 hours each week.

HOMETOWN HERO

Russell Hilliard

Hometown: Black Mountain
Occupation: Retired
Volunteer Activities: Grace International Program
Quote: "Language, housing, jobs, medical care – they are all the same issue for everyone. And language is extraordinarily important to the understanding of different cultures. There's so much alive in language."

Pledge For America Given At Patriotic Social



The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by little Miss LaVerne Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson of 17 Michigan avenue and Charles Himes, who was dressed as Uncle Sam at a patriotic social given by the adult department of the Sunday school at Calvary Baptist church last night. Carl Logan, associate superintendent of the department, had charge of the program; Mrs. J. A. Bocook led games; Mrs. Don Young had charge of decorations, and Mrs. John Barnard, refreshments. Approximately 75 members of the 11 classes in the department attended. Games were the main features of entertainment. Mrs. Bocook was dressed as the patriotic figure, "Miss Columbia."

Asheville Times February 27, 1942

Mrs. O. V. Himes Is Director Of Program

Under the supervision of Mrs. O V. Himes, of the Woman's Missionairy Union, Calvary Baptist church, West Asheville, a special service demonstration was given in connection with the all day session of the Woman's Missionary Union of Buncombe county held at the North Asheville Baptist church yesterday. The demonstration was witnessed by a large audience composed of representative missionary workers from all sections of Buncombe county and other points in the state.

Asheville Citizen June 27, 1929

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME—Mrs. O. V. Himes started teaching in the Sunday School of Calvary Baptist Church when the school was organized 50 years ago. She's still at it. Here she is with some of her small fry.

Asheville Citizen January 5, 1965

Mrs. Himes, Retired School Teacher, Dies

Mrs. Annie Lillian Logan Himes, 79, of 124 Logan Ave., retired school teacher, died at 8:10 p.m. yesterday in an Asheville hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Himes, a native of Buncombe County and a daughter of the late William Ervin and Rose Addie Deaver Himes, was educated in Asheville public schools. She finished high school at old Asheville Normal School and received her B. S. degree from Asheville Teachers College. She was the widow of Oren Von Himes, who died in 1958.

Mrs. Himes, an accomplished musician, studied under F. Flaxington Harker, who was brought to Asheville from England by George Vanderbilt as organist for All Souls Episcopal Church. Mrs. Himes taught music in private homes, traveling by pony and buggy.

Her first teaching position was at Aycock School, where she taught the kindergarten class until it was moved to Calvary Baptist Church in 1964. Later, she continued the Childs Garden School in her home, retiring in 1968 after 64 years in the teaching profession.

A charter member of Calvary Baptist Church, she had taught a beginners class since the age of 16. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Union, superintendent of the primary department, and had served as president and chairman of community missions of the Buncombe County Baptist WMU and was association superintendent for 25 years. She had served as organist and pianist since the church's organization.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle L. Lawrence of Asheville and Miss Mary K. Logan of Mars Hill; three brothers, Carl M. and Harry R. Logan of Asheville and Dr. William B. Logan of Babson Park, Fla.; two step-daughters, Mrs. John Ford of Brevard and Mrs. Bennie Bellflower of Asheville; a step-son, Charles Himes of Brevard; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Calvary Baptist Church. The Revs. John Knight, pastor, and Robert Blankenship will officiate and burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dr. Harold Keener, Carter Parham, H. C. Caldwell Jr., Doyle Woody, J. R. Rogers, George Buckner Sr., Don Compton and Howard Candler.

MRS. HIMES

The body will be taken to the home at 4 p.m. today, where it will remain until taken to the church 30 minutes prior to services.

Arrangements are under direction of Anders-Rice Funeral Home.

Program

Piano Pupils
Miss Annie Logan
Violin Pupils
Miss Grace Logan

Part I

Duet - Springtime — Bibbro
Corona E. Earl Whitted

One, Two, Three, Four — Krogmann
Mabel Jenkins

Little Golden Locks — Lawson
Inez Gainwood

Good Humor — Ledue
Charlotte Harrison

A Chain of Daisies — Spaulding
Bertha Whisnant

Dream of the Rosebud — Dodds
Frances Glum

Clowntime — Lawson
Audrey Compton

Violin - May Song — Vogt
Rhea Taggart

Wild Flower Lady — Bibbro
Corona Whitted

Birds of Spring — Spaulding
Virginia Engle

Topsy Twirly — Cramm
Earl Whitted

Beauty Land — Bilbro
Amelia Morgan

Viola — Arnold
Virginia Mae Franklin

Violin - The Last Chord — Sullivan
Evelyn Manes

In a Shady Nook — Faldi
Martha Evans

Morning Prayer — Strabbog
Doris Keener

Part II

Duet - In Stately Measure
Ruth Mills - Miss Logan

Dreaming by the Riverside — Early
Pauline Galloway

At Parting — Rigelmann
Azile Whisnant

A May Day — Rathbun
Louise Bishop

Violin - ~~Swaying~~ Song — Franklin
Vida Brown

The Shepherdess — Paldi
Evelyn Galyean

Springtime Frolics — Geo. F. Rotrekam
Dorothy Ebbs

Tulip — Lichner
Vivian Middleton

Humoresque — Dvorak
Lois Ebbs

Meadow Lark Song — Lilian
Ida Publis

Violin Duet - Cavallina Rusticana
Mari. Wilson - Miss G. Logan

Valse Bleue — Margis
Ruth Mills

Hunting Song — Munro
Virginia Jarrett

Barcarolle — Offenbach
Margaret Spivey

Flower Song — Lange
Eleanor Klutts

Spring Song — Mendelssohn
Louise Bell

—Citizen Photo—Glenn

MRS. FLOYD HIPPS of 42 Florida Pl., West Asheville, demonstrates how she plants tomatoes. She is a member of the Asheville and Dorchester Garden Clubs.

Asheville Citizen May 16, 1956

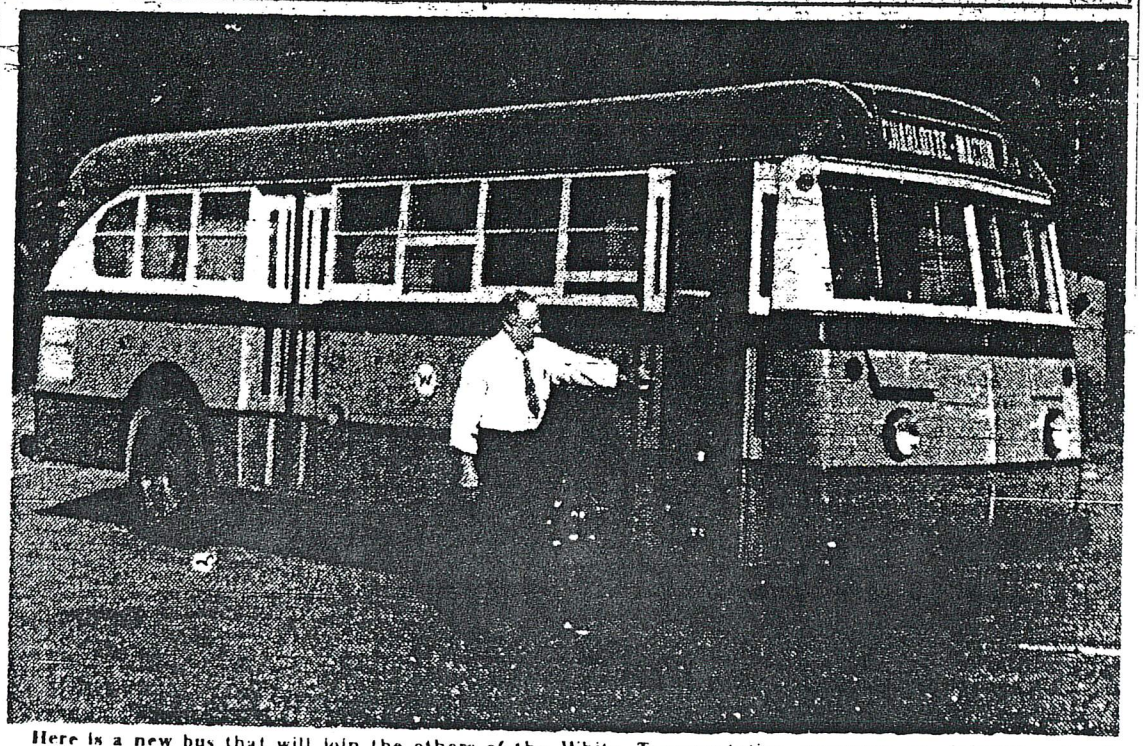
THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Marksmanship, Taxidermy Combined In Hobby

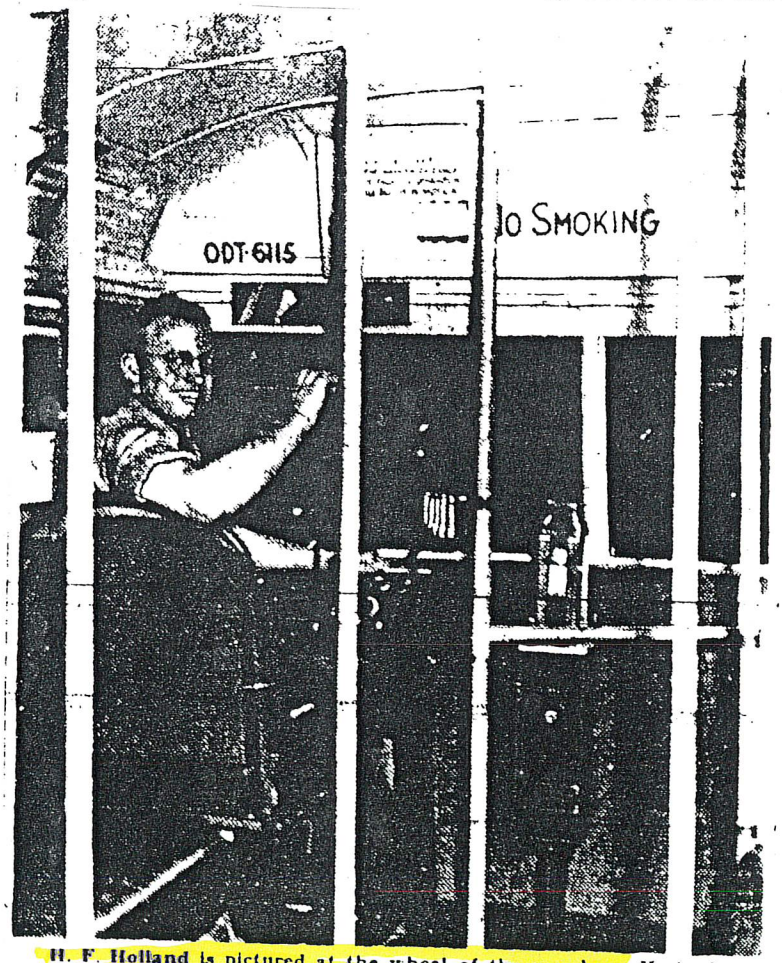
Two years ago James Pat Hodges was presented a set of books on taxidermy and, instead of letting them gather dust on a forgotten bookshelf, he studied them. As a result, he has a large collection of stuffed birds he has mounted and has derived a great deal of pleasure from the novel and interesting hobby. Hodges, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hodges of 89 Dorchester avenue and a senior at Lee Edwards high school, is pictured with a few specimens in his collection. He has mounted more than 150 of the creatures, some for himself and some for his friends. Some of the birds and animals were given to him by friends, but most of them he shot with his rifle as a pastime. His first experience was obtained in mountaing a catbird, his largest mount is a deerhead and his smallest is a baby duckling, which died a natural death. He started his work to get merit badges in the Boy Scout troop. He is an Eagle Scout. In back center of the picture is shown a rabbit hawk and on either side at the back are ring neck pheasants, male and female. Others shown include a screech own, quail, blue wing teal and rabbit. Hodges is a member of the traffic patrol at Lee Edwards, secretary of the Bowhikrif club, a club for students interested in rifling, hiking and archery, and secretary of his assembly.

Asheville Times January 27, 1942

Victory Bus To Join Street Fleet Here



Here is a new bus that will join the others of the White Transportation company on Asheville streets early next week. This bus is known as a "Victory" model because some accessories are made of wood. All main safety features have been retained in metal. The bus was built by the Ford Motor company and has just been tested here. Colvin White of the White company said today they have not decided to which route the new bus will be assigned. Shown by the bus is M. A. Swearngan, warehouseman of the company.



H. F. Holland is pictured at the wheel of the new bus. He is shown "knocking on wood" for luck of the new bus and to show that the minor parts are made of wood. This bus will seat 27 passengers and is of the same type as the other larger buses of the White fleet.

H.F. Holland
Sulphur Springs Rd

Asheville Times September 7, 1943

W. ASHEVILLE RADIOIST GETS 28 STATIONS

John Honney Lists WTAX And WFAA In Log; More Lists Are Wanted

By Station WATT

WATT's request for radio listeners in western North Carolina to send in lists of their one-night achievements has brought an interesting log showing twenty-three stations listed on Monday nigh by John Honney, of 62 Fifth Avenue, West Asheville.

Our invitation is still open and we hope that a score or more of dial-twisters will send in a list. Any number over ten stations is worth while and may show some call letters which even their own air neighbors are unable to list often. How many get WDAE at Tampa? There was an excellent orchestra there, and we notice that is one on the list sent in by by Honney. We got it for about the first time Thursday night, probably because in our nightly wanderings from 200 to 550 we never sought it out. Let your lists come in at once. Perhaps Friday or Saturday night will find you at the dials for two hours or more, and you may be able to list a dozen or more interesting points. If so, write them down and mail to WATT right away, with notes on what you heard.

Anybody getting Canada frequently? What stations?

Here is Honney's list, heard through a Radiola 28 with WWNC on.

KDKA, 6:40 p. m.—Band.
WFAA, 6:45 p. m.—Woman singer.
KWY, 7—Sports.
WHO, 7:10—Band.
WJR, 7:20—Mixed vocal music and speech.
WLW, 7:25—Orchestra and baritone.
WEAF, 7:35—String quartet.
WWNC, 7:50—Mel Trotter revival service.
WJZ, 9:12—Accordion solo.
WSB, 9:30—Women's vocal duet and accordion.
WLW, 9:40—Jazz band.
WWKH, 9:50—Saxophone.
WSIW, 10—Piano solo.
WPG, 10:05—Women singing.
WFBM, 10:10—Piano and violin.
KFAB, 10:15—Recitation and orchestra.
[illegible] Jazz band.
WOI, 10:40—Jazz band.
KTNT, 10:50—Radio speech.
WRVA, 10:55—Three Blind Mice, song.
WWNC, 11—Plaza organ.
KED, 11:05—Piano solo.
WJAY, 11:15—Banjo.
WDAD, 11:20—Awards and prizes.
WTAX, 11:25—Jazz band.
WEAF, 11:40—Chain band.

Asheville Times October 28, 1927

~~Single-Night~~ Logs Asked Of Fans Here

By Station WATT.

"One Fan's" logging of sixteen stations and twenty program sections during a single night, as announced in this column Tuesday, has caused considerable talk and speculation among other enthusiasts here. Owners of various models have been debating their power and selectivity with rival owners. The result is that The Times' radio editor has been asked to receive and print lists, furnished by radio set owners and attested by at least one friend who listens in at the same time, and showing the number and clarity of stations received.

Any fans who may care to try their sets out in such a test, may send in such lists, and the radio editor will be glad to make use of them.

Among the features you should tune in on Wednesday night, are WSAI's Michael Hauer's orchestra, 11 p. m.; The Royal Palace Artists to be heard over WPG; Gagan's Orchestra, from WEAF about the same hour and the Sylvania Foresters, WJZ at 8:30 p. m. This latter group may give you a pleasant surprise, if you have never tuned in on WJZ at the proper time to hear them.

Send your one-night logs in to WATT, Radio Editor, The Times, right away, giving approximate time consumed in tuning in the whole list, and the time spent on each wave length.

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The Police Review

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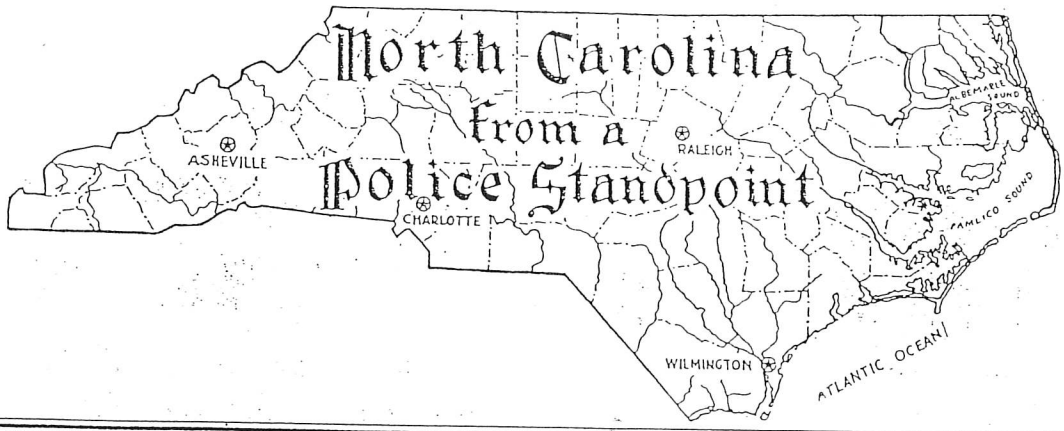


FRANK CRAWFORD HOOPER
Patrolman
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Officer Hooper born December 20th, 1894, in Jackson County, North Carolina, living there but two years when his parents moved to Henderson County, North Carolina.

The most of Hooper's life was spent on the farm where he spent his time in an undisturbed tranquil atmosphere, without having his thoughts and dreams interrupted, thereby gaining information from Dame Nature, which led his to be discreet and courteous.

With an environment like this, doubtless Hooper has spent many days along some stream reflecting upon the problems of life. As he is known today, he has a manner which inspires confidence and a strength of character that has led him to be looked up to not only by the police force of Asheville, (having received his appointment May 1st, 1926), but also by its citizens.

He says his work has a peculiar fascination about it which appeals to him. He realizes there is a lot of danger connected with his duties, but is eager to participate in them and calls it an interesting occupation. It is a contrast to his life on the farm, where quiet and peace reigned supreme.

He is a strong advocate of discipline and enforcement of the law; he believes discipline is as necessary to the police department as to the army, and that closer co-operation between the department and the public would make the work more attractive.

Officer Hooper is five feet eleven inches in height and weighs two hundred and two pounds.

He resides at 279 Waynesville Avenue.

A Farewell For Milo Hopper

1979

By BILL MOORE
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

The Wizard came into the office the other day.

His eyes kept filling with tears and his voice broke as he talked.

BILL MOORE

"I've never had any trouble writing coherently before," he said, "But I just can't seem to get this to come out right. Will you help me?"

The Wizard is Bob Brown, the originator of the daily Science For You feature that runs in a number of newspapers across the country.

For years he has been educating people while he entertained them. For years he has been amazing and delighting youngsters with his lectures and demonstrations in schools all over the Southeast.

In the five years that I've worked here in Asheville, I've came to know Bob pretty well.

He is a kindly, soft-spoken, man who is always pleasant, always considerate of other people.

We share an interest in opera and have gone on a couple of jaunts to the Brevard Music Center together.

I never before have seen him as emotionally moved as he was the other day, though.

"My best friend just died," he said.

"He had been helping me with a chore at my house when he fell and injured his shoulder. I was driving him to the hospital for an X-ray. He died two blocks from the hospital.

Bob choked, his face a mask of grief and frustration.

"I've been trying to write something about — it, but it won't work. Here, see what you can do with it for me."

This is what Bob had written:

"Milo Hopper, a very special neighbor, is dead.

"He and his wife, Norma, and my wife, Mary, and I have lived as neighbors and almost as one family for many years.

"A narrow band of grass separated our homes, but like other things, only brought us closer. It gave us something in common; a cool place to sit and talk.

"He and Norma shared with Mary a garden plot behind our homes. Milo always prepared the the flower beds where Norma and Mary, most working on their knees, have grown exceptional flowers.

Conan Doyle, in one of the Sherlock Holmes stories, said that dogs reflect the personalities of their owners.

The Hopper's little white dog, Pogo, is a wonderful neighbor; gentlemanly; harmless, intelligent — just like his owners.

"And the Hoppers have loved our cat, Yellow Bell.

"Whenever one family went away on vacation, the feeding of their pets always fell to the other family.

And whenever the Hoppers great-grandchildren came to visit the Hopper house, they always ran across the grass to exchange hugs and greeting with the Browns.

"Just a few hours before his death, Milo came over to help me move a heavy box.

"He was always looking for things to do to help other people. I tried, but I couldn't find enough things to do help him to stay even at all.

And now Milo Hopper, a very special neighbor, is dead.

What Bob Brown wrote didn't need any help from me.

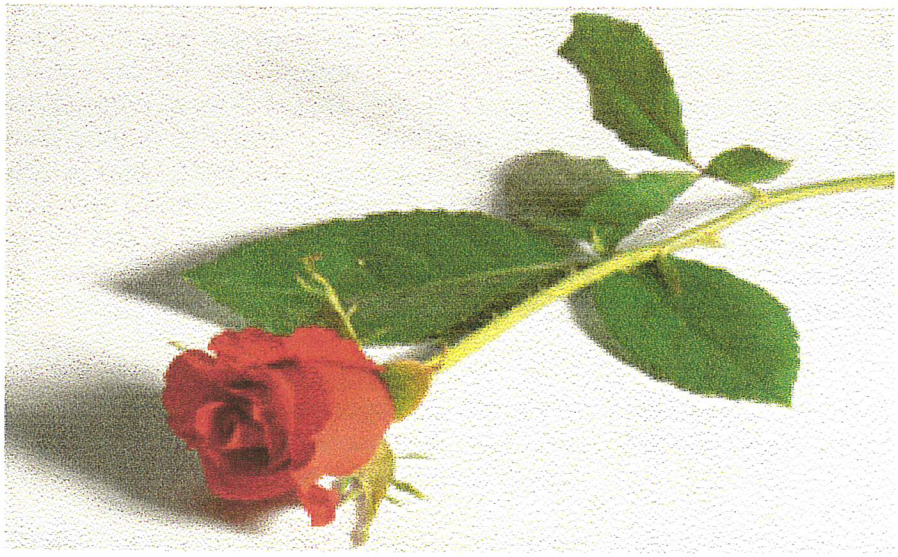
I wish I had known Milo Hopper.

And I'm very glad I know Bob Brown.

WEST ASHEVILLE MEMORIES

SHARED BY

FREDDIE LOUISE MITCHELL HOPPER



MRS. SWILLING MRS. CARSON MRS. HOPPER MISS BROOKSHIRE

Jr. Rhododendron Officers

New officers were elected for the Junior Rhododendron Club at a meeting Monday night in the club room of Carolina Power and Light Company. They are Mrs. Marilyn Carson, president: Mrs. Harry Swilling, first vice president: Miss Patsy Brookshire, secretary; and Mrs. Jim Hopper, treasurer, Mrs. Bart Bryson, second vice president, was not present for the picture. Plans were completed for the officer installation dinner to be held Dec. 1, in Bucks Red Carpet Room. George Tisdale, district manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. spoke on the one cent sales tax increase at the meeting.

12/20/1967

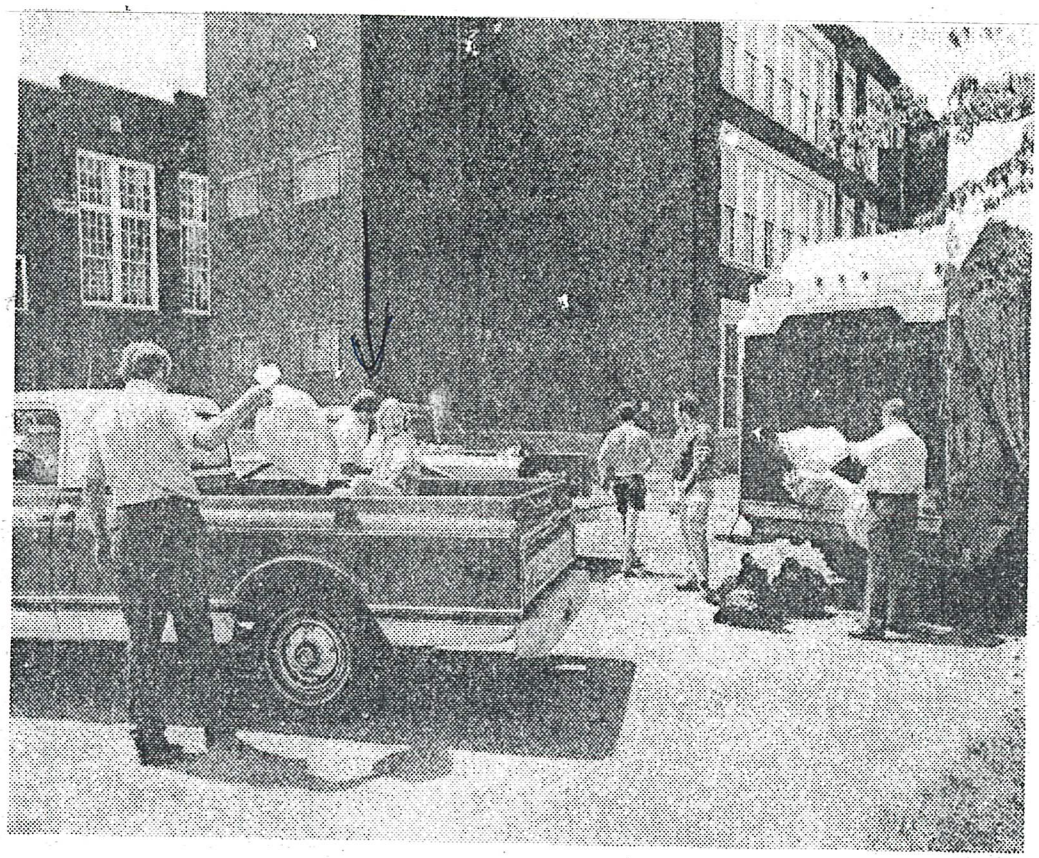
Day Care Center Party

Members of the Junior Rhododendron Club and children attending the Irene Wortham Day Care Center for Mentally Retarded Chhildren got together Tuesday afternoon for a party that left little to be desired. Gaily wrapped packages soon were opened and the small ones left no doubt about their satisfaction with their contents. And after the presents came refreshments. Representing the club were (L-R) Mrs. Brooks Ledford, Mrs. William R. Duckett, second vice president; Mrs. Don Freeman, Mrs. James Hopper and Mrs. Jack Burnett. (Staff Photo)

Asheville, N.C. 28802, Tuesday Evening, September 14, 1976

A Slow Day

Poll clerk Mrs. Freddie Hopper at Asheville No. 16 precinct at West Asheville Community Center didn't have much to deal with in the way of voters today as predictions of a light turnout appeared justified in the early balloting in Buncombe County. Voters are deciding statewide runoffs in the Republican race for governor and the Democratic races for lieutenant governor, auditor and commissioner of labor as well as in Democratic runoffs for the nomination from the 11th Congressional District and for three seats on the expanded Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)



Collecting Garbage

City officials spent the day Thursday assisting citizens who brought their uncollected garbage to six collection sites in Asheville, as the city workers strike continued for the third day. A steady stream of cars and trucks filled with garbage cans and bags kept the volunteer workers busy at Vance School in West Asheville. City of Asheville garbage trucks will be at the collection locations again from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. (Statt Photo by Ewart Ball)

Kevin Hopper shown

65 Tanglewood Dr.
Asheville, NC 28806
October 31, 1991

Mrs. Bonnie Hickey, President
West Asheville Business Association
Red Hickey's Wheel Alignment
49 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28806

Dear Bonnie,

As a lifelong resident and homeowner in West Asheville I would like to make a recommendation to the West Asheville Business Association.

Now that West Asheville will soon have a new Ingles located on Haywood Road, I would like to see other businesses on Haywood Road attempt new approaches to the appearance of their business. This could be in the form of general cleanup, "face lifts", or even reverting to the 30's and 40's appearance of the original buildings - an "old town" in West Asheville which could even be a tourist attraction. I feel that by doing this we could encourage business and growth and discourage some of the unpleasant things that occur on the streets of West Asheville.

There are many residents of West Asheville that have been born and raised in this area and I feel they would agree with me that we live in West Asheville because we like it. It would be great to be able to upgrade the area.

I guess I am laying the burden on the Association to pursue this idea. I also believe that if this could be started and supported by the Association, the residents would follow through in assisting in any way they could.

Thank you for giving this some consideration and proceeding however possible.

Sincerely,

Freddie M. Hopper (Mrs. James)

Sharing

Asheville Junior Rhododendron Club donated picnic tables, ice cream freezer, and towels to the boys in Lion's Cottage at Eliada Home for Children. Money for the purchases was earned by the club members at bake sales. Shown are, (L-R): David Lively, Mrs. James Hopper, past chairman of the ways and means committee; Mrs. John W. Gossett II, vice president and chairman of ways and means, Philip Marshall and Jerry Lewis. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

JEFF ANGIE MRS. HOFFMAN MRS. OBARA MRS. HOPPER

An Evergreen Tree

Three newly elected officers of the Junior Rhodendron Club present the club's gift, a white pine tree, to Lions Cottage at Eliada Home for Children. Officers presenting the tree are Mrs. Cyril Obara, conservation chairman and newly elected vice president, Mrs. James Hopper, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, treasurer. Jeff Carson and Angie Janko from Lion's cottage receive the gift. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

COMING HOME

John Coutlakis/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Old friends from the Westwood Place/Vandalia Avenue area of West Asheville gathered Saturday at Westwood Baptist Church for the first-ever reunion of residents who've lived in the residential neighborhood over the years. Organized by Freddie Mitchell Hopper, a librarian with the West Asheville Library, seen here showing old photographs to some of the attendees, some 50 friends from across the country participated in a meat loaf and fried chicken dinner, sharing of memorabilia and plenty of talk about the old days in the neighborhood – which hasn't changed much over the past 50 years.

Teachers Make Blood Donation On Work Day

Freddie Hopper, left, a first time blood donor, joined the Hall Fletcher Middle School staff and faculty Monday for a school-wide blood drive during a teacher work day for the Asheville city schools. She's monitored by Red Cross R.N. Carol Leong. The blood drive at the school was organized by Hall Fletcher teacher Pantha Penley who convinced over 20 of her colleagues to give blood. Many of them were first time donors. Due to the positive response to the school-wide blood drive, Asheville City Schools superintendent Dr. Don Jones has given his approval for a city-wide blood drive for school personnel next year. (Staff Photo by Gary Fields)

West Asheville - Minnie Hollar 828-253-0896 75 Lanvale Ave.
Rhododendron Park, etc.

Minnie Branson, born in West Asheville, Oct. 1922, the daughter of ? She was number 100 on the cradle roll at Calvary Baptist Church.

Married Paul Branson Aug. 19, 1945 in parsonage of S. French Broad Baptist Church by Pastor J. R. Owen. Paul, the son of Sophia and H. R. (Ralph Herbert) Branson, was one of 12 children. Mr. Branson was an engineer on the RR and worked in the switch yard. They resided at 12 Pineview Rd., later moving to 75 Lanvale Ave.

Paul served in the Marines, stationed at Parris Island, Ft. Jackson, Quantico, and Camp LeJeune. He participated in the Battle of Peleleu; was injured and returned to US in Nov. of 1944. Recuperated at hospitals in San Diego,CA; Nashville, TN; and Charleston, SC. Returned to Asheville in August, 1945. Suffered from malaria. Went to work for the Post Office, West Asheville Branch in ?

Minnie Branson Hollar worked at the VA during the WW II, and again 1952-1962; later worked for Dr. Russell, and then for Dr. Woodard, before retiring in ?

Minnie and Paul had two daughters, ? and ?

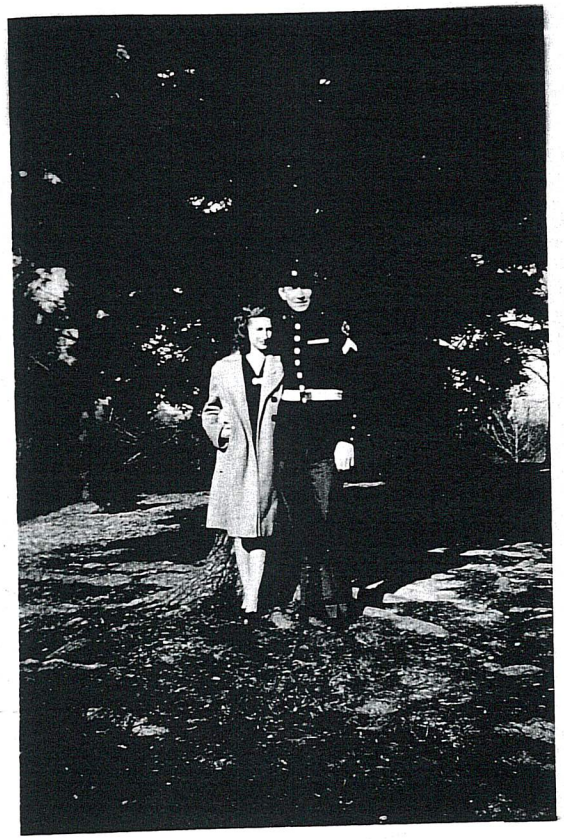
Paul passed away in ?

Paul Holker 1945
Rheydt-Mönchengladbach Park

Mr + Mrs. Herbert Ralph Hollar
1947

Engineer
Post Office

Pauline, Jo + Paul 1945
sisters



Minnie Paul
March 1945

GOOD WILL TOUR HAD FINE EFFECT SAYS J. T. HORNEY

Declares This City Will Reap Fruits for Years to Come.

ASHEVILLE IS JUST BEGINNING TO GROW

Horney Plans to Place Four Sub-Divisions on Market Here.

"I am preparing for Asheville's greatest season" is the wording on a large sign placed in front of the new offices of J. T. Horney on Government and Haywood Streets which will be opened Thursday.

Mr. Horney returned Saturday evening from a most successful season in Florida. He is filled with enthusiasm over the prospects of this section and he thinks that Asheville and Western North Carolina are just beginning to grow.

Upon arrival here, Mr. Horney stated that he contemplated developing and placing on the market two sub-divisions at once and that later on during the season he will develop and place two other subdivisions on the market. Such activity on the part of Mr. Horney speaks louder than words of his faith in this city and section.

"There is no question but that Asheville this year will enjoy its greatest season," said Mr. Horney yesterday. "The Good Will Tour of Asheville citizens to Florida cities has had a tremendous effect upon visitors to Florida and upon the Florida people themselves. Perhaps, however, the greatest effect has been upon Asheville's own citizenry. The fact that several score of Asheville citizens spent ten days in Florida boosting and gathering information cannot help but be beneficial to this city. Asheville will reap the fruits of this work for years to come."

Mr. Horney, who traveled over nearly the entire state of Florida following the Good Will Tour, states that his observations were that the good will tour had a wonderful effect. Lots and lots of Floridians and Florida visitors told Mr. Horney that they intended coming to Western North Carolina this summer.

Mr. Horney also praised the advertising work being done in Florida and other Southern States for Dixie Route A.

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AMERICAN PUBLIC NEEDS PARKS SAYS REALTY OPERATOR

"What the American public needs in the many large cities of America is more parks," declares J. T. Horney, sole owner of Horneyhurst, the residential development that offers more than 200 home sites. "Being a firm believer in parks I have followed the course as much as possible."

When Mr Horney developed and put Horney Heights, West Asheville, on the market, the thoughtfully reserved 10 acres of wooded land, which he deeded to the City of Asheville free of cost and encumbrances. He had been offered $10,000 for the tract and it was estimated at that time to be worth $20,000.

During the winter season, Mr. Horney gave to the City of Lakeland, Fla., a two-acre park, after he had spent $6,000 in developing and beautifying it. He believes that cities are growing so fast that unless some provision is made for parks and open spaces, congestion will become unbearable. The parks are needed according to my poinion, for grown ups as well as the younger generation. WALKS in parks are conducive to good health and good citizenship and are as necessary as the proper diet for the average person, the realty expert declares.

Since John Nolen, the noted City Planner, made a comprehensive survey of Asheville and West Asheville, pointing out the revenues of future growth here, Mr. Horney has made a long study of the suggestions of Mr. Nolen and the former is just as strong advocate for public parks as the latter. When Mr. Nolen submitted his plans, he laid special stress on parks, advising the City Commissioners to proceed to make provision for them immediately, adding that delay meant that thousands or more dollars eventually would have to be expended, when the public at large is in a [illegible]

Rise of J. T. Horney in the Real Estate World Has Been Meteoric; Has Many Interests

In the announcement of the opening of Balla Vista, it would be amiss if something was not mentioned about the meteoric rise in the realty field of J. T. Horney, the sole owner of the new development, whose confidence in land values here has been an outstanding feature of his activities.

Mr. Horney is only 34 years old and his holdings and sales have been conducted in many states but the majority of them have been conducted in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Florida. He is a graduate from Lenoir College with an A. B. degree. He taught for a year and became enrolled in the University of North Carolina where he graduated in law.

After receiving his degree, he began the practice of his profession in Canton, where he built up a large and lucrative practice and gained for himself an enviable reputation at the bar. He was formerly city attorney of Canton and was the prosecutor in the Police Court of that town for six years. At that time he was considered one of the most successful lawyers of Haywood County.

His health failed and consequently he was advised by his physicians that his profession was too confining for him and that he must "get out in the open." Realizing the seriousness of his condition, Mr. Horney became interested in the real estate business. His success in his new line of endeavor was by leaps and bounds. He has conducted hundreds of sales in Western North Carolina and his operations became so extensive that they were not limited to the borders of the state or the South, but have gone into the Middle West and the East.

Although his accomplishments have been largely due to his personal efforts, yet credit is due to the efficient sales force that he has built up. His transactions have not been wholly confined to the auction game; but the general realty business must be brought in for a big share.

Mr. Horney is a member of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, the Kiwanis Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, the High Point Chamber of Commerce, the St. Petersburg [illegible] Chamber of Commerce, the Lakeland, Fla., Chamber of Commerce, Tourists' Club of Lakeland, the Citrus Growers Association of Florida and the American Automobile Association. He retains his membership in the North Carolina Bar Association.

He is general manager of Horney Brothers Land Company, the famous auction company and retains his permanent home in Asheville. He spends his winters at Lakeland.

J. T. Horney is probably the largest and youngest owner and developer of exclusive residential subdivisions in the South. He is the sole owner of all his subdivisions, never taking in a partner. He is a self-made man, having made his own way through college, and entered upon his legal and business career, after graduation, with no funds to speak of. He develops on an average four or five large residential subdivisions each year, especially in Florida and North Carolina. However, he has developed subdivisions in Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. He has built up one of the largest and most efficient private sales organizations in the [illegible]

Asheville Citizen April 1, 1925

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 16, 1926

SONG ABOUT CITY WILL BE WRITTEN

J. T. Horney, Prominent Florida and W. N. C. Developer, to Publish and Distribute Copies.

An Asheville song, with appropriate words, will be written for J. T. Horney and dedicated to the City of Asheville for advertising purposes, it was announced yesterday. Mr. Horney recently had a Lakeland song published and around 15,000 copies have been distributed.

Mr. Horney states that he is now making arrangements for the publication of the Asheville song and it will be ready for use this spring. The "Land of the Sky" slogan will be appropriately woven into the words and it is expected to be a great boost for this section. Many of the songs will be placed throughout Florida.

The music has already been arranged by the composers and has ben played several times by the Hornedena Beach Orchestra. This orchestra is under contract with the J. T. Horney devlopments and is now playing in Florida.

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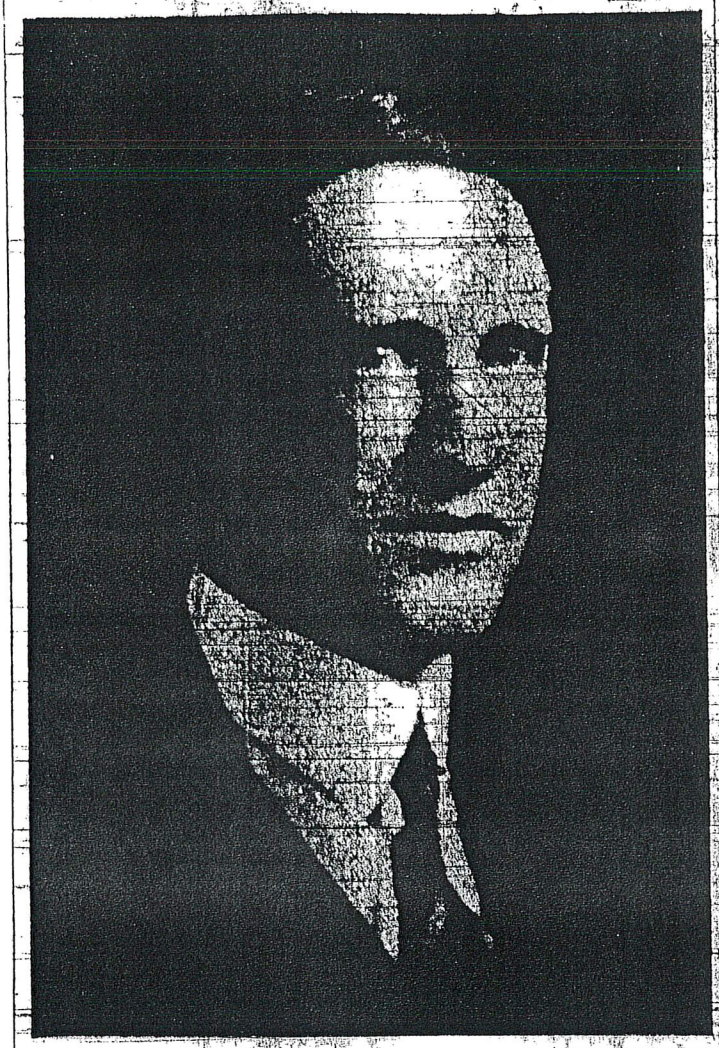
J. T. HORNEY



J. T. Horney is the South's youngest and largest residential subdivision developer, financing all his own projects. A man of vision and daring, concentrating his energies in developing Western North Carolina and Florida properties.

Horney's First Development Was in Horney Heights, West Asheville; Many Homes Built

One of the first large and most successful projects carried out here was the development in West Asheville of Horney Heights. The lots in the sub-division have increased, on, two, three, four and even five hundred percent since they were sold by the man promoting the residential section. It is Mr. Horney's prediction that Horneyhurst lots will increase even more rapidly than Horney Heights. He believes that persons "getting in on the ground floor" and buying Horneyhurst lots early, when they can get the choicest sites, will double their money within a year.

Over 50 bungalows have been erected on Horney Heights lots since the addition was opened three years ago and numbers are under course of construction at the present time. Horney Heights was a $150,000 development and as a result of six auction sales, 400 lots were sold in a few days.

Ten Acres of the subdivision were given to the City of Asheville for a Park and water and sewer lines were laid and streets were paved and electric lights installed at the expense of Mr. Horney.

This was one of the first extensive residential developments in West Asheville and since it was started in 1921 land in the immediate neighborhood has been increasing in value at a rapid rate. The land was purchased by Mr. Horney for $50,000 after the former owner had flatly refused previous offers of smaller amounts. It is situated in an advantageous position, lying on both sides of Haywood Road for three quarters of a mile, extending from Dill's Rest to the Five Mile Tea Room.

Since the sale of the lots, the purchasers have made thousands of dollars worth of improvements and construction work has gone forward rapidly.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 1, 1926

FOLKS YOU SHOULD KNOW

J. T. HORNEY
Developer

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J.T. Horney Development Company
Display of West Asheville development

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Black Brothers From Mount Mitchell Top of Eastern America

Courtesy Mount Mitchell Motor Road

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Largest and Youngest Owner and Developer
of Residential Sub-divisions in the South.

From "Azure-Lure" A Romance of the Mountains
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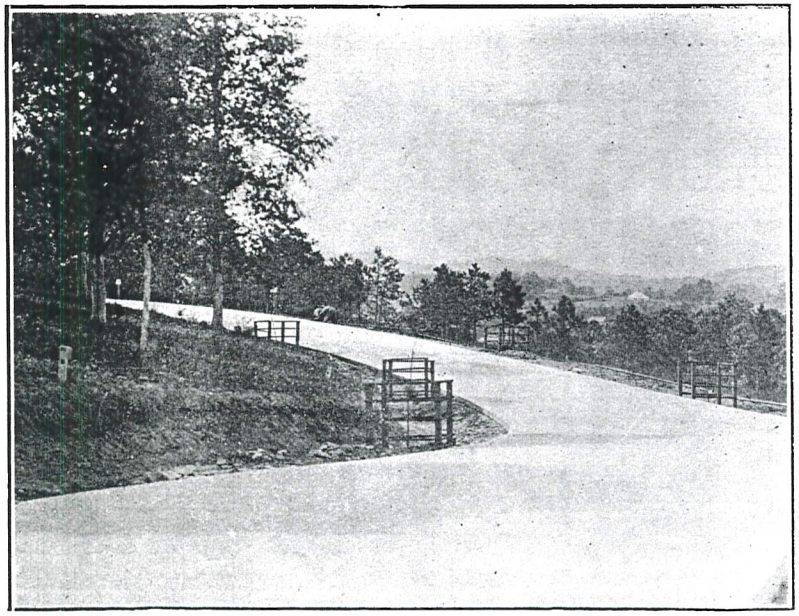
BOTH Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth were spellbound while reading from press clippings that John had horded, the histories of men whose lives and achievements were his criterion of success. In this way they learn of Mr. J. T. Horney.

In the announcement of the opening of Horneyhurst, it would be amiss, if something was not mentioned about the meteoric rise in the realty field of J. T. Horney, the sole owner of the new development whose confidences in land values here has been an outstanding feature of his activities.

Mr. Horney is only thirty-three years old and his holdings and sales have been conducted in many states, but the majority of them have been confined to North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Florida. He is a graduate from Lenoir College with an A. B. Degree. He taught for a year and became enrolled in the University of North Carolina, where he graduated in law.

After receiving his degree, he began the practice of his profession in Canton, where he built up a large and lucrative practice and gained for himself an enviable reputation at the bar. He was formerly city attorney of Canton and was the prosecutor of the Police Court of that town for six years. At that time he was considered one of the most successful lawyers of Haywood County.

His health failed and consequently he was advised by his physicians that his profession was too confining and that he must "get out in the open." Realizing the seriousness of his condition, Mr. Horney began to become interested in the real estate business. His success in his new line of endeavor came by leaps and bounds. He has conducted hundreds of sales in Western North Carolina and his operations became so extensive that they were not limited to the borders of the state, or the south but have gone into the middle west and the east.



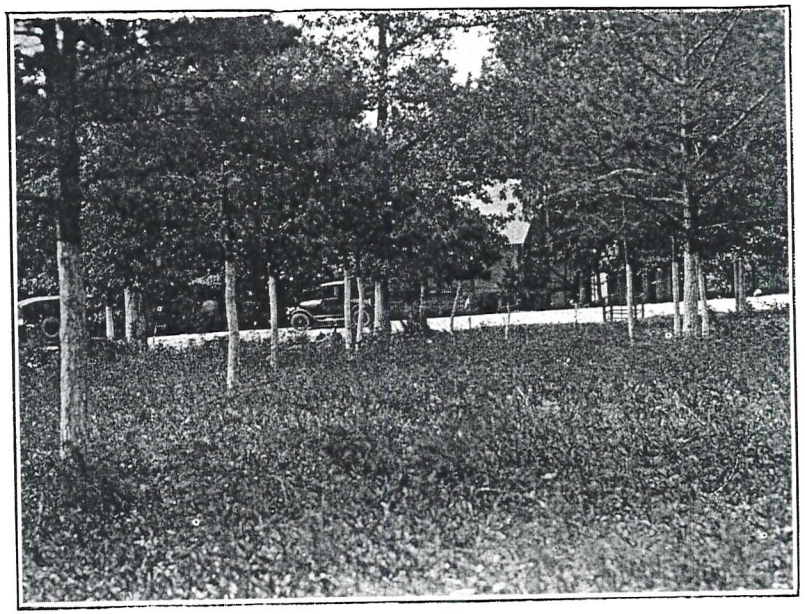
Courtesy J. T. Horney

BRUCEMONT CIRCLE—HORNEYHURST

Although his accomplishments have been largely due to his personal efforts, yet credit is due to the efficient sales force that he has built.

"What the American public needs in the many large cities of America is more parks," declares J. T. Horney. Being a firm believer in parks I have followed the course as much as possible."

When Mr. Horney developed and put Horney Heights, West Asheville, on the market, he thoughtfully reserved ten acres of wooded land, which he deeded to the City of Asheville free of cost and encumbrances. He had been offered $10,000 for the tract and it was estimated at that time to be worth $20,000. He has also given the city a two-acre park in the Hayes addition.



Courtesy J. T. Horney.

BRUCEMONT CIRCLE—HORNEYHURST

During the winter season, Mr. Horney gave to the City of Lakeland, Fla., a two-acre park, after he had spent $6,000 in developing and beautifying it. He believes that cities are growing so fast that unless some provision is made for parks and open spaces, congestion will become unbearable. The parks are needed for grownups as well as the younger generation. Walks in parks are conductive to good health and good citizenship and are as necessary as the proper diet for the average person, the realty expert declares.

Since John Nolen, the noted City Planner, made a comprehensive survey of Asheville and West Asheville, pointing out the avenues of future growth here, Mr. Horney has made a long study of the suggestions of Mr. Nolen and the former is just as strong an advocate for public parks as the latter.

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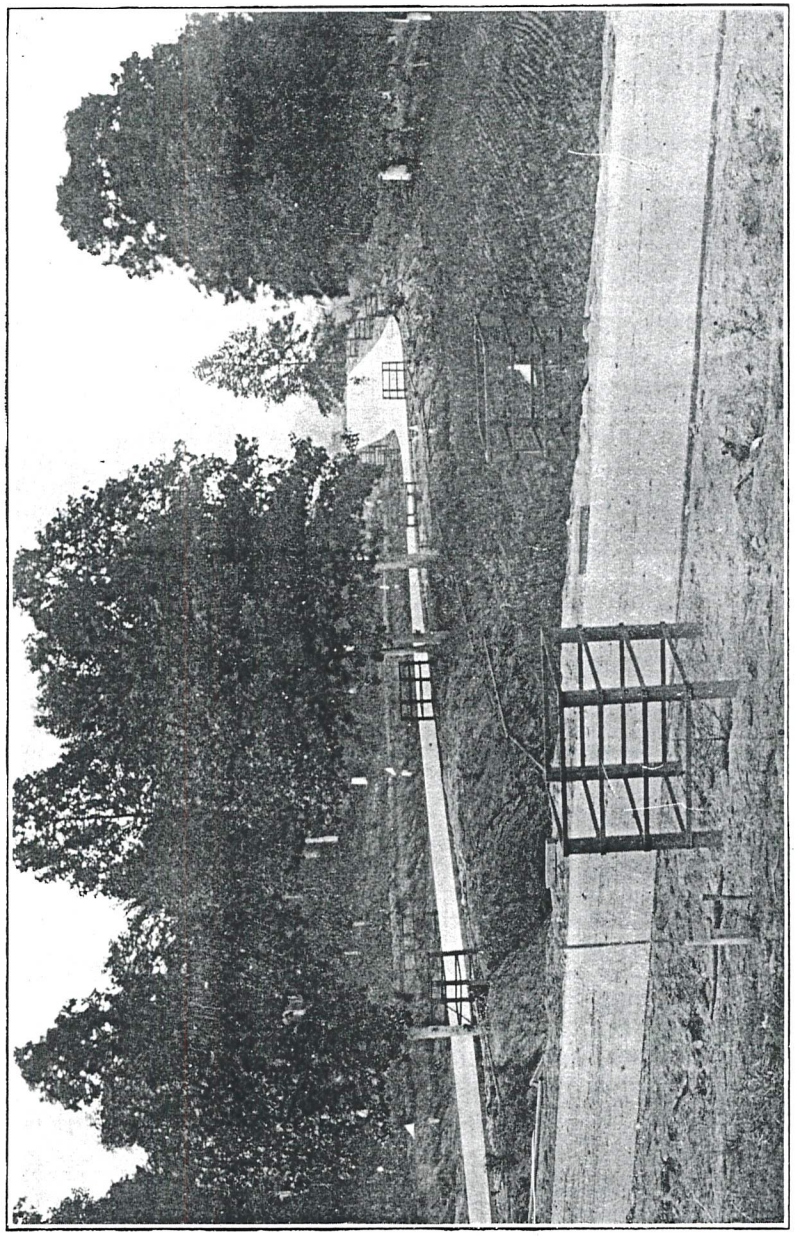

Courtesy J. T. Horney

DORCHESTER AVENUE—HORNEYHURST

"J. T. Horney, Owner and Developer of Horney Heights, Horneyhurst, and Hayes Addition."

Among the sub-divisions owned and developed by J. T. Horney in Asheville are, Horney Heights, Horneyhurst and the Hayes addition. He is also a large owner and developer of residential sub-divisions in Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Mr. Horney is a member of the First Baptist Church, of Asheville, the Kiwanis Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, the High Point Chamber of Commerce, the St. Petersburg Fla., Chamber of Commerce, the Lakeland Fla., Country Club, Tourists' Club of Lakeland, the Citrus Growers' Association of Florida and the American Automotive Association. He still retains his membership in the North Carolina Bar Association.

He is general manager of Horney Brothers Land Company, and retains his permanent home in Asheville. He spends his winters at Lakeland.

The whisper of the dark, green pines
Fills the soul with thoughts divine.
The ripple of the restless streams
Enthrall the heart with mystic dreams.

—Poem by M. Arnette Bullock.

From "Azure-Lure" A Romance of the Mountains
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Back cover text

Robert Henry is a character more suited for fiction than non-fiction. While just a boy he fought with the Overmountain Men at Kings Mountain and battled British troops along the Catawba River. As a surveyor he helped mark the boundary line between Tennessee and North Carolina. He had a long career as a prominent attorney and owned the famous Sulphur Springs resort. Yet, while Henry is one of western North Carolina's most accomplished ancestors, he is also one of the most eccentric. He preferred to dress in moccasins and traveled with a walking stick nearly as tall as he. Some said he had the gift of foresight and was able to predict his own death. Join author Richard Russell as he navigates the unusual, contradictory and fascinating life of Robert Henry.

Introduction

On the afternoon of October 7, 1780, British major Patrick Ferguson and his Loyalist militia of over one thousand men were camped along the high ridge of Kings Mountain near the border of North Carolina and South Carolina. The American Revolution had dragged on for four years, and Ferguson had been dispatched by Lord Cornwallis to crush local resistance and gain Loyalist support in the Carolinas. While in route to Charlotte, Ferguson decided to reverse course and take a defensive stand against pursuing Rebels. Robert Henry, three months shy of fourteen, stood poised at the base of the mountain with a courageous group of Patriot friends and neighbors known as the "South Fork Boys." The boys had come from their homes on the South Fork of the Catawba River in North Carolina to join forces with more than nine hundred rugged fighters known as the "Overmountain Men." The mountain men had tracked Major Ferguson to the ridge top, and now their forces surrounded the mountain, ready to attack. The South Fork Boys launched an assault up the northeast side of the mountain, and within minutes, young Robert Henry lay on the mountainside with a Loyalist bayonet impaling his hand to his thigh.

The following February, recovered from his wounds at Kings Mountain, Robert stood as one of the picket guards at a location on the Catawba River known as Cowan's Ford. He observed British soldiers on horseback attempting to cross, many being carried away or drowned by the swift current. He fired until a number of them reached his chosen signal rock in the river and then ran up the bank and took refuge behind a tree. He continued to fire as long as he could. With the tree's bark being loosened by enemy bullets, Robert narrowly avoided injury and was able to make an escape.

The zeal to fight for liberty may have been ingrained in Robert at a very early age. In 1775, while accompanying his father to Charlotte, he observed concerned and outraged citizens meeting and deliberating the Mecklenburg

Declaration of Independence.

These boyhood experiences were surely influential and instrumental in preparing Robert for a remarkable life that spanned nearly a century. After the close of the Revolution, Robert studied law, medicine and surveying. He became an accomplished and prominent trial and land lawyer, one of the first in western North Carolina. He was appointed an official surveyor of the boundary line between Tennessee and North Carolina. He was Buncombe County's first teacher, and he also practiced medicine for a time.
Using surveying experience, knowledge of the law and contacts with Revolutionary War veterans, Robert amassed vast land holdings in North Carolina and Tennessee. Discovering naturally occurring sulphur and mineral springs on his land, he established a resort hotel, attracting more summer visitors than the nearby town of Asheville.

He was a landlord, a plantation owner, a farmer and a slave owner.
Robert Henry has been described as versatile, a hero as brave as a lion, a philosopher and naturalist, a historian and author, an inventor, a genius and a pioneer. He was said to have a phenomenal memory.

Conversely, he was noted as slovenly and a bumpkin, a fraud and an imposter, and he has been called a liar.2 He was known to be "fond of the bitters" and smoking. His appearance was more of the criminal than the defender. An eccentric man, he shunned normal attire and preferred to dress in the style of the native peoples, wearing moccasins at home. At times, he neglected to wear stockings when attending court. It is said he preferred sleeping on the floor rather than in a feather bed. His chief method of travel for less than a day's journey was by foot, using a large walking stick nearly as tall as himself.

At age forty-seven, he married Dorcas Bell Love, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Robert Love, founder of Waynesville, North Carolina. Robert and Dorcas Bell lived in Buncombe County, North Carolina, approximately seven miles west of Asheville, where they raised a large family. After thirty years of marriage, the couple was legally separated and then divorced.
Robert Henry was a man of legend, mystery and myth. His life was one of great achievement and one of tragic personal failure, yet his part in history remains unknown to most. A letter referring to Robert in an 1859 issue of Harper's Weekly stated, "Let honor be given to whom honor is due." Perhaps this writing will aid in achieving that goal.

Citizen Times Photo

THE HIGHLANDERS, newest addition to the local "Hootenanny" clan, warm up for their next production at Rec Park. The music-minded trio includes (L R) Bob Hinkle, 18, of 20 Carlton Pl., a graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School this year who's headed for the University of North Carolina; Bill Horton, 19, of 28 Vermont Court, a junior at Wake Forest, and Nelson Watts, 18, who describes himself as almost a junior at UNC. The three began a Rec Park Hootenanny series last Saturday and hope to continue through Aug. 24.

Musical Trio Here Rides Tide Of National 'Hootenanny' Fad

By PETE GILPIN
Citizen Staff Writer

A Dixieland fan is a dedicated man.

But, given an even slightly open mind, he'll concede there might just possibly be one or two other forms of musical expression.

Like, for instance, the "hootenanny," a word that has not yet attained the status of our office Webster's, but which, roughly translated means a gathering of folk singers with the intent of playing and singing.

Or, as one observer summed it up, a hootenanny is to folk music what a jam session is to Dixieland (and other varieties of) jazz.

Which is where three Asheville youths come in. One a Wake Forest student, Bill Horton, another a Lee Edwards graduate headed this fall for the University of North Carolina, Bob Hinkle, and the third already at UNC, Nelson Watts.

Mention them and you have to take into account Bob's 12-string guitar, the type Hudie Ledbetter, otherwise known as "Leadbelly," and Pete Seeger have brought to folk music fame throughout the land. Also the other guitar man, Horton, and Watts, who divides his time between the banjo and writing the lyrics for this young group of enterprising folk musicians.

On their own hook, they have arranged for possession of the Recreation Park dance pavillion every Saturday night through Aug. 24 to provide Asheville with a regular series of hootenannies.

Naturally, they figured the audience would be mostly the younger set. It wasn't. Young Watts said most of the 90 who showed up were adults and the Highlanders were competing with a country club dance to boot.

But even before their start at Rec Park, they had already achieved something of a reputation hereabouts.

They were en route to a performance in Hendersonville and trying to figure out what they should call themselves.

"We passed a hotel called the Highlander which was closed down for some reason or other," Watts said. "Right there we decided that was our name."

As for their music, a good portion of it is original.

And even when it isn't, the Highlanders aren't content without adding their own touches.

In a practice session this week, a visitor of previous leaning toward Dixieland, quickly found a common meeting ground with Horton, Hinkle and Watts.

The subject was rock'n'roll.

"It's out," they chorused, bringing a grin to their listener's face, and from that point on, there was mutual accord. (There's no disrespect meant here for fans of rock'n'roll. But, as the saying goes, they can have it.)

But just to keep everything happy, they presented their original version of "Gypsy," then tried it again as they imagined twist champ Chubby Checkers would have performed.

A "rasty" version, Horton called it.

Rasty?

"That's what used to be called raunchy," Horton explained.

Upcoming for this Saturday's hootenanny at Rec Park, set for 8 p. m., is, to quote the Highlanders, "An Illustrated History of Contemporary American Folk Songs and Documentary, from Leadbelly to the Highlanders."

They'll offer selections made famous by the Weavers, Woody Guthrie, the Kingston Trio, the Brothers Four and Peter Paul and Mary as well as their own ditties.

With that preface, they launched into a rehearsal, offering their favorites and, occasionally, favoring their listener with a request if they approved his choice.

Such songs as the "Wreck of the Old 97," detailing that mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville and all on a three-mile grade. Also on how Steve Brodie died trying to make it on time and winding up with "Never speak harsh words to your true lovin' husband, He may leave you and never return."

There was the fast-gaining in the popularity poll philosophical lament entitled "Blowing In the Wind" in which one line reads: "How many times can a man turn his head and pretend he doesn't see."

And there was the rollicking "Peace Corps," in which the Highlanders query: "Who'll join that crowd of nuts and go and live in wooden huts?"

Commercial?

Not so, the Highlanders protest. Proceeds (50 cents a head) go to the Highlanders' Educational and Development Fund—10 per cent to the city to use the Rec Park location, 60 per cent to the University of North Carolina for Hinkle's and Watts' tuition, and the final 30 per cent to take care of Horton at Wake Forest.

Mostly 54

Local High School girls pictured above will model in a 7-hour Back-To-School Fashion Show at Belk's Friday . . . L to R: (front row) Sarah Ann Livingston, St. Genevieve; Rosalind Harris, Rebecca Parris, Lee Edwards; Annette Hawkins, West Buncombe; Pat Horton, Lee Edwards; (back row) Gwen Shipman, Lee Edwards; Shirley Merrill, Sand Hill; Sarah Dillingham, Swannanoa High; Kay Mulvaney, Lee Edwards; Ann Monteath, Lee Edwards. Not present when photo was made: Joanna Huff, Lee Edwards and Ann Dillingham, Barnardsville High.

SADDENING NEWS.

Death of Miss Laura Houghteling In Washington.

Dr. S. Westray Battle has received a telegram bearing the sad intelligence that Miss Laura Houghteling, daughter of William D. and Marcia E. Houghteling, died yesterday at the house of Senator Stockbridge in Washington City. Heart disease was the cause of Miss Houghteling's death.

Miss Houghteling was very well known in Asheville in and near which city she has lived for several years. She was a handsome young lady and lovely in every trait of character. Many people will never forget the noble work she did in aiding occupants of the Belmont hotel when they were driven from the building on the night of the memorable Belmont fire. The many friends of the highly esteemed lady will hear of her death with the keenest sorrow.

Miss Houghteling's remains will be interred at Chicago.

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MRS. HOUGHTELING DIED YESTERDAY

Remains Taken to Chicago This Afternoon After Funeral at Strawberry Hill

The funeral of Mrs. Marcia Elizabeth Houghteling, who died yesterday afternoon, was held today at 12:45 at Trinity church. Rev. R. R. Swope officiated, assisted by Dr. Brown and Rev. A. H. Bubbs. The pallbearers were Charles McNamee, Dr. Phillip R. Moale, Dr. S. W. Battle, H. Redwood, H. D. Child, Capt. T. W. Patton, Haywood Parker, Dr. M. H. Fletcher, Dr. J. H. Williams and J. H. Law.

Mrs. Houghteling, who had been ill at her home in West Asheville for several weeks, was taken suddenly worse yesterday and died late in the afternoon. Heart trouble was the cause of her death.

Her son, James Houghteling of Chicago and daughter, Mrs. A. C. Canfield of New York had been called from their homes and were with their mother at the time of her death.

Mrs. Houghteling, who was before her marriage Marcia Elizabeth Stockbridge, was born 69 years ago in Bath, Me.

She was married to William D. Houghteling of Chicago, who lived in that city until 12 years ago, when, with her husband, she came to Asheville and purchased the Strawberry Hill property. She had six children, only two of whom, Jane Houghteling and Mrs. Canfield survive.

A niece, Miss Sheldon, has been a member of her household for a number of years.

Mr. Houghteling died several years ago. A woman of sweetness and strength of character, Mrs. Houghteling had ever since she had lived here, been deeply interested in the charitable work of the city and was warmly loved by the poor of Asheville, as well as by her closer friends.

She was a member of Trinity church and was a prominent member of the church guild and auxiliary. She was also one of the managers of the Mission hospital and was interested in other city charities.

The remains were taken to Chicago this afternoon and will be interred in Graceland cemetery.

Asheville Citizen September 2, 1902

W. D. HOUGHTELING DEAD.

He Was Held in High Esteem by Asheville People.

William D. Houghteling died at his residence, Strawberry Hill, ~~near Asheville~~, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Houghteling was aged 79 years. The funeral services will be conducted at Trinity church Wednesday, August 10, at 5 p. m. The interment will be private.

William DeZeng Houghteling was born in 1819 at Geneva, New York. He moved to the then frontier town of Chicago in 1844, where for nearly 50 years he was a useful and respected citizen, taking large part in the upbuilding of that great city. As a merchant his name was a synonym of honesty and enterprise; as a citizen he was always found on the side of good government and civic righteousness; and as a friend his kindliness and generosity endeared him to all with whom he came in close contact.

During his active business life Mr. Houghteling held many positions and offices of trust and honor. He was at one time vice-president of the Chicago Board of Trade, and more than once president of the Chicago Lumber exchange.

Mr. Houghteling married in 1853 Miss Marcia E. Stockbridge of Maine, who, with two children—Mrs. A. Cass Canfield of New York and James L. Houghteling of Chicago, the founder of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew—survives him.

Mr. Houghteling's life during his several years' residence in Asheville had been marked by such public spirit and private generosity as to greatly endear him to a large number of people here in all walks of life, and they will all echo the sentiment expressed by Capt. T. W. Patton in a telegram lately received: "Our dear friend will be sorely missed."

Asheville Daily Citizen August 9, 1898

Retired school media coordinator uses skills to spearhead service projects

By Eden Foster
CITIZEN-TIMES CORRESPONDENT

ASHEVILLE — Watching television one night last year, Caryl Houghton learned the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry was looking for help preparing its new women and children's shelter for occupancy.

She immediately thought of Kappa Kappa Iota, a service organization for educators she has belonged to for more than 28 years.

The society's local chapter immediately agreed with Houghton that sponsoring one of the rooms in the shelter would be an excellent service project for its thirteen members.

"Being a bit naïve, I didn't realize exactly how much work would really be involved," said Houghton with a laugh. "But it was an absolutely incredible experience for us. It just brought us together so much," she said.

Houghton coordinated the massive work project that eventually took 250 hours to complete.

"The room was in really bad shape," Houghton said. The women scrubbed, filled in cracks, painted, hung blinds, and decorated the now cheerful room that can be used by a mother and an infant and toddler. "We had a ball. The room turned out really nicely and we were quite proud and really pleased," said Houghton.

Caryl Houghton

Address: Asheville
Occupation: Retired elementary school media coordinator
Volunteer Activities: Kappa Kappa Iota, Buncombe County Animal Shelter
Quote: "Can you imagine a dozen women decorating a room without any arguments?"

HOMETOWN HERO

During the course of the project Houghton learned the shelter needed used cellular phones for the residents to use. These phones do not have service contracts and can only be used to call 911 for an emergency.

Houghton set up a collection box at several schools and took about a dozen of the recycled phones to U.S. Cellular on Hendersonville Road for reconditioning. She said more are needed and anyone wishing to donate a phone can call her at 275-4839.

"She's a very strong leader in our society," said Janice Nelson, a friend and fellow society member. "And she's a very giving person to her fellow man and to animals, too."

A retired media coordinator at Emma Elementary School, Houghton still substitutes in the various county libraries whenever she is needed. She collects old newspapers from the libraries every month and brings them to the Buncombe County Animal Shelter.

"The entire trunk of my car will be filled, and they are always very appreciative." Two of her three dogs were adopted from the shelter, and she said, "This is just a way that I can pay them back. It's helpful and it's easy."

John Fletcher/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Caryl Houghton arranges books she donated to the ABCCM women and children's shelter. She also collects used cellular phones for shelter residents to use.

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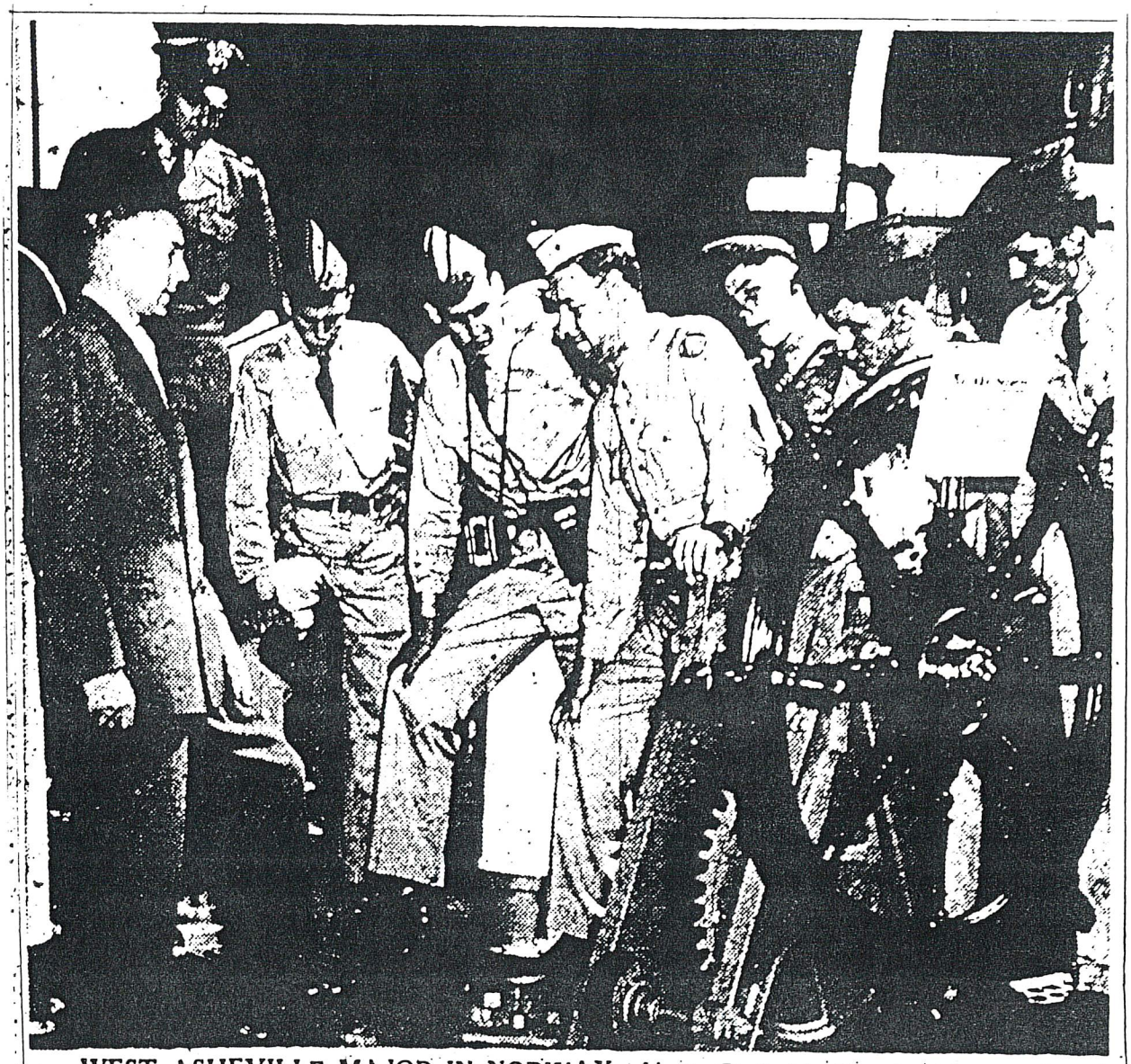
TWO FINE STUDENTS

Elizabeth and J. D. Howell, Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Howell, of West Asheville, have made a splendid school record. Neither has been absent or tardy since beginning studies at the kindergarten. Elizabeth has just completed the fifth grade at Vance School and is just as attentive at Bon Grove Methodist Sunday school. She is also a talented pianist and has played for WNC, The Citizen's radio station. Her music teacher is Mrs. Thomas Allen Curry. J. D. has just finished Grade 4-A at Vance School and made an excellent record. He is a great admirer of Tom Mix and when he isn't studying he is practicing with his bean-shooter.

—Staff Photo by Michael.

June 9, 1929 Asheville Citizen-Times



WEST ASHEVILLE MAJOR IN NORWAY—U. S. Civil Air Patrol cadets, under the watchful eye of U. S. Air Force Maj. John R. Howell (extreme left), 49 Pennsylvania Avenue, West Asheville, are shown in Norway as they test the wheel of the "Fram," wooden sailing vessel used by Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, on his trip to the South Pole in 1913. Major Howell, based at Dobbins Field, Ga., is conducting the cadets on an international exchange visit.

Asheville Citizen August 9, 1951

FOUND LYING IN ROAD WITH GASH ON HEAD

Last night about 8 o'clock a man was found lying in one of the streets of West Asheville who appeared to be in a rather serious condition—in fact he was thought to be dead or that was the message that was sent to Dr. Anderson, who arrived in his automobile soon after. The man was found to be John Swink, who lives in Asheville. He had a gash on the been inflicted with some weapon and side of his head that had evidently he was considerably the worse for drink.

Dr. Anderson took Swink, who is a paper hanger, to a drug store in the city and dressed his wound, which looked worse than it really was.

Swink told that he had been hit by W. H. Hughes of West Asheville, a merchant and brother-in-law of Swink. He said that he had been at Hughes' home and they had been discussing some property which is in dispute; that he had started to leave the house and that was the last he knew.

Asheville Gazette-News April 13, 1912

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1912

HUGHES MAKES PLEA OF SELF DEFENSE

SAYS CARVER ADVANCED ON HIM WITH KNIFE

No Weapon Found and Both Mr. and Mrs. Carver's Statements are at Variance With Hughes'.

Despite the fact that both George Carver and his wife, who were shot by W. H. Hughes in West Asheville Saturday morning, declared that Hughes shot without saying a word, and gave no indication of even being angry before he shot, Hughes, at the county jail yesterday, declared that he fired the five shots in self defense. He declares that Carver was advancing on him with a knife, and that Mrs. Carver, who is the mother of a three-weeks-old baby, was also advancing on him, with her hand under her apron, and that he thought she had a weapon of some kind.

Hughes was seen at the county jail yesterday, and looked drawn and haggard, with bloodshot eyes, and the general appearance of a man "on the cold grey dawn of the morning after." He admitted that he was drinking Saturday, and said that after the shooting, he went straight home, turned a quart bottle of whiskey up to his lips and drank as much as he could.

Hughes claims that Carver owed him $19.49, and that it had been owing for about a month. He said that Friday was pay day on the Southern, and that he called Carver up that night, Mrs. Carver answering and telling him that Mr. Carver was out. He says that he told her he would call the next morning, and that, true to his promise, he went to the Carver home Saturday morning. Hughes said further that he and Carver had a dispute about the bill, Carver claiming that some of the items were incorrect, and that anyway, he had been forced to meet so many obligations during the past month that he could not pay the bill at present. Hughes then went to tell how Carver had finally become angry and that when it was suggested to him that he produce the memoranda he had made in regard to the bill, said he had burned it and would not pay the bill at all. Hughes says that Carver then advanced on him with a knife and that Mrs. Carver also advanced, holding her hand under her apron, and he drew his pistol and began firing.

The officers found no knife when they went to the Carver home in search of Hughes, and no one seems to know what became of any such weapon. Mrs. Carver, likewise had no weapon when she was picked up, and Mrs. Carver's mother, Mrs. Etta Freeman, who was in the room at the time of the shooting, says that after Hughes emptied his gun, he reloaded, and that she went to him and said:

"You have done enough, now, and had better go away." She says he then left. Both she and the baby, who were in the room, had narrow escapes from the flying leaden pellets.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carver were resting easily at the hospital last night, and Dr. Arthur F. Reeves, who is attending them, says that, unless complications set in, both are out of danger. Neither could be reached to make a further statement yesterday.

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Board Retires T. H. Hunt As Junior High Principal

Hall Fletcher Junior High School students today rallied to the support of their Principal, T.H. Hunt, retired—over his protest—by the City School Board.

The board, meeting in monthly session in City Building yesterday afternoon, listened to some 30 adults and students praise Hunt and urge his reelection as principal. Then it followed the recommendation of its superintendent of schools, E. C. Funderburk, who said that Hunt had reached the retirement age of 65 and that he could not request that he be rehired.

Hunt's retirement becomes effective at the end of the school year. It will end 35 years of service in the city schools system.

Funderburk's recommendation that Hunt be retired touched off a furor highlighted by a demand for the resignation of the entire School Board.

Some of the crowd of 100 persons gathered downstairs in City Council chambers later to organize a protest to City Council. Council appoints the school board but has no jurisdiction over schools.

This morning the Hall Fletcher students marched into the school auditorium and heard student body leaders state that they best could help their principal's cause by returning to class.

Nine students, comprising a student body committee and chosen more or less by acclamation, conferred with Dan Judd, West Asheville businessman and Republican party leader, on plans for a meeting of parents and students in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. today.

Among members of the student committee were Larry Brendle, Dickie McGalliard, Richard Owenby, Roy Helton, Julia Teeter and Johnny Rhea.

The nine at first refused to give reporters their names or to have their pictures taken but upon urging of Judd, they agreed to sit for a picture, and six of them gave their names.

A second picture, suggested by a woman identified as Mrs. T.W. Hudspeth, 29 Rumbough Pl., fell through when a teacher ordered the pupils back to class.

Mrs. Hudspeth, who refused to give reporters her name and left hurriedly when asked her name, suggested that the students step outside and be photographed in a posed "spontaneous demonstration."

Judd said he had been asked to help the students plan for tonight's meeting but said he did not know who had telephoned the request that he come to the school.

The Times received an anonymous tip this morning that a strike of students was under way at the school. A few students were in the hall when a reporter arrived. But a teacher hustled them off to classes.

The Hall Fletcher office attendant said Hunt was at Aycock School with the band.

The delegation which met in City Council chambers late yesterday afternoon named Harold K. Bennett, Judd, Troy White, Mrs. George Todd, Mrs. Ruth Sprung, Mrs. A. S. Beaman and W. J. Murphy to a committee to map strategy in a drive to retain Hunt.

Fifteen other city school principals were rehired by the board and virtually all teachers in the system.

Other retirements authorized by board were Mrs. A. S. Beaman, Hall Fletcher; Mrs. Alice H. Jones, Vance; Mrs. Beulah Hoffman, Lee Edwards; Mrs. Louise Bryson, Randolph.

The early stages of yesterday's board meeting was orderly. Supporters of Hunt spoke for an aggregate of one hour and 15 minutes urging his reappointment.

When Funderburk recommended the reappointment of 15 principals — omitting Hunt's name from the list—speakers jumped to their feet to demand a delay in the vote.

W. J. Murphy, who had earlier praised Hunt for his handling of boys—"Hunt believes there is no such thing as a bad boy"—asked that the board hold up action until petitions could be circulated in West Asheville asking for Hunt's rehiring.

When the board showed little inclination to discuss the matter further and appeared headed for a vote, Murphy called for the resignation of the entire five member board. His demand was greeted by applause.

Funderburk, in defending his action in retiring Hunt, said that "in the last analysis the responsibility is mine, whether I like it or not—I can only do according to the courage of my convictions . . . My convictions are purely objective."

He said, at one point, that he had been superintendent here only two years.

"That's two years too long," a voice from the rear of the room said.

At another time he said he had to follow his conscience in deciding that it was time for Hunt to retire.

"What conscience?" asked another voice from the rear.

Among speakers at the outset were the Rev. W. W. Preston, pastor of Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, and a former teacher and school principal; the Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church; Kelly Roberts, Judd, Dan Foster, Frank Cocke, a retired Marine; Mrs. Nell Crawford, retired teacher; Mrs. L. F. Lott, Mrs. Calvin Marshall, Mrs. Ruth Sprung, Joe Eblen, Hall Fletcher coach.

Also Miss Thelma Jones, Hall Fletcher science teacher; Bland Church, Seth Perkinson, Domestic Relations Court Judge W. A. Hart, James Burns, a student; Frank Glenn, a Lee Edwards student and former Hall Fletcher student; Ed Meadows, Troy White, Dr. P. R. Terry, county coroner, Mrs. A. S. Beaman, G. T. Jones and Guy Weaver.

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Nelia Hyatt, 83, is a local legend for hosting her weekly Thursday night mountain music shindigs.

Jam sessions spring out of Nelia Hyatt's own garage

By Carol Mallett

CITIZEN-TIMES CORRESPONDENT

ASHEVILLE – At 7 p.m. every Thursday, cars line the sides of Brevard Road near the WNC Farmers Market as visitors arrive at Nelia Hyatt's garage for an evening of mountain music and dance.

It's been a weekly institution for more than 40 years.

"I've been coming since the early '60s," said Earl Taylor of Candler. "It's a good place to go and have music and food, a lot of fun. Lots of good musicians come here."

And Rex Penley, 73, has been coming since it started: "I come to see all my good friends."

The jam session is informal with the most experienced pickers taking the lead in the center and beginners sitting behind them. Chairs line the walls for the listeners. And in the summer, the garage doors are open to handle the overflow crowd of tourists, guests and regulars who come to watch.

Dancers fill the small floor, including 89-year-old Jennie Robinson, "Sweet Jennie Lee to my friends," she said.

At the center of it all is Nelia Hyatt, now 83. She was born Bertha Cornelia, but her name was shortened to Nelia, and she's now called Nina by her grandchildren. To everyone else, she's simply Mrs. Hyatt. She married Wayne Hyatt in 1935 in Jackson County and they moved to Asheville in 1945. They were both from musical families and her husband was a musician and amateur instrument maker.

Their living room became the site of a regular pickin' session, and in the summers they moved the show under the carport. When Wayne Hyatt retired in 1972, he turned the carport into a building and the session was born. Wayne Hyatt died years ago, but the music lives on.

Every Thursday night, Mrs. Hyatt fills the coffee pot and puts out home baked delicacies.

"I just enjoy everybody and love when the young people come to play," she said. Regulars bring food like a covered dish supper. Her granddaughter, Karen Howard, helps carry on the tradition.

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"It's like a gift that was given to me," she said, while sitting outside on the picnic table. "It was the gift of music and it's from the heart."

For fiddler Roger Howell, "what it means is in the pictures on the walls." One wall is plastered with photos of musicians and dancers who have attended.

Another has pictures and tributes to musicians who have passed on. Press clippings and awards fill another. A 1972 clipping from the Asheville Citizen-Times chronicles Wayne Hyatt's 32 years as a conductor and brakeman for the railroad. A framed article from Acoustic Guitar was a gift for Mrs. Hyatt's 82nd birthday. And in 1991, Tom Brokaw's crew taped a feature for NBC.

Almost every week, a photographer shows up. Last week, Mac Carbonell of Pennsylvania was there shooting pictures for a book on bluegrass with his vintage 1940s camera.

"People are pretty open and friendly here," he said. "It's strange to be young and new, but everyone is really nice."

None of the hoopla seems to disturb the musicians, who just keep playing or chatting. Mrs. Hyatt greets and treats them all like family. Many well-known musicians have been regulars, including Tommy Bell, the Parhams, T.C. Naves, Troy Lewis, Robert Blankenship and Grover Sutton. Some have passed on; now their children, grandchildren and students come to play. Some of the mountains' best pickers grew up playing here and still visit, like Marc Pruett and Bryan Sutton who both won a Grammy while working with Ricky Skaggs.

The music and participants are different every week. Bluegrass and old-time mountain music are the standard, but the sounds change with the players.

Family friend Lee Dansby describes the Thursday sessions as a community. "Everyone has great respect for Mrs. Hyatt and loves and takes care of her," she said. "There are no rules except no alcohol. And there is just such a great diversity in the type of people. It's like Sunday dinner at Grandma's, but it's Thursday night at Mrs. Hyatt's."

This guy wants to sell a movie

So he's headed to Utah

By Paul Clark
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — On Nov. 8, the night the awards were given at the Asheville Film Festival, Jerry Csiesnewski stood with Rod Murphy and Scott Morgan, the creators of the documentary in which he starred, hoping for a win.

Increasingly agitated, he sat down, stood up and sat down again at his table near the back of the vast hangar that Blue Ridge Motion Pictures made available for the awards ceremony. Jerry, a street character, had ridden 16 hours from Southbridge, Mass., where "Greater Southbridge" had been shot.

When the award for best documentary went to "Live and Let Go — An American Death," Jerry, loud by nature, told anyone within earshot that the judges had made a big mistake. Murphy, director of the film, leaned in to tell him not to take it personally. It's just a competition, Murphy said.

So is TromaDance, set for Sunday through Wednesday. But it has an edgier feel that Murphy thinks might bring him good luck in his attempts to sell the film. This morning, Murphy and his wife are flying to Park City, Utah, to show it at TromaDance, sandwiched inside the dates of that other festival in Park City, the Sundance Film Festival.

Photos by Ken Abbott/SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Fresh off "Greater Southbridge," Rod Murphy's production company, 6:14 Productions, is working on a documentary of the Thursday night old-time music sessions at Nelia Hyatt's house on Brevard Road.

Everyone who's anyone in film will be in Park City. The plane, hotel, car rental — it's going to cost about $2,000, money the Murphys, parents of two young children, can't afford. But it's money they can't afford not to spend.

"It's a risk we've been shooting for," Murphy said. He's been staying up late getting ready for the festival. He hopes to sleep on the plane.

TromaDance, founded by Lloyd Kaufmann (creator of the "Toxic Avenger" movies) like all film festivals, gives producers a chance to screen their work and maybe sell it to a studio or distribution company.

Murphy and Morgan, whose production company is called 6:14 Productions, have meetings set up with The Sundance Channel, the Independent Film Channel,

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Sony Picture Classics, Alliance International Pictures and Troma, TromaDance's own distribution company. They have invites to a couple of swanky, celeb-filled parties and are hoping to get a couple of quasi-celebrity friends/fans to watch their movie.

"Greater Southbridge" won 11 awards at film festivals last year, and Murphy is feeling good. He's got another project in the works: for seven months, 6:14 Productions has been filming at Nelia Hyatt's house on Brevard Road. For decades, old-time and bluegrass musicians have been coming to the weekly jams in a small building beside Hyatt's house. People bring food and dance and clog.

"It's like this lost thing," Murphy said. "These people come out of the hills for 50-something years now, and they bring their banjos and mandolins. And everybody's welcome. Coming from the north, something like that I've never experienced."

"The music has touched and shaped many lives, but probably can't go on forever," said Ken Abbott, producer of the project. "Perhaps this is why there is a touch of fierceness in the faces and voices of those we've interviewed."

Ken Abbott/SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Rod Murphy is intrigued by the unique. He tries to capture that on film. Here's a shot from Nelia Hyatt's old-time music night.

People there are passionate about Hyatt and the music they make. Passion is what drives Murphy to people like Jerry. It's why he kinda digs that Jerry gets upset when his film doesn't win an award. He likes being around him.

"We're trying to get him out there (to) TromaDance, but he doesn't fly," Murphy said. "We got him a ticket for Amtrak, takes 53 hours from Southbridge. He might. You never know until he gets on the train.

"There's a six-hour layover in Chicago that we're kind of worried about. Seems like it could be whole 'nother movie, Jerry on a train going across America."

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At right, Jerry Csiesnewski receives direction from Rod Murphy (far left), director of "Greater Southbridge." Also on the set are Justin Earls and Gina B. Murphy.

Narrative mountain experience

New print and audio offerings bring genre to audiences

Rob Neufeld

People seek out Western North Carolina and East Tennessee to learn the art of storytelling, what with the legacy of the Hicks family of Watauga County, the Jonesborough Storytelling Festival and such acclaimed storytelling novelists as Fred Chappell. Now, regional publishers are coming up with print and audio narratives aplenty.

Land of Sky Books has published "Of Truth and Freedom: Experiences of a Mountain Lawyer" by Herbert Hyde, North Carolina's legendary legislator and orator. August House is producing a compact disk and tape cassette series of recordings titled, "American Storytelling," featuring such favorites as Haywood County author and storyteller Donald Davis.

Donald Davis

Herbert Hyde

Hyde's book is a little different from his first two, "Genuine Hyde" and "My Home Is in the Smoky Mountains," in that he tells tales from the courtroom rather than his childhood. Much of the time, Hyde is presenting the facts of various cases, including those pertaining to local murders. Yet, his storytelling voice manages to break through often enough, as in this opening line: "Part of my growing up in Swain County was in the neighborhood of a boy I called Little David."

Little David, as it turns out, had gone to the same school as Herbert Hyde, and had bullied him there. Now, Hyde, the lawyer, gets a call from Little David's father.

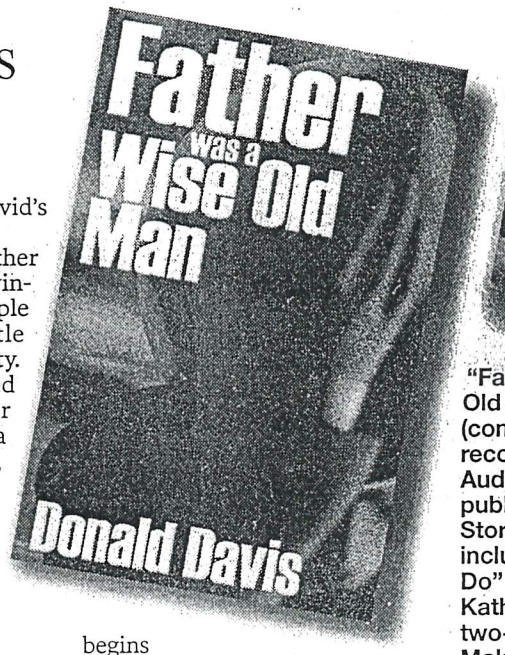
My boy's in jail, the father says, for shooting out the windows and doors of a couple who'd informed on Little David's bootlegging activity. Hyde secures a suspended sentence for his former nemesis, but Little David is a mean cuss. Sometime later, when his cousins tease him about driving without a license, Little David follows them to their home and makes his preacher uncle curse them at gunpoint.

This time, Little David serves time, but not for long, for he escapes from a work gang and hides out for three years. Then, something happens — some variety of truth and freedom, I suppose — for Little David's father calls Hyde again to say that his son wants to turn himself in. Hyde is directed to drive down the road that goes to nowhere on the north side of Lake Fontana and pick Little David up. He does, Little David completes his sentence, and Hyde concludes, "I have never heard of his having any more trouble with the law."

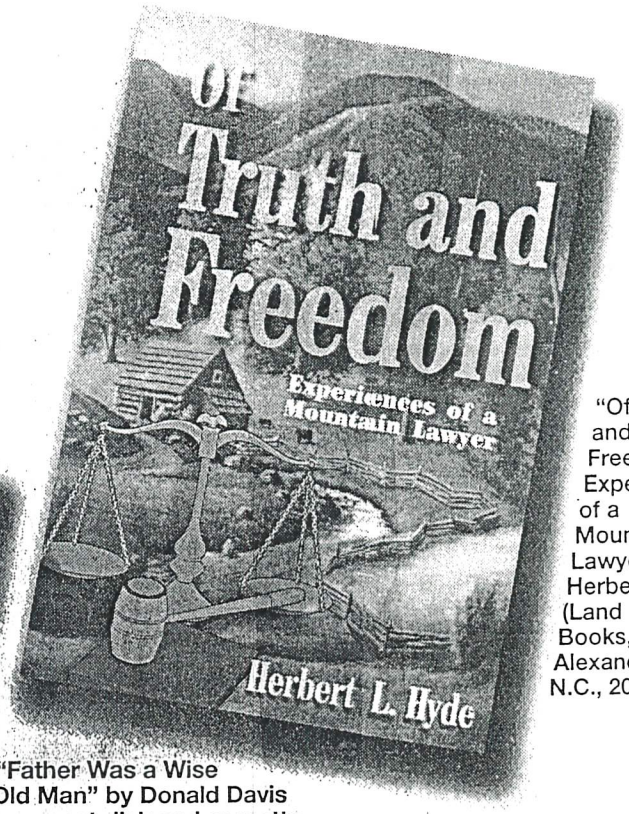
Donald Davis' stories are as much a part of a community web as Hyde's. Like Hyde, his tales have morals, but they concern themselves more with the power and immortality of a story-borne heritage than in the vindication of justice.

"Father Was a Wise Old Man" begins with an intriguing concept. Davis' father, who had downplayed his son's interest in the Smithsonian by saying things like, "Why do you need to go there, you've never been, and if you've been, why do you need to go back," accompanies his two sons to the Museum of American History a couple of decades later. They spend the whole day there, for as Father sees a Studebaker farm wagon, a hypodermic needle and a wash pot, his stories unfold.

Once, as a child, Davis had complained to his mother about how his father was not young and frisky like his classmates' fathers; he was old, in his 50s. Mrs. Davis tells him, he's not an old man, he's a wise old man; and when Mr. Davis uses a story rather than a spanking to discipline his sons after they tried smoking in the barn, Donald muses, "I'm glad I've got a wise old dad because he knows that good stories teach kids a lot better than hide tanning."



"Father Was a Wise Old Man" by Donald Davis (compact disk and cassette recording, August House Audio, 2001), is part of the publisher's American Storytelling series, which also includes "That's What Mamas Do" by Donald Davis and Kathryn Tucker Windham's two-volume recording, "What Makes Us Southerners."



"Of Truth and Freedom: Experiences of a Mountain Lawyer" is by Herbert Hyde (Land of Sky Books, Alexander, N.C., 2001).

Davis' story about the "truth chicken" is a classic. After the Smithsonian's colonial wash pot elicits his father's story about his grandfather's ruse, Davis winds up with a wry punch line: "Maybe the Smithsonian even had a truth chicken stuffed somewhere."

"That's What Mamas Do," Davis' other new recording, includes a segment called, "The Power of Stories." The author's mother had been a teacher in Hazelwood, and his best friend's father a principal. Davis and his friend, Larry Leatherwood, bonded because neither had a real name. They were always known as Mrs. Davis' little boy and Mr. Leatherwood's boy. At Davis' mother's funeral in 1998, Donald and Larry, who served as a pallbearer, recounted old times. The past was not gone, they realized.

"If you're weird enough that people talk about you when you're gone," Davis says, "then the power of stories ... can keep you alive forever."

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HerbertLeeHyde

December 12, 1925 - October 15, 2006
Resided in Asheville, NC

Obituary

Herbert Lee Hyde, 80, of 30 Hartshorn Dr., Asheville, went to be with his Lord, Sunday, October 15, 2006 at the John F. Keever Solace Center.

Mr. Hyde was born on December 12, 1925 to the late Ervin and Alice Medlin Hyde. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Walter S. Hyde and Barnell D. Hyde, and sisters, Helen and Mary Alice Hyde.

Mr. Hyde joined the US Navy in 1941 and served in the Pacific with Naval Intelligence. In 1947, he enrolled at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Later that year, he entered Western Carolina University where he served as president of the student body and editor of the college newspaper. After graduating from Western Carolina University in 1951, Herbert became the first person from North Carolina to receive the â€œRoot Tildenâ€ scholarship to New York University Law School. He graduated from NYU in 1954.

He began his law practice in Asheville with the law firm of Harkins, Van Winkle, Walton, Starnes and Hyde, where he served for 25 years. He has been in sole practice for the past 27 years.

Mr. Hyde was elected to the NC State Senate and served from 1964 through 1966 and 1991 through 1995. He also served the NC House from 1972 through 1976, during which time he was instrumental in enacting legislation that has affected womenâ€(TM)s rights, the environment, as well as education.

He was a devoted spokesman for mountain people and was dedicated to improving life and safety for all people of North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Kathryn â€œKittyâ€ Long Hyde; daughters, Deborah Hyde Cannon and husband Sam; Dale Lynn Wheeler and husband Steve, Dr. Karen Hyde Weissman and husband Dr. Bill Danaher, and Jane Hyde Kordish

and husband Capt. Adam Kordish; sons, Benjamin W. Hyde and William Garrett Hyde; sisters, Irene Crisp and husband Clinton J., and Elizabeth Sue Hyde; brothers, Carroll W. Hyde, and Luke D. Hyde and wife Leila Tevett; and grandchildren, Charles Herbert Hyde Cannon, Leonard Vance Hyde Cannon, David Hunter Hamerick, Amanda Lucy Hamerick, and Joseph Garrett Weissman, along with several nieces and nephews.

In 1979, Governor Jim Hunt named him Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety. His services to the Democratic Party has been life-long. He served as Chairman for Precinct #45, Buncombe County Democratic Party, 11th Congressional District and NC State Party. He was named one of fifty of the most influential citizens in WNC in the 20th Century by the Asheville Citizen-Times. He was listed in Whoâ€(TM)s Who in the South and Southwest, Whoâ€(TM)s Who in American Trail Lawyers, Whoâ€(TM)s Who in America and Whoâ€(TM)s Who in the World. Herbert was inducted into the American Colege of Trial Lawyers in September, 1995.

As author of the following books, Genuine Hyde, My Home is in the Smoky Mountains, Of Truth and Freedom, Living and Learning Just Natural, and Mountain Speaking, he was able to reflect his roots. He also wrote â€œThe Cold Icey Waters of Swainâ€ and could sing it on request, as well as his poem â€œOdd Stand-Off, Head or Tails." Herbert and Kitty have served for almost a half a century as members of Calvary Baptist Church.

Herbert chaired many church committees and served as deacon several terms. He loved his church family very much.

As a mountain man who was widely loved and respected, who would often quote Will Rogers, Mark Twain, and William Shakespeare, and who loved his Lord very much, his influence will long be remembered.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Buddy Corbin officiating.

Contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 531 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

KathrynLongHyde

January 27, 1931 - November 16, 2007
Resided in Candler, NC

Obituary

Kathryn â€œKittyâ€ Long Hyde, 76, of 30 Hartshorn Drive, Candler, died Friday, November 16, 2007, at St. Joseph Campus.

A native of Macon County, she was a daughter of the late Paul E. and Gertrude Brown Long and was also preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Senator Herbert Lee Hyde, who died in 2006.

A graduate of Franklin High School, Mrs. Hyde was a servant of Christ who dedicated her life to her church, her husband and her children. She was the first female deacon at Calvary Baptist Church where she was a member for more than 50 years and served on numerous committees. She held various offices with the Democrat Womenâ€(TM)s Club of Buncombe County and was a founding member of the Good Neighbors Club.

Survivors include four daughters, Deborah Hyde (Sam) Cannon, Dale Lynn (Steve) Wheeler, Dr. Karen Hyde (Dr. Bill Danaher) Weissman, Jane Hyde Kordish (Captain Adam Kordish); two sons, Benjamin Wesley Hyde and William Garrett Hyde; three sisters, Iris Wamsley, Glenda Hunsucker and Linda Hembree; five grandchildren, Charles Herbert Hyde Cannon, Joseph Garrett Weissman, Leonard Vance Hyde Cannon, David Hunter Hamerick and Amanda Lucy Hamerick.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 pm Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church with the Reverend Donald N. Welborn officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, 531 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

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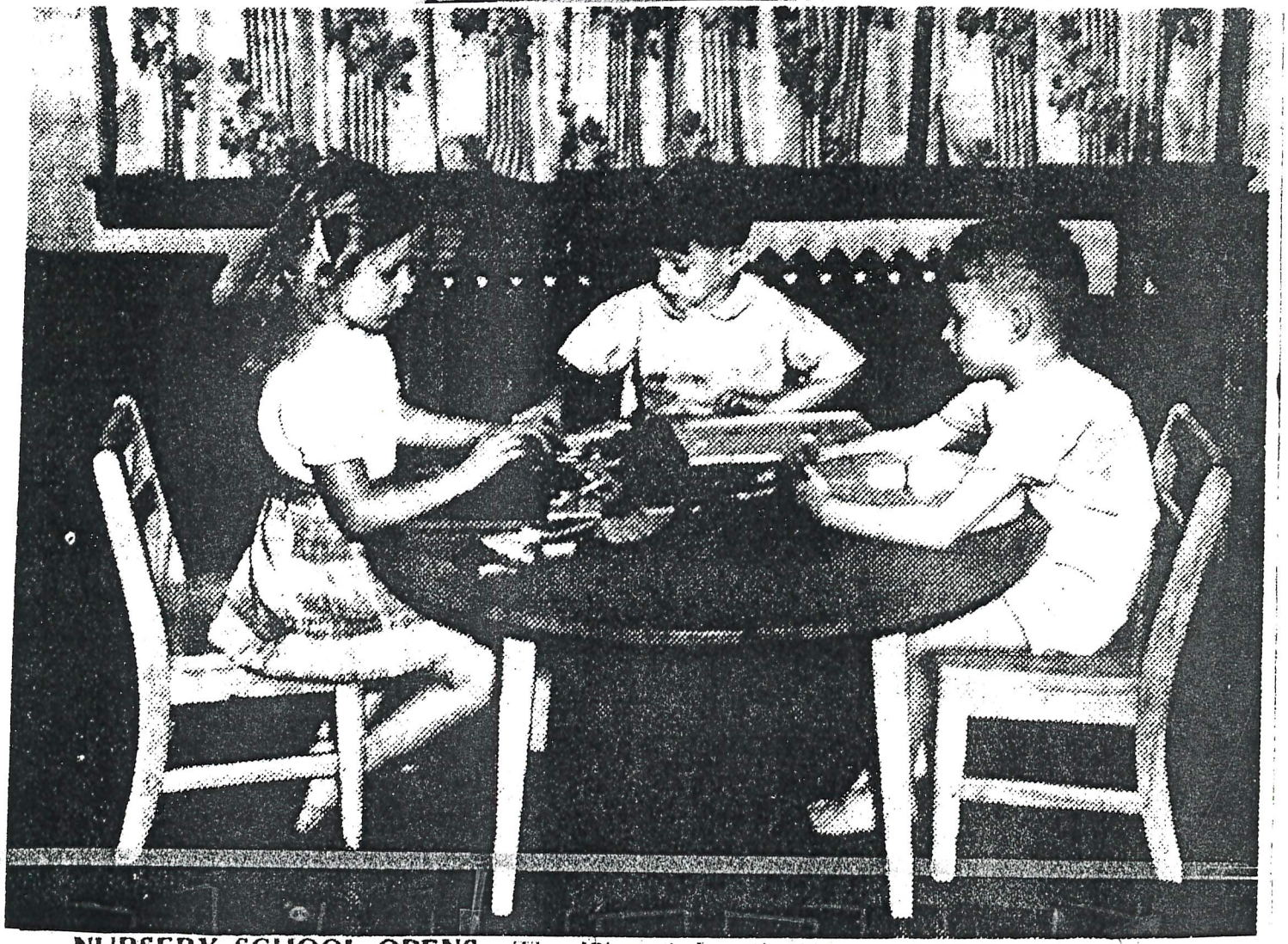

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENS—The West Asheville Nursery school and the second extended school service unit opened at the bank building on the corner of Haywood road and Richmond street in West Asheville this morning. In the above picture are, left to right, Ann Elizabeth Ingle of 82 Herron avenue, Joseph Williams of 602 Haywood road, and Russell Soesbee of 41 Branning street. These children are in one of the rooms of the nursery school, which occupies the top floor of the building.

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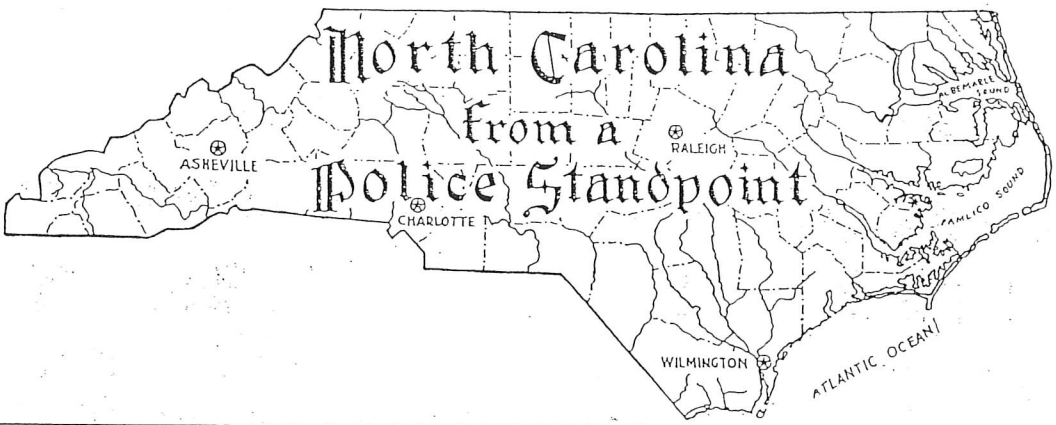

GEORGE W. INGLE
Patrolman
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

The conception some men have of their job is as small as the word itself.

To entirely too many the word is nothing more than a very short word in the English language.

What it implies takes as little part in a man's thinking as the word takes space on a page.

But not so with men of George W. Ingle's type.

Across the pages of his life the word JOB is written LARGE.

He says: "If you want to make police work attractive, you must be on the JOB".

"If you want to help the work more efficient, you must be on the Job."

The word doesn't appear small to him, no matter from which angle he approaches it.

And he doesn't wear glasses to magnify either, he just gets this idea from a large sense of duty.

Officer Ingle is what we would term a large scale officer.

Five feet nine and three-fourths inches in height and 225 pounds in weight.

On February 25, 1885, he was born as he puts it in Buncombe County, so again you see he claims thing on a big scale, that is he claims the County and the County is quite proud to claim him.

At first working as a shipping clerk and coming with the department 8 years ago.

Since he likes his present task and is so much in love with that little-big word DUTY we imagine he is anchored for good and all.

His residence is No. 104 Swannonoa Avenue.

HUBERT INGLE IS KILLED BY TRAIN

West Asheville Youth To Be Buried This Afternoon

The body of Hubert C. Ingle, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ingle, of Lamb avenue, West Asheville, who was fatally injured when struck by a train on the Knoxville railroad yards at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, arrived at the Clayton and Hyer funeral home on Haywood road late last night.

According to a dispatch to The Citizen from Knoxville last night, the young man was struck by the train as he sat on the railroad track asleep. Accompanied by his brother, whose name had not been learned, Ingle was walking down the railroad when he complained of being tired and sleepy, the message stated. Sitting down on the rack he is said to have gone to sleep while his brother walked on down the railroad. A few minutes later a train passed and the brother returned to search for Hubert, finding his mangled body lying across the ties. He died in a hospital a few minutes later.

An investigation by Knoxville officers has failed to reveal why the two boys were there and why they were on the railroad tracks. It was reported in West Asheville last night that one or both of them had been riding on a freight train.

Funeral service will be conducted from the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Phipps, pastor of Pine Grove Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be in Green Hill cemetery.

Surviving are the parents and eight brothers and sisters: Mrs. M. D. Hayes, Mrs. L. P. Meadows, Arthur Cline, Roy, Hillary, Drayton and Walter Ingle.

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Ingram racing items stolen

Grandson charged in the theft case

By Sabian Warren
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CANDLER — Legendary race car driver Jack Ingram accumulated his share of mementos from a stellar racing career — from rings in honor of championships to medallions awarded by a sponsor.

That made the theft of $5,000 worth of items like those saddening and the phone call offering their return for a price infuriating, Ingram said.

Jackson Layne Ingram

Jack Ingram

Deepening the pain was the arrest Thursday of his 25-year-old grandson in connection to the case.

Buncombe County Sheriff's investigators charged Jackson Layne Ingram with breaking and entering and larceny, according to warrants at the Buncombe magistrate's office.

Sheriff's office Lt. Randy Sorrells confirmed the investigation but gave little information about the case.

Items stolen from Ingram's Candler home include a diamond ring he was awarded by NASCAR for winning the 1982 Busch Series championship. His wife's 1957 Reynolds High School class ring also was taken.

Someone also took an assortment of gold and diamond jewelry — a 1985 championship ring presented to him by his racing sponsor, a Skoal Bandit medallion and Elgin watch.

"It's devastating," he said. "You can't just go out and buy another ring like that. And who would want it if it was reproduced?"

"I don't know how you could put a price on it," he said.

Ingram, 74, declined to discuss his grandson and said he has not talked with him since the arrest.

Investigators believe the jewelry was taken on the night of June 29, though Ingram and his wife Aline didn't notice the theft immediately.

The couple had gone out to dinner that night and were away from home about an hour and a half, Ingram said.

Several days later, a man Ingram did not know called him and said he had the jewelry, proposing that Ingram pay him $1,000 for the return of the items.

"I told him I wasn't going to do it," Ingram said.

He said sheriff's detectives developed Jackson Ingram as a suspect after canvassing the neighborhood.

"They talked with the neighbors about anybody they might have seen," he said. "They said he (Jackson) was there."

According to the N.C. Department of Corrections, Jackson Ingram has prior convictions dating to 2005 that include obtaining property by false pretense, breaking and entering, larceny, drug possession, hit and run and DWI.

He served more than a year in state prison before his release last September following a conviction for obtaining property by false pretense.

But Ingram said he still has affection for Jackson.

"I always will," he said. "He's our grandson."

Jackson Ingram, of Justice Ridge Road, Candler, was being held Thursday at the Buncombe County Detention Center in lieu of $5,000 bond.

Jack Ingram was among 2011 nominees to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

An Asheville native who still operates his race shop off Brevard Road, he won three straight championships (1972-74) in the Busch Series Grand National Division and a fourth when the division was reorganized into the NASCAR Busch Series in 1982. He won his fifth championship in 1985 and won 31 Busch races.

The NASCAR Hall opened last year in Charlotte, and Ingram built a car that is on display there.

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NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee Jack Ingram at a glance

Born: Dec. 28, 1931, Asheville.

Family: Wife Aline; daughters Cynthia, Ingrid; son Robbie (deceased).

Career highlights: Competing in up to 60 NASCAR Late Model Sportsman races per season from Maine to Florida, Ingram won three straight series championships, 1972-74. ... He did this while maintaining his cars out of an Asheville shop, often towing them to and from tracks himself. ... His seemingly tireless work and determination brought a nickname, "Iron Man," which endures to this day. ... Ingram didn't slow down when NASCAR upgraded the division in 1982 to a series sponsored by Budweiser. He again took the circuit's season-long championship and was named the series' most popular driver. ... Stout and bulldog-tough, Ingram added another title in 1985 for five overall. ... Ingram obtained his first national sponsorship in 1984 when U.S. Tobacco began backing his team through its Skoal brand. He continued with the company until calling it a career late in 1991. ... At the time of his retirement Ingram held the record for Busch Series victories with 31. He still ranks fifth in wins in what is now the Nationwide Series. ... Counting Late Model triumphs, Ingram, who was especially strong on the short tracks, won 286 races. ... He is the first driver from the Late Model Division/Busch Series to be inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Tom Higgins' reflections

Hall of Fame voter and former Observer motorsports writer Tom Higgins remembers Jack Ingram:

I first saw him: On Sept. 10, 1965, at Hickory Speedway, then a dirt track, in the Buddy Shuman Memorial 250, a race for what's now Sprint Cup Series cars.

My favorite memory of him: Ingram's absolute, unabashed pride when Skoal announced during a news conference at Atlanta Motor Speedway in 1984 that it would begin sponsoring his team. It was a rare moment – a 53-year-old driver winning a major sponsor.

Most memorable quote: It wasn't a quote at all, but a reaction.

Up until '84, when Skoal brought its backing and a green/white paint scheme to Ingram's No. 11 cars, he had driven machines that were a drab brown.

Rumor had it that Ingram used that color because gallons of brown paint had been given him by Asheville's maintenance department, which was discontinuing its use.

At the end of the joyous Ingram/Skoal news conference in Atlanta, I asked, "Jack, what are you going to do with all that ugly ol' brown paint?" The press box erupted in laughter.

Stunned, Ingram was speechless for several seconds before shaking his head and breaking into a grin. He departed without answering.

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ıck Ingram

An old Woody Guthrie song that should have been Jack Ingram's theme:

I been havin' some hard travelin'

I thought you knowed

I been havin' some hard travelin'

Way down the road ...

When NASCAR's original Iron Man arrived at Richmond International Raceway last September, he could hardly believe the great deal he'd gotten from NASCAR just to show up and talk about being voted into the 2014 induction class of the Hall of Fame.

"They paid for my gas and picked up our motel bill," he said.

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*ISC Images & Archives via Getty Images*Jack Ingram, who once ran 86 races in a single season, was NASCAR's original Iron Man.

That, in Ingram's tough old frame of reference, was living pretty high on the hog.

He had come up through, and triumphed in, the hardest-traveling series NASCAR ever sanctioned.

Out of the mountain town of Asheville, N.C., he went way down the road, running 86 races in a single season -- ometimes three and four times a week in as many different states," as the official HOF news release about him points out -- to win the 1972 championship in a series long gone, long since remodeled, fancied up with high-dollar

sponsorships and simplified schedules, but still revered by those who remember it as perhaps the purest racing, in spirit, NASCAR has ever produced.

Late Model Sportsman.

Those three words thunder, echo down the decades to the knowing, right through the later commercial names, Busch and now the Nationwide Series.

The hard traveling kept on and on, as he three-peated, adding the Late Model Sportsman championships of '73 and '74. When, in 1982, NASCAR announced the highfalutin Busch Series with a schedule of only 29 races, Ingram took what for him was a couple of relative cakewalks, to the Busch titles of '82 and '85.

That makes five in the same series with the different names. Or is it really the same? Hardly.

Consider the modern-day Nationwide team: more crewmen than can get out of one another's way, well-to-do ownership, millions in sponsorship.

On Ingram's team in the hard-traveling days:

Driver -- Jack Ingram.

Crew chief -- Jack Ingram.

Car owner -- Jack Ingram.

Engine tuner -- Jack Ingram.

Chassis man -- Jack Ingram.

Chief truck driver, welder, sheet-metal fabricator -- Jack Ingram.

"Chief bottle washer," as the late, savvy NASCAR vice president Jim Hunter once put it -- Jack Ingram.

Eighty-six races. One season.

That's why he was the first in NASCAR to be called Iron Man.

Consider the modern-day gratitude expressed from Victory Lane to "all the guys back at the shop."

Hell, he *was* the shop, on the road, all the time, always traveling hard, always moving tirelessly around the pits and infields, often without the shelter of garages at the little tracks, working and driving in those high-top brogan work shoes of his.

Blessed are the pure in spirit, for they will come no more to NASCAR, and there wouldn't be room for them if they did.

But at least when Ingram, at age 82, comes around nowadays, they pay for his gas and pick up his motel bill.

To him, that's plenty.

ASHEVILLE'S JACK INGRAM TO BE INDUCTED INTO NASCAR HALL OF FAME THIS WEEK

NASCAR driver Jack Ingram celebrates another victory at the New Asheville Speedway in the 1970s.
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A LIFE IN RACING

By Keith Jarrett
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ASHEVILLE — The most striking feature of Jack Ingram's trophy room — which houses hundreds of photos, plaques, silver bowls and other memorabilia from 60-plus years in auto racing — is the floor.

A perfect pattern of alternating black and white tiles are laid to resemble a checkered flag.

INGRAM: Stood out as driver and car builder

Racing legend Jack Ingram and his wife Aline are excited about his upcoming induction Wednesday into the NASCAR Hall of Fame. JOHN COUTLAKIS/STAFF

1,234
Total Late Model Sportsman and Busch Series races.

317
Victories.

46
Wins in national championship races.

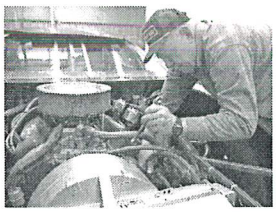
28
Different tracks where he won.

12
Track championships at eight tracks in three states.

5
National points championships, 3 LMS and 2 Busch Series.

Racing legend Jack Ingram to be enshrined by NASCAR

By Keith Jarrett, Asheville Citizen-Times; *12 a.m. EST January 27, 2014*



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Not surprisingly, Ingram looks as comfortable in that basement room of his home in Asheville as he did in the winner's circle, a place he visited more than 300 times all over the country, enough to earn inclusion in the discussion about the best stock-car drivers and car builders in history.

On Wednesday night in Charlotte, Ingram, 77, will get the ultimate winner's flag — induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

"I can't think of a better way to cap a career," said Ingram, standing on his checkered-flag floor and surrounded by reminders that he habitually beat every driver in the field when he took to the track.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's the greatest honor in racing."

"He accomplished a lot, and he did it his way, building his cars from scratch, and he deserves to be in there," said Aline, his wife of 56 years.

Hooked on the sport as a youngster, a rare maverick who built, set up and then raced his own cars and was an independent cuss from the first to his last day of racing, Ingram won track championships, local and national points races and titles, about everything that could be claimed by driving in circles.

His love so pure and his pursuit so relentless, he earned and personified the nickname "Iron Man."

A typical race schedule?

"Labor Day weekend, 1973," Ingram recalls.

"Friday night in Columbia, S.C., I ran third in a 250-lap (race). Saturday in Colburn, Va., I won a 300-lap race, Sunday I won a 300-lap race in Maryville, Tenn. Monday I finished fifth in a 600-lap race in St. Paul, Minn.

"Jumped on a plane, flew to Nashville, Tenn., got there with the motors running to start the race, put my driving suit on in the cab, jumped in the car and finished third in a 200-lap race Monday night.

"That weekend wore me out."

But he kept driving, kept winning, and when he got the call that NASCAR would include him in its shrine to the best in the sport, Jack Ingram cried.

Born to run

As a youngster growing up in Avery's Creek, it was always about cars.

"We would sit along the highway and when a car would come up the road, I could tell you the make and model before it even got there," Ingram said.

"We would walk along Long Shoals Road, and I started seeing these posters about racing at Asheville-Weaverville Speedway. I decided to go check it out."

Ingram was about to find true love.

"I went there in 1952, saw a race, and I was hooked," Ingram said from the small office he maintains at his racing shop off Brevard Road.

"I've been around racing ever since."

For the next 10 years Ingram volunteered his services at the garage and racetrack, learning how to build and set up fast cars.

He took his fiance to the Friday night races at McCormick Field.

"A week before we were married, he took me to a race," said Aline, who raised their three children and handled the books for her husband's racing team and garage.

"I thought it was just awful, all those wrecks. But it's what he loved, what he wanted to do, and I supported him."

While he was working on cars for other people, Ingram was employed as a pipe fitter and welder, putting in a lot of overtime to save money for his dream.

"I finally made enough money to where I could take care of my family, and I had enough left over to start racing," he said.

First place, and fast

Once he started, Ingram was a quick study.

"I started racing at Asheville Speedway in 1963," he said. "A year later, I started winning races. Two years later, I won my first NASCAR track championship (at Harris Speedway in Rutherfordton)."

From 1965-80, Ingram ran 959 races in the Late Model Sportsman Series, and won 286 (29 percent). He averaged 60 starts and 17 wins per season during his best years, claimed 12 track championships at six different venues, including Asheville, Hickory and tracks in Tennessee and Virginia.

Racing in the summers and working in the winters for several years, Ingram had enough success on the track that he quit working his other job in 1971 and went racing full-time.

The results included three straight NASCAR national championships (1972-74), and then Ingram figured out a way to make the sport more profitable — as a hired gun.

"Promoters at these tracks would have these local drivers winning every week, because nobody could beat them," he said with a grin of remembrance of past glory days.

"So they hired me to come in and beat them. They would pay big money, more than I was making winning those national championships. When a promoter needed someone to come in and win a race, they called me."

"He's a good fellow, good driver, good builder of cars," said his friend, former Winston Cup driver Harry Gant.

"Jack would run anywhere, anytime, and he would usually win.

"He's the one who showed me you could race full-time, and I quit building houses and went racing after talking with him a lot about it."

And in his mid-40s, at an age when many drivers are scaling back, Ingram forged ahead into the world of Busch Series racing.

One rung below the Winston Cup titans like Richard Petty, David Pearson and Bobby Allison, Ingram continued a pattern of producing cars and results that consistently found their way to the front, often with a trophy at the end of the race.

He ran 275 races in eight years and from age 45 to 50, Ingram won 31 times and finished in the top 10 59 percent of the time, winning national points championships in 1982 and '85.

Ingram set a record for Busch victories that has since been broken, but in his mind the numbers he posted at that stage of his career still stand.

"Mark Martin (who passed Ingram's total of 31 Busch wins) said one time that he didn't break my record in that age (span)," said Ingram, very proud of all he accomplished.

Off the track

Ingram won a combined 317 races in more than 1,200 starts, at 28 different tracks in eight states, including at the NASCAR mecca — Daytona, the victory he is most proud of.

Also a member of the WNC, National Motorsports Press Association and International Motorsports' halls of fame, Ingram retired from full-time driving more than 20 years ago, the Iron Man finally perhaps a touch of rust.

But he remained until in his 70s a builder of cars that won races and a mentor to younger drivers and others in the field.

"I didn't have any hobbies, didn't play golf, fishing, nothing," Ingram said.

"All I was concerned about was how to make that race car go faster. That was my whole life, and I loved it.

"I made a good living, and I did it the way I wanted to."

"I guess I raced him for 12 years or more, and we never had a problem," said Gant. "He beat me, I beat him, and we raced hard.

"Of all the cars I ever drove, the best I ever sat in was Jack's cars."

"He could do it all," said Hall of Fame driver David Pearson. "Drive, build the car, set it up. When I drove Jack's cars, I don't know that I ever had to change anything once he set it up.

"He was that good."

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England — Shown cleaning a Fortress engine after the plane has returned from an AAF bombing attack against Nazi targets in France is Staff Sergeant Richard H. Isaac, 22-year-old crew chief of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress at this heavy bombardment base in England. Sgt. Isaac is the son of Mrs. Q. H. Isaac of 61 Logan avenue, West Asheville. Prior to his induction, on August 1, 1942, he was employed as a steel erector by the Dave Steel company in Asheville.

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ROBERT ERWIN'S CAR is nearing completion at long last as the photograph above proves. After professional makers of chairs and carts suitable for cripples had turned down the job, the task of making a "custom-built" vehicle for the little Negro cripple, who with his faithful dog is a familiar sight on the city's streets, was undertaken by W. M. Israel Jr., 76 Tampa Avenue. Working with the committee composed of Pres Bagwell, W. M. Morehead, C. R. Sumner and himself, Israel has done all the work in his spare time. Funds donated in response to a Citizen news story were used for the purchase of materials including a motor. The total cost of approximately $170 is slightly more than the amount raised for the purpose. Only a few more minor items including a paint job are needed to finish the car. It is expected to be ready for use within a short time. Israel is shown in the car.

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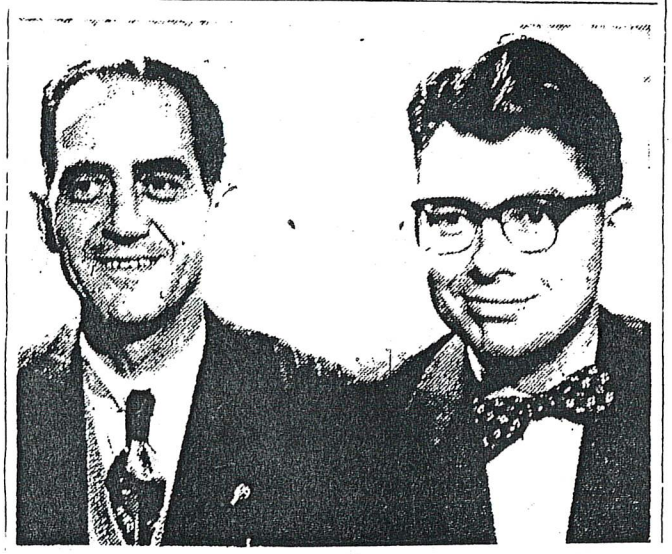
CHEERLEADERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN for the 1953-54 school year at Lee H. Edwards High School. They will appear at the Asheville-Canton game tonight at Memorial Stadium. L to R are: Dick Wood, Barbara Moffitt, Marcie Hampton, Shelly Church, Margaret Jarman and Don Westmoreland. Members of the cheerleading squad who are not pictured are Beth Gilman, Beth Owens and Al Isaac. Sept 11 - 1953



MEMBERS OF THE WEST ASHEVILLE BRANCH YMCA filled posts in the organization's committee of management during a recent election conducted by mail. Two of the committeemen named are shown here. At left is Beaman L. Pinner and, right, Ben L. Jarrett. Also elected to the committee were Bob Nahikian and Clyde Roberts, who were unable to be present for this picture. (Citizen Photo)

—Charles H. Harris Photo.

NICE STRING—As nice a string of largemouth bass as has been caught this spring in Fontana Lake was taken Wednesday by Abe Anders (left) of Woodfin and Bob Jarvis of West Asheville. They made the haul near Tuckaseigee Boat Rock using Whopper Stoppers. Largest fish ran 6 to 7 pounds and the eight on the lower string weighed 40 pounds, an average of 5 pounds. Jarvis said he missed the first five fish which struck at his plug, but patience paid off in the end.

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'What My Religion Means To Me'

Religion Brings Peace, Joy And Desire To Help Others

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The author of today's article in this series is a member of the Church of God, 109 State Street. Secretary of the credit department of the Farmers' Federation, she is very active in church work. Positions held include Sunday School teacher, president of Young People's Endeavor, superintendent of the home extension department, and director of Children's Church. She has written and directed several religious plays.

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By Miss Esther Jenkins

What my religion means to me can be summarized in one Scripture found in John 10:10b, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly". My religion means that I have an abundant life which consists of many blessings from God.

I know that Christ made the sacrifice for my sins at Calvary and that I am now justified and under no condemnation, and by the righteousness of Christ, in whom I dwell, I can make my wants and petitions known to God who has almighty power.

I am constantly aware of the love of God around about me. Not only do I find His love in spiritual blessings but in material things as well. By accepting God's gift of love, Jesus Christ, as my own personal Saviour and Redeemer, I became a Child of God. Not through any goodness or holiness on my own part, but by the grace of God, I became an heir and joint heir with Christ, my elder Brother. It is sweet indeed to have such fellowship with the Divine and to live daily in the very light of Heaven, and to share my sorrow and my happiness, my joy or my heartbreak with such a wonderful understanding Saviour as Jesus Christ.

When Jesus ascended to Heaven, He said, "I will send you another Comforter"—and I rejoice today that the Comforter which is the Holy Spirit, abides in my heart. Not only is He a comforter, but He is my teacher and my guide. The Holy Spirit makes the Word of God precious to me by helping me to understand the real truths of Its wonderful messages and giving me a new revelation as to Its meaning.

My religion, or my association with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, gives me a satisfaction and contentment in life. I have ambitions and dreams—perhaps some I will attain and others I will not—but whether I succeed or fail, I always have that deep conviction that everything will work out for the best because I belong to Christ and what concerns me, concerns Him too.

MISS ESTHER JENKINS

There is also the peace and joy that come from really knowing Jesus as my friend. In the very midst of confusion, troubles and general turmoil, I am humbly thankful for the peace that I have found by trusting in the Lord. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." I have the peace of God that passeth all understanding and joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. I can truly say that I have experienced times in my Christian life that my cup of joy was full and running over—and the joy of heaven is indeed unspeakable.

My religion to me is a challenge. There is the challenge to do something—to make this a better place because I have lived here for a little while. It is my desire to be a human instrument in the hands of a powerful God, completely surrendered to Him so those about me might be blessed and made to realize that this is not such a cruel, cold world after all. It takes courage to live for the Lord, but Christ conquered Satan at Calvary and he is now a defeated foe and cannot overcome me as long as I am in Christ.

I have a present abundant life including justification, a personal Saviour and friend, a Comforter, guide and teacher, love, joy, peace, satisfaction and contentment—all of which adds up to happiness now and the hope of Heaven where I shall have life eternal. My religion and all it means, makes me glad to be alive and not afraid of death.

WNC native found success, friends in baseball

James Jenkins also used game to teach others

By Jimmy Jenkins
CITIZEN-TIMES READER

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE JENKINS FAMILY

The 1952 Indianapolis Clowns sit for a team photo. James Jenkins was the starting center fielder for the team.

LENOIR — James Jenkins Sr., my dad, was a local sports hero and mentor to many youths in Asheville. Our household had five children, four of whom were boys, and we always knew we could depend upon our dad to shoot some hoops with us, hit fly balls to us and to show us, by example, how to be men.

The interesting thing is that in our community, all the other kids could depend upon him for these things as well.

Son Fisher, as he was known growing up in West Asheville, began his love of sports at an early age. His grandfather, Joe, played a key role in developing his love for sports and also the cultivation of his ability to use sports to teach life skills. My father enjoyed playing stickball and tag football as a child. He loved to read and was a good student.

As an athlete at Stephens-Lee High School, Dad excelled as a basketball guard and a football running back. His football skills were compared favorably to another standout Asheville rusher, Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice. Dad once rushed for six touchdowns in one game.

He would leave school, at the age of 15, to go to fight for his country during World War II. He would later tell me that he, like many young men of his time, took the Japanese attack on America personally. After the war, he returned to Asheville to finish high school. Dad would continue his sports career and earn a football scholarship to Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

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James Jenkins strikes a pose in his Indianapolis Clowns uniform. A West Asheville native, Jenkins passed away on March 28, 2001, in Cincinnati.

West Asheville native James Jenkins and his wife, Roberta, raised five children. Jenkins and teammate Hank Aaron helped take the Indianapolis Clowns to the 1952 Negro League Championship.

My father would leave college to marry his high school sweetheart, Roberta Workman, and to pursue the sport that he loved most — baseball.

He would make the Indianapolis Clowns baseball team of the Negro League. He was their starting center fielder. He would become friend, mentor and roommate to a young right fielder on the team named Hank Aaron. In 1952, they would lead The Clowns to the Negro League Championship.

Mr. Aaron and my Dad would remain friends until my father's death in 2001. Dad would call his friend when he was in Atlanta and they'd usually go to watch the Braves play.

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BASEBALL: Jenkins stayed friends with Hank Aaron throughout life

Continued from C1

Dad attended Mr. Aaron's daughter's wedding and also Mr. Aaron's second wedding.

What I remember most about my Dad and Mr. Aaron's friendship occurred when Dad was in a coma at a local hospital. He had had a noncancerous brain tumor removed that would leave him comatose for seven months.

Mr. Aaron called Dad's room and asked me to put the phone to his ear. He took 20 minutes of his valuable time talking to my dad. While Dad would say, upon recovery, that he didn't remember the conversation, I will always be grateful for Mr. Aaron's genuine concern.

I think Dad loved baseball because lifelong friendships were often the result of playing this game. He made many friends in baseball. Orlando Cepeda, Junior Gilliam and Satchel Paige come to mind. Another friend was a guy that Dad and the other players kidded for being so country. That friend is now better known as country singing legend Charley Pride.

Dad would go on to play for the Detroit Stars in the Negro League. He would play for the New York Giants and the Dodgers organizations, ending his career as a AAA player, one step from the majors. He would quit baseball because it was too slow to fully integrate.

Instead of being bitter with baseball, he spent his life using baseball as a tool to teach life skills.

About the author

Jimmy Jenkins lives in Lenoir. A graduate of N.C. Central University in Durham, Jenkins has worked for Bell South for 27 years. He has three children: Jamie (a Citadel graduate); Janelle (a Wake Forest University graduate. She holds a master's degree in human resources); and Janene (a senior at UNC Chapel Hill). His late wife Connie was an educator for 25 years, teaching special education. His father, James Jenkins Sr., is also recognized in the Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo.

Neighborhood groups strive to improve West Asheville

By Lynne Billings
STAFF WRITER

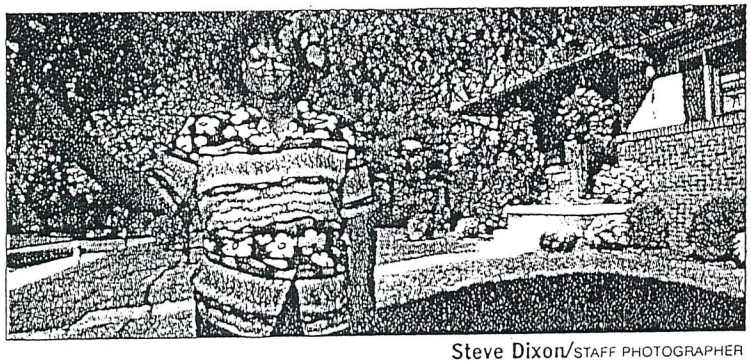
West Asheville residents are enthusiastic about living there but say it has its pluses and minuses like any area of the city. West Asheville includes a number of neighborhood associations that are working to preserve and enhance its attractive features.

Martha Hungerford was the first president of the West Asheville Estates Neighborhood Association, and her husband, Jimmy Hungerford, is the current president. They have lived in West Asheville for 25 years.

Several years ago, the City of Asheville was going to take down the maple trees along Vermont Avenue and give us new sidewalks," Mrs. Hungerford said. "We managed to save the trees. The trees on Vermont are absolutely beautiful."

"That's when we really started the (neighborhood) association. My husband and I have tried to keep it going," she said. The annual neighborhood block party was held Sept. 16 in front of the Hungerfords' home.

Their neighborhood association received a grant to plant new trees, and Jimmy Hungerford, and Charlie Ploss, the Hungerfords' son-in-law, have planted 15 new maple trees.



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Gloria Johnson, president of the Burton Street Community, takes time to smell the flowers at her home on Burton Street.

"We have a Neighborhood Watch. We're friends with the police," she said, and she walks her dog in the evening and feels comfortable. In fact, people come from all over the neighborhood and other neighborhoods to walk, run, and walk dogs along Vermont Avenue.

"We have a park at the bottom of the street. We would like to have a speed bump. So far we haven't managed to get that," she said.

Gloria Johnson is president of the Burton Street Community.

"I love living on Burton Street. I've been there all my life. I wouldn't live anywhere else. The neighbors will do anything for you," Johnson said.

"Our main concern right now is the traffic on our street. Cars just speed up and down Burton Street in front of the Community Center. If a child should run out in front of one of them, it's just a tragedy," she said.

The City of Asheville Parks and Recreation Department has said that the Burton Street Community Center has been approved for a grant to re-do the center and its old playground equipment, Johnson said.

"We've been waiting for a long time to get that (playground equipment) replaced," she said.

Also, the community has requested that the streets be paved.

"That was about four or five years ago, and nothing has been done as of yet," Johnson said.

Periodically, there are problems with the selling of drugs, she said.

"We had a march on Burton Street against drugs," Johnson said. "I had a talk with our community and told them 'When you see things going on, report it, so that's what we started doing'."

Lane Reid lives and works in West Asheville. He and business partner Joey Cain own a business there, Image 420 Screen Printing at 420 Haywood Road. Reid is also president of the Falconhurst Residential Association.

Falconhurst is bordered by Louisiana Avenue, Haywood Road and Patton Avenue, three busy roads, but, "It's a great quiet neighborhood, and it's so close to everything," Reid said. He and his family have lived there for about 10 years.

"We know all of our neighbors. ... We help each other, and everyone keeps an eye on everybody else," he said.

The association will have a block party in October.

"We get a permit, block a couple of streets off, set up tables in the middle of the road, and everybody brings great food for a potluck meal," he said.

"When we moved in it was affordable," he said. West Asheville is probably still affordable and has many young people moving in, he said.

However, "There's no sidewalks. I don't think they've paved the road in our neighborhood in eight years. We have grass growing in some of the streets," he said, with a chuckle that seemed to indicate he didn't mind too much.

He doesn't mind the cruising along Patton Avenue either, Reid said, but the screeching of tires from reckless driving late at night does disturb him.

As for his business, "The rents were very reasonable when we started out," he said. The area is getting built up, with a lot of new businesses moving in.

Reid is naturally very concerned about what will happen with I-240. "The status keeps changing," he said. "I try and go to all the meetings, but it's hard to keep up," with that and business and family.

Contact Billings at 232-6013 or LBillings@CITIZEN-TIMES.com

Take opportunities to learn, share views on I-26 Connector plan

This will be an important week for those in Asheville and in the region who care whether the Interstate 26 Connector has six lanes or eight. And that should be just about everyone who lives in the city, who is concerned about air quality or whoever travels the stretch of road that connects the I-26/I-40/I-240 intersection and the almost new stretch of I-26 north through Madison County to the Tennessee border.

Three meetings will be held this week on the connector, and those who hope to influence the decision about the final configuration of the road will have an opportunity to speak during at least one of them.

Asheville City Council members Brownie Newman and Holly Jones have asked that the connector be placed on council's agenda for its 5 p.m. meeting Tuesday. Council invited Department of Transportation planners to give an update on the status of the project, but DOT initially declined, according to Newman. However, state highway administrator Len Sanderson said late Friday that he would make every effort to get someone to the council meeting to provide as much up-to-date information as is available.

Council may also hear from former city traffic engineer Michael Moule and Dr. Joseph Passonneau, a nationally known transportation planner and author of "Washington Through Two Centuries: A History in Maps and Images."

The Southern Environmental Law Center, a nonprofit that works to protect the environment, retained Moule and Passonneau as consultants to review the I-26 Connector project and provide an outside opinion about whether the road should be six or eight lanes. Passonneau, Moule and other members of the public will be allowed to comment if any member of council makes a motion for council to support either six or eight lanes, according to Newman.

The state Department of Transportation has scheduled a public hearing on the connector project at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Ferguson Auditorium at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. Moule and Passonneau are expected to speak at the public hearing.

And at noon Thursday, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet and is also expected to take up the I-26 connector. The MPO has already signed off on eight lanes. But that was before a new way of making traffic projections lowered the number of vehicles expected to use the road in the next 15 to 20 years. The MPO meeting is open to the public, but public comment will not be taken.

In 2002, DOT projected that by 2025, about 143,000 vehicles a day would use the stretch of road, if it is eight lanes.

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Gloria Johnson who lives on Burton Street in West Asheville, stands on her back deck, which looks over a section of I-240 that will be widened as part of the I-26 Connector project. The road project could take her house.

But in July 2003, the DOT revised those numbers, saying a new traffic model calls for 99,100 vehicles a day in 2020.

The I-26 Connector dominated a community forum on transportation issues sponsored by the Citizen-Times in March. At that meeting panelist Jay Swain, DOT's division engineer for Division 13, based in Asheville, said that DOT traffic engineers and projection specialists continue to believe that eight lanes make the most sense even though the revised traffic projections indicate that six lanes would be adequate.

Another panelists, Dan Baechtold, a city of Asheville employee and coordinator of the MPO, said the number did not change the MPO Traffic Advisory Committee's decision because the number is "right on the border." At the forum, Swain said he felt the public would benefit from hearing a more detailed explanation from the planners in Raleigh and said he would try to set up such a meeting. The public hearing Wednesday is, in part, a response to that request, he said.

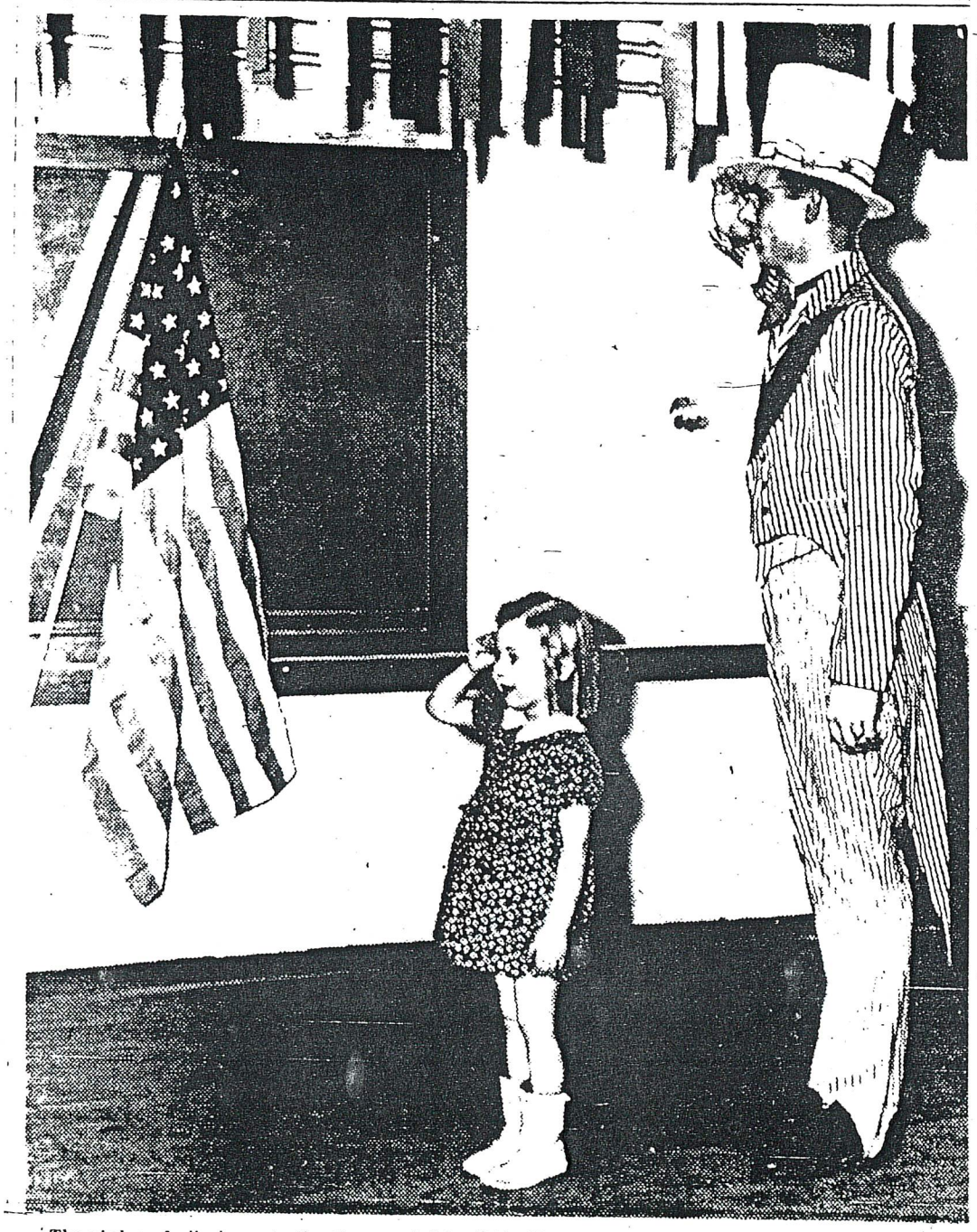
In March, Swain said four alternatives are still under consideration for the connector, which involves the proposed widening of 3.1 miles of four-lane Interstate-240 at a cost of $298 million.

The connector will travel through the heart of Asheville and will result in the demolition of dozens of houses and businesses in West Asheville.

DOT is expected to announce the route in 2006 and start building in 2008. The project will take four years. It will have a major impact on Asheville and the region.

Don't miss the opportunity during the upcoming week to examine the alternate routes, learn the thinking of the consultants hired by SELC and of DOT planners' regarding the project and make your own views known.

Pledge For America Given At Patriotic Social



The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by little Miss LaVerne Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson of 17 Michigan avenue and Charles Himes, who was dressed as Uncle Sam at a patriotic social given by the adult department of the Sunday school at Calvary Baptist church last night. Carl Logan, associate superintendent of the department, had charge of the program; Mrs. J. A. Bocook led games; Mrs. Don Young had charge of decorations, and Mrs. John Barnard, refreshments. Approximately 75 members of the 11 classes in the department attended. Games were the main features of entertainment. Mrs. Bocook was dressed as the patriotic figure, "Miss Columbia."

Asheville Times February 27, 1942

'An' The Gobble-Uns'll Git You Ef You Don't Watch Out!'

Ned Johnson, 3 years old, looks into this Halloween business. This is his first jack-o-lantern. Ned is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, who moved here recently from Roanoke, Va., and are living at 1202 Haywood road.

Asheville Citizen October 31, 1940

West Asheville Memories

Walter Johnson

My name is Walter Johnson. My twin brother is Wallace. We lived at 568 Haywood Rd when we were boys, this was next door to Dr. Orr's home. My Mother attended Calvary Baptist and my Father attended Trinity Methodist. We lived in between the two churches.

Dad was a barber at the George Vanderbilt Hotel and Mother worked downtown at My Shop, Lerners, as well as other department stores. My brother and I went to Aycock, Hall Fletcher and Lee Edwards. A memory of Aycock was Dusty Rhodes, a baseball player with the New York Giants visited a fireman (I think his name was Glass) at the West Asheville Fire Station. Dusty came to the school and hit some balls for us. He also broke our bat and promised to send some but never did.

Also Robert Wardlaw, the World's Tallest Man, appeared on the school ground and put a dollar bill on his forehead and gave it to anyone who could reach it. No one could. I think he was eight feet tall.

Also at Aycock, the street adjacent, black people lived on this street. When the janitor was working he would get the black kids to play ball with us.

We also had our Sand Lot ball team at Aycock and played baseball with Eugene Rankin and Vance school teams. Not official school teams but make-up.

All this was around 1930 - 1936.

We also played Roller Hockey with condensed milk cans on Baker Street next to Calvary Church. We were in scouting at Calvary Church in Troop 2. We camped on Spivey Mountain.

There was a cave we discovered over the left field fence in a field.

The Palace Theatre was closed but we could crawl in the back and we played Cops and Robbers in it.

At Beachams Curve we hiked to Rhododendron Park and crossed Hominy Creek to the Biltmore Estate. There was a haul ferry across the French Broad River to the dairy. We would ride it across and eat ice cream that they were disposing.

Walter Johnson
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Charlotte, NC 28212

Red, White And Thorny

Brenda Jones of 45 Talmadge St., a sixth grade student at Vance School, joined with a rosebush bearing red and white blooms for this appealing picture of spring. The bush, which is not a graft, is in the yard of J. R. Pinner of 67 Lucerne Avenue. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

Asheville Citizen May 17, 1965

THE STAFF and crewmen of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company are shown above in this 1924 photo. Front row (L to R)—Mason Wiley, local test deskman; Frank Gaddy, plant foreman; E. P. Hamilton, district plant chief; Roy Byerly, assignment clerk; and Allen Morley, assignment clerk. Back row—Welsh McKinney, P.B.X. installer; Hicks Ballard, installer; C. P. "Pop" Sullivan, installer; J. P. McDowell, installer; Ben Case, installer; Ralph Glenn, repairman; and Charles "Pugg" Jones, repairman.

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Charles "Pugg" Jones, repairman, lived at 66 Brownwood Ave.

FORM COMMITTEES FOR DEFENSE WORK IN BUNCOMBE AREAS

Organization of community administrative bodies to coordinate war efforts of Buncombe county's rural inhabitants was completed at meetings held last night at the various county schools.

The committees, named from each of the rural school districts, will meet at the courthouse here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to hear Ben Douglas of Charlotte, assistant director of civilian defense in North Carolina, outline the jobs that lie ahead.

Immediate objectives of the farm families of the county will be a step up in the production of feed and food, collection of scrap materials and the repair of farm machinery. All of the programs are expected to be launched at Saturday's meeting.

Directors of the program will be C. Y. Tilson, farm agent, and his assistant, W. Riley Palmer.

In the farm machinery repair program, farmers will be reminded that the normal demands for new equipment cannot be met due to the armament effort. The shortage, they will be told, must be met by making better use of all present machinery. A complete inventory will be the first step requested.

Along with a scale of prices paid, the following items have been listed for collection in the scrap campaign that is to be launched:

Old rags (including burlap, mattresses and cotton), scrap iron free of tin and light sheet iron, and tin free of tin cans, tin cans, books and magazines, mixed paper (any kind of paper except tar), car batteries, radiators (car), aluminum (free of iron and other foreign material), heavy copper and wire, sheet copper and still copper, heavy brass (casting and heavy sheet, free of iron), zinc (jar tops, etc., old innertubes (free of puncture proof tubes), and old tires.

Price Scale Worked Out

A standard price scale for the scrap materials has been worked out by a group of Asheville dealers. The dealers, according to information released by the farm agent's office, are as follows:

Consolidated Hide and Metal company, 353 Depot street, telephone 2222; Harrison Auto Parts company, Craven street, West Asheville, telephone 36; R. Gumpert, 345 Depot street, telephone 2430; Ness Brothers and company, Reed street, Biltmore, telephone 3281, and Standard Iron and Metal company, 785 Biltmore avenue, telephone 284.

Committees selected at mass meetings at county schools last night follow:

Weaverville: Mayor J. C Erskine chairman; Mrs. John Wright and B H. Tomberlin.

Haw Creek: Vernon L. McCurry, chairman; R. B. Armstrong and Mrs J. W. Marett.

Flat Creek: Folsom Morgan, chairman; Mrs. C. J. Council and Mrs. C D. Williams. Mrs. Cecil Chandler was named alternate.

Red Oak: Robert Thompson, chairman; George Rominger and Mrs. C. M. Crowder.

Emma: Ellis C. Jones, chairman; J. P. Walsh, Mrs. C. E. Roberts, S. O. Wilde, J. G. Williams and the Rev L. B. Compton.

Oakley: R. C. Torian, A. T. Davidson, R. B. Fuller, Hall Sayles and Fred Wilkinson. The group will select its chairman. Miss Nancy Roberts was named civilian defense secretary.

West Buncombe: R. H. Lankford, chairman; Miss Maude Battle and C. C. Cook.

Grace: W. T. Morris, chairman; Hal Blackstock and Mrs. C. R. Bailey.

Woodfin: The Rev. O. L. McGinnis, chairman, W. T. Wells and Miss Margaret Worley.

Sand Hill: R. C. Crowell, chairman; Glenn Holcombe and Mrs. L. G. Ballard.

Valley Springs: E. Warrick, chairman; Mrs. E. M. Curtis and G. W. Morgan.

Candler: Howard Sparks, chairman; Mrs. Thomas S. Clark, James G. Rice, Mrs. Glenn Davis and Chester Cogburn.

Venable: W. H. Stevens, chairman; S. O. Nave and Mrs. J. O. Morrell. Alternates, Lloyd Brigman and B. H. Garland.

The mass meeting for the election of the national defense committee for the Leicester district, scheduled for last night, has been postponed until tomorrow at 7:30 p. m.

J. Marvin Glance will speak on the national defense program. The school glee club will present patriotic music under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Reeves.

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CANDLER WOMAN

BETWEEN STATES

Asheville Citizen April 5/36

Mrs. Eleura Jones Gave Warning Of Approach Of Raiders

By MRS. CHARLES J. RICE

CANDLER, April 4.—The heroine of an episode of the War Between the States is Mrs. Eleura Jones, of Candler, who at the age of 14 years rode horseback through the Sandy Mush section of Buncombe county to warn the citizens of that community of the approach of Kirk's raiders.

The "Paul Revere" ride was taken by Eleura Robeson, daughter of Capt. John H. Robeson, Company H. 29th North Carolina regiment, on April 9, 1865, the very day of the surrender.

About the time of the surrender, Kirk's men were terrifying the people around Asheville by their raids in which they took whatever pleased their fancy. Lucy London Anderson, in her "North Carolina Women of the Confederacy," says: "The women of the western part of North Carolina were among the most heroic and loyal in our state, ever ready for noble work in the Confederacy. While the women of the eastern and central parts of the state were suffering every indignity and persecution at the hands of Sherman's 'Bummers,' the women further west were enduring similar treatment from General Stoneman's and Colonel Kirk's troops. There were hundreds of cases of real heroism shown. When the men of Western North Carolina joined the forces of the Confederate army, their women folks were not only left unprotected within the line of battle, or the famous march of Sherman to the sea, but were in danger of those unprincipled men who would not join either side and laid out to evade the law and lived by robbing women on whom the responsibility of providing food and clothing for their children rested."

Warned People Of Danger

Learning from a neighbor that a party of raiders had been seen approaching Sandy Mush, Capt. Robeson told his daughter to saddle Mike, a big white horse, and ride as fast as she could up the creek and warn the people in every house of the danger. Capt. Robeson had been invalided home on account of a severe attack of rheumatism which rendered him unfit for active service, but he was employed in making saltpeter from dirt taken from old smoke houses to be used in making Gunpowder for the Confederate.

Mrs. Jones insists that her ride was in no way an act of bravery, as she had always had horses at her disposal and had always ridden at a gallop wherever she fancied. However, if some of those neighbors could tell, they might give a different version.

A rather eventful childhood was that of the little girl, Eleura, for about a year later, during the Reconstruction period, the lure of the west caused the Robeson family to join a wagon train, composed of relatives and friends, and start to Texas. Mike was one of the horses drawng the Robeson wagon. They were about nine weeks making the trip. They never traveled on Sundays but always camped from Saturday night until Monday morning. The family settled on the banks of the Red River, near Gainesville. Eleura was then about 15 years of age and well remembers the Indians from the Indian Territory who came across the river and stole horses and cattle. At times the family were forced to leave their home and take refuge in the timber belt, as the Indians would never continue their attack there. Mrs. Jones remembers once, when warned of an Indian raid, her father took the youngest child on his back, she carried a rifle, and the family went to the great forest to stay until the danger was past.

Twins Killed By Indians

One night a neighbor woman was taken with her twin children and carried away by the Indians. The children were killed, but the woman managed to loosen the cords with which she was bound and, after the Indians were asleep, escaped and made her way home. The Robesons remained in the west only one year and then returned home.

Each of the grandchildren of the family has a piece of the tent cloth which was used on the trip to Texas. One of the pieces has been made into a sampler which gives a history of the trip. Mrs. Jones helped pull and cure the flax and weave the tent cloth. It is a beautifully woven piece of material.

Mrs. Jones is the granddaughter of David B. Cumming, a member of the old Holston Methodist conference, who went as a missionary with the Cherokee Indians when they left North Carolina for the Indian Territory. He lived there until his death. Her father was also a Methodist preacher of the same conference.

Observes 85th Birthday

She was married in 1872 to Russell LaFayette Jones, a prominent farmer of the Hominy Section, whose family were among the first settlers of this section. Mr. Jones died a number of years ago, but Mrs. Jones made her home for 57 years on the present site of the American Enka plant. After selling to that corporation, she moved to West Asheville where she lived until this winter. She is at present with her son, T. P. Jones, and Mrs. Jones, in Candler. She passed her 85th birthday this week.

Mrs. Jones has two brothers, Ed. Robeson, of Waynesville, and Linton Robeson, of Atlanta. She is an aunt of Dr. L. R. Akers, for many years president of Asbury college, Wilmore, Ky.

She has six living children, Miss Bertha Jones, of Asheville; Herbert, L., of Charlotte; T. P. and Linton R., of Candler; Mrs. W. W. Bryan, of Hickory; and Mrs. Alexander Copeland, of Charlotte.

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MRS. E. J. JONES

87TH BIRTHDAY

Asheville Citizen 4/2/38

County's 'Paul Revere' Is Spry Despite Her Years

Mrs. Eleura J. Jones, sometimes known as Buncombe county's "Paul Revere", celebrated her 87th birthday at her home on Brevard road yesterday. Five of her six children were with her at a birthday luncheon. A sixth was unable to come to Asheville for the occasion.

Spry despite her years, Mrs. Jones leads an active life. She was born in this county, the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. John H. Robeson.

It was on April 9, 1865, the day that Lee surrendered to Grant, that Mrs. Jones took her "Paul Revere" ride. At that time, residents of Western North Carolina, most of them women, children or old men, were being harrassed by raiders. A group under Colonel Kirk had been making the rounds of this section, living off the country and taking what it wanted.

Mrs. Jones (then Miss Robeson) was living with her father in Sandy Mush when news came that Kirk was about to make a raid. Her father, incapacitated by rheumatism, was unable to assist, so she saddled a horse and galloped up and down the valley, warning all that Kirk was on his way. Today, she discounts the heroic act, saying she was accustomed to gallop wherever she went.

When a young girl, Mrs. Jones went from here to Texas and back in a wagon. She resided with her family in the Lone Star state for a year, then returned to Western North Carolina because of the unfavorable climate and the raids by the Indians.

With Mrs. Jones at the birthday party were the following children:

H. L. Jones, of Charlotte; Mrs. W. W. Bryan, of Hickory; Miss Bertha Jones, of Asheville; L. R. Jones, of Asheville, and T. P. Jones, of Candler. Another child, Mrs. Alexander Copeland, of Newport News, was unable to attend.

—Citizen Photo—Gamble

NEWLY-NATURALIZED CITIZENS of the United States gathered on the steps of the Federal Building in Asheville just after the semi-annual class was held with U.S. District Judge Wilson Warlick presiding and with Byron McAdoo of Norfolk, Va., examiner for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, in charge. Clasping replicas of the Declaration of Independence presented them by the Asheville B'nai B'rith Lodge, the class included (L-R): **front row,** Thomas Carr Buchanan and Barron Joel Buchanan from Greece, the adopted sons of Hugh B. and Gladys E. Buchanan of Swannanoa; **second row,** Mrs. Zelia Smith (Germany) of LaGrange, N.C., Mrs. Mitsuko Ogle (Japan) of Hudson, Mrs. Mary Cleasby (Scotland) of Mountain Home, Mrs. Rita Eulalia Trelles y del Portillo (Cuba) of Waynesville, Jimmy Pappas (Greece) of Asheville, Mrs. Irene Richardson Walker (Canada) of Asheville and Mrs. Hjordis Einars Harrington (Iceland) of Hendersonville; **third row,** Christos John Zourzoukis (Greece) of Green Mountain, Emiliano Latorre (Philippines) of Asheville, Gus Prassas (Greece) of Hendersonville and Mrs. Therese Lindsey (Belgium) of Zirconia, and, **last row,** Mrs. Margaret Mary Gourley (England) of Marion, Mrs. Liliane Edith Powell (France) of Drexel and Leslie Owen Jones (England) of West Asheville. Not pictured was Miss Michelle Maxy Ruth Stencel (Germany) of Asheville. The replicas of the Declaration of Independence were presented by David Lowenberg of the local B'nai B'rith organization. The class also heard talks from Mrs. John W. Day of Asheville, for the Colonial Dames of America, and from Mrs. J. E. Davison and Mrs. W. R. Melcher, both of the Asheville League of Women Voters. Also on hand were seventh grade students from David Millard Junior High School.

EXTRACT FROM HISTORY OF WALLASEY

WAR-TIME.

340 KILLED IN RAIDS.
275 SERIOUSLY INJURED
1,845 INJURED
509 AIR RAID ALERTS
* 658 H.E. BOMBS DROPPED.
17 PARACHUTE MINES
1,150 HOUSES DEMOLISHED
17,000 " DAMAGED.
10,000 PEOPLE RENDERED HOMELESS.

FIRST BOMB FELL AUG. 10 1940
LAST " " JAN. 10 1942.

* THOUSANDS OF FIRE BOMBS DROPPED TOO NUMEROUS TO COUNT.

FIRST BOMBS DROPPED 10.8.1940

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CLIFF RD
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FLORENCE COTTAGES
GORSEY LANE
INGLEBY RD
LINWOOD AVE
LILY GROVE
MILL LANE
STROUDS CORNER
RAKE LANE
PALATINE RD
ST GEORGES MOUNT

HEAVIEST RAIDS

CHRISTMAS 1940
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Tel-Care Program Has Checks On Elderly

The women of St. George Had this part

By MERIANNE EPSTEIN
Staff Writer

A concern among older and handicapped people living alone is that a sudden illness or accident will befall them and no one will know.

The Tel-Care program operated in Asheville and Buncombe County by the Blue Ridge Region of the Easter Seal Society can provide reassurance to those people through daily telephone calls from volunteers.

"The program provides these people with contact with someone from the outside who makes sure they're all right," said Millie Jones, Tel-Care coordinator. "There are quite a number of handicapped and elderly that live alone. Sometimes neighbors look in and sometimes they don't."

Volunteers call clients at the same time every day just to check on things, and can summon medical or other help if it's needed.

There is an annual get-together during the Christmas holidays for clients and volunteers, where many of the participants meet face-to-face for the first time.

CHRISTMAS 1982

The Tel-Care service is offered free to Asheville and Buncombe County residents.

Clients can participate for as long as they need the service. The service can also be provided on a part-time basis.

For more information on being a client or volunteer, call 258-0782.

Millie Jones. Easter Seal Society

The Citizen Times

Two Jones Brothers Serving In Army

H. JONES R. JONES

Sergeant Richard Anderson Jones, 24, and Private William Hobert Jones, 20, sons of Mr. and Mrs Ed Jones of 359 Haywood road West Asheville, are serving with the armed forces at Fort Bragg and Pine Camp, N Y, respectively

Sergeant Jones just received his promotion in the medical department at Fort Bragg He entered the army October 18, 1940 He is a graduate of Biltmore high school and was with the engineering department of the N C State Highway and Public Works commission before entering the service

Private Jones entered the army February 4, 1942, and received his training in the armored forces at Fort Knox, Ky, and was recently transferred to Pine Camp for advanced work He attended Biltmore high school and before entering the service was with Atkins garage here on Southside avenue

Both men volunteered at the Asheville recruiting office.

Asheville Times June 3, 1942

PROFILE

MINNIE JONES

'You can do anything regardless of where you are raised'

By Julie Martin
EDITOR WNC WOMAN

Minnie Jones worked by the phone in her Pisgah View Apartments, an arms' length from shelves packed with paperwork. She had finished a quilt top the day before and planned to quickly whip up another. A steady stream of phone calls interrupted a morning interview: Someone wanted to make plans for a Democratic Party luncheon. Another was organizing a City Council recall effort.

"I'm busy," she told a caller. "You know I'm always busy."

Jones was born in South Carolina, attended schools there and married while a teen-ager. The marriage didn't work out, however, and she moved to Asheville at 17. She finished her education in food service at what is now Asheville-Buncombe Community College. Jones also raised her daughter, Birdie, now 25, and several foster children. She worked at Kellwood until 1991, when the plant closed and she retired.

In 1962, Jones moved to Pisgah View Apartments as an Opportunity Corporation volunteer. She already knew many of the residents as a bus monitor for Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital.

Back then, the Pisgah View public housing project was almost all white, Jones said. "That was before integration. There were black communities and white communities. We were all right. We lived good. We didn't have housing. We lived in shabby houses and had poor landlords, but we had good city fathers. "There was no integration either, but you could talk to the mayor and the city council and they would listen."

Part of her work was to help integrate Pisgah View. It was her first foray into civil rights work. She began attending church and met the leaders of Asheville's NAACP. The late Rev. Wesley Grant Sr., among others, influenced her.

Back in those days, Jones said, "I could have gone bad. I could have gone real bad. They were instrumental in my life. They took me in and helped me to do things. These people were leaders of the community — not just the black community."

After the Civil Rights Amendment was passed in 1964, a federal mandate made it clear that public housing must be integrated. Jones became a part of that when she began her work at Pisgah View.

But "The community needed a lot of repair," she said. Jones helped clean up Pisgah View and instill a sense of pride in the community.

About 10 years later, she was elected president of the Pisgah View Residents Association. She met with the late Claude Debruhl, a former representative to the N.C. House and a builder-developer. He told her, "If you're going to be a community leader, you need to get involved in politics."

Jones came to realize getting people registered to vote would motivate them to become better citizens and create a powerful lobbying group to help the community as a whole. She became involved with the Democratic Party, organized voter registration drives and a Legal Aid office.

Her role models included the late Carl Johnson of Hillcrest Apartments, who led a public housing rent strike during the 1960s that began a push for tenants rights that continues to this day. She also marched on city hall in 1988 with Johnson and about 100 others to call for a fight against drug abuse in public housing. "Our goal was to eliminate drugs from public housing and help people in public housing be more self-sufficient." Out of that effort came the Asheville-Buncombe Drug Commission.

Today, Jones' work is by no means finished. She hands out red cards bearing her name and the slogan, "N.C. Community Advocate for Low-Income People."

Jones still serves with a host of organizations to help the poor, including the Opportunity Corporation, which is the umbrella organization for Head Start; the Low Income Housing Coalition, which is seeking federal funds for a health clinic for the homeless, migrants and others who cannot afford health care; and the Asheville-Buncombe Drug Commission, which she said still needs to push more drug education and hiring of people from public housing within the organization.

She also serves on the N.C. Board of Legal Services and the board of the National Housing Law Project, which goes to Washington, D.C., to make recommendations on behalf of North Carolina's poor.

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Jones was pleased when the outgoing city council voted last year to approve the new housing code. The code, effective July 1, affects what residents can do with the 21,000 houses and 13,000 rental units they own within the city limits. The new code mandates inspection of rental housing every five years, heating systems that will maintain a 68-degree temperature when it's 14 degrees outside, and installation of R-19 insulation in rental property ceilings that can be accessed.

But Jones believes that victory for Asheville's poor may be short-lived. She says she can't predict where the new council will lead. Although Jones isn't leading the recall effort, she expects to participate.

"This crowd doesn't believe in the housing code and they will do away with it — I know they will," she said. "(The housing authority) is fixed for the next 20 years, but it's people out there in those shacks who are in trouble."

Before, "We could talk to the mayor, the city council — we could always talk to the city fathers. That's my concern," she said. Jones doesn't plan to return to city council meetings any time soon. "I don't think they'll listen."

"If there is a faction — it seems to be rich people—I want to know where we are going to stand. I don't just mean black people, I mean low-income people, if we are going to care about equal rights and justice for all. If anybody's going to be left out, it's going to be us. It's going to be the poor blacks and the poor whites."

Jones and about 350 others attended a Dec. 7 meeting of the Asheville City Council at the Civic Center at which the city council voted to oust then-City Manager Doug Bean. "I will definitely participate in a recall effort in any way I can," Jones said the next day. "If they're going to tear up the town in 30 minutes, what are they going to do in 30 days? I think we have the right to know what's going on, and we didn't have that right last night."

Mayor Russ Martin also stung Jones at that meeting when, after she asked him to do something about additional street lighting in West Asheville, he responded with "Yows'em." He apologized to Jones afterward, saying he wanted to end a tension-filled meeting on a light note.

"The mayor sent me a letter of apology, but he kind of cut me down, too," said Jones. "You are almost afraid to say anything, when you are cut down by the mayor and the city council you can't talk to."

In the past, Jones said work with the city council has brought help to public housing. "Our money comes through the city. If I had not been able to work with the city, we would not have been able to get this money. This is worrying me. We are going to take some steps backward if things keep going the way they are."

In 1989, a $5.4 million federal grant paid for lead paint removal and remodeling the exteriors to give each of the 262 units at Pisgah View an individual character. An enlarged copy of the check for the grant hangs in a frame on the wall behind Jones.

Before that, she said, families with children under 7 weren't allowed to live at Pisgah View because of the lead paint problem. Since families with young children moved in, she sees the reward in her hard work.

"This is what we pushed for. We were pushing for things to be better for all people," said Jones. "When I see these little babies in here, I think at least they've got a place to live."

She wants to continue the work already under way and seek more money to complete the ground work at Pisgah View.

"I do this because I like people and I feel this is what the Lord wants me to do. I don't owe anybody anything except the Lord Jesus Christ. I know the Lord had to have a hand in everything I've done."

In the future, she says she "would like to continue the journey I was on." She enjoys sewing and making gourmet meals: At one time, she helped to run the Weaverville Milling Co. Her dream is to take a trip to Hawaii. "That's where I'd love to go before I pass away."

Those who live with her at Pisgah View, she says, "are good neighbors, good people. I feel good about it because I know I had a hand in bringing these people in here."

Jones doesn't see the need for public housing ever going away. "There will always be poor people. Because the Lord doesn't intend for all of us to be rich."

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ABOUT MINNIE JONES:

Born: Spartanburg, S.C.
Hobbies: Sewing, cooking
Family: One daughter, Birdie, 25 and several foster children
Latest accomplishment: Led a workshop at the Jesse Jackson Townhomes public housing project in Greenville, S.C., on establishing a residents' council.

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PROFILE:

Minnie Jones has spent more than 30 years fighting to bring justice to the poor. Sometimes it seems her job is just beginning.

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Chickenpox: Childhood's rite of passage may become a thing of the past

Running: The great escape

Athena award nominations sought

Minnie Jones at her Pisgah View apartment with granddaughter Chara Douglas, 5.

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substance abuse services." Down the road, they hope to offer therapeutic day care as well. . . . "Everything I do is for West Asheville. I've given 33 years here."

This Little Light of Mine (one of Minnie's favorite songs)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go

1 In my daily work, I'm gonna let it shine

2. For the poor and hungry folk, I'm gonna let it shine

3. Free of fear and hatred, I'm gonna let it shine

4. Buildin' a new world, I'm gonna let it shine

5. Put it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine

6. Trustin' in the Lord, I'm gonna let it shine

Children of Pisgah View participate in Christmas Parade; participation organized by Minnie Jones, late 1960s

Minnie Jones

Notes on Interview of March 28, 2003

So says Minnie Jones. . . . . .Her tenacity and goodwill have kept. . . . . and helped establish an after-school program and two health clinics. She is worthy of her of the title: "North Carolina Community Advocate for Low-income People"

Minnie Jones was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, on January 6, 1938. The eldest of five children, her time was divided between her mother's home in Spartanburg and her aunt Edwina's home in Grier. Her childhood memories include the blackouts and rationing of the war years, and anxiety for relatives away at war.

Growing up in the segregated South, her memories also include separate churches, theaters, drinking fountains, schools for blacks and whites. She says of those days, "It was very hard for us. We didn't have much. We got the old books from the white schools. We had to go up there and sign them out. Just about everything we had was second-hand. Anybody that got an education in those days was blessed."

Persisting in spite of the hardships, Minnie Jones got her education. ---(The boy's name was JOEL, not George.) ----- After completing high school, she moved to Alabama, where she stayed with "a wonderful lady who took me to church with her." Answering a call in that church to register votes with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,.....(*your paragraph*).

Recalling that time of struggle, danger, and hard-won change, Ms. Jones says, "There were some good white people, too, in those times. If there hadn't been, we wouldn't be where we are today. It took lots of folks working together to start to change things. Just like it does today." ----------

Ms. Jones came to Asheville in the late 1950s to desegregate the Asheville Housing Authority. "I came here to make a difference," she says. "I had never seen a housing project in my life." ("It looked like a concentration camp"—*may want to leave that last remark out*). . . She got a job at the Irene Wortham Center (in the old Queen Carson School on Park Ave.),working with handicapped children. The first African-American to work at the Center, Minnie stayed busy—"I was the cook *and* the child care provider. I had to buy the groceries—we had an account at a store up on Pack Square." ----------

She worked at Irene Wortham for a number of years, until administrative problems at the Center forced the layoff of employees. "We were debating what we were going to do for a job, and I went to the Orthopedic Hospital (now Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital) and I saw Mr. Bird." ----------

During these years, catering was a sideline business. Minnie catered many social events in Asheville, especially weddings, and was fondly known as "The Catering Queen".

In the late 1990s, Ms. Jones started an after-school program in the Pisgah View Community Center. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00, during the school year. The program offers 35+ young children love, learning, recreational opportunities and a warm meal. Every year she manages. . . .
The program expands during the summer, operating from 11:00 – 5:00, Monday through Friday, providing supervised educational and recreation opportunities, and a nutritious meal each day.

Ms. Jones was instrumental in starting two clinics to provide health care services for underserved residents of West Asheville and WNC. At Easter a few years back, she asked a friend, "Why don't you and I meet and draw up plans for a clinic?" A member of the Board of Pisgah Legal Servies for years, Minnie arranged to use the offices during the holiday. She and her friend (Carlos Gomez?) spent the entire weekend holed up at Pisgah Legal Services, talking, typing, figuring. . . 72 hours later their proposal for a clinic was in the hands of the lawyers! Then she began. . . . .
Two clinics emerged from those plans: The Minnie Jones Family Health Center at 1 Granada St., which opened in September of 1997, and Western North Carolina Community Health Services at 10 Ridgelawn St., which opened in late 1998. From the beginning, both clinics have enjoyed the dedicated service of Dr. Polly Ross, Chief Medical Officer.

Minnie is a deacon at St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church on Fayetteville St., where she has been a member for seven years.
For relaxation, when time permits, she enjoys sewing and crocheting.

And Minnie Jones is not done yet. Lately she is most excited about. . . .

Not long ago, Ms. Jones got a call about 6:00 in the morning from one of her neighbors, who told her that there was a man in a wheelchair sitting alone on the sidewalk in front of the Minnie Jones Family Health Center. "I was worried about him sitting out there by himself," she says. "I just through on my clothes right over my nightgown and got in my car and went down there. I asked him what he was doing there all by himself so early in the morning. He said that he wanted to be the first one to see the doctor, and that he caught a ride with a friend who was going to work. It was the only way he had to get there. I didn't have a key to the building, but I sat there and talked with him until someone came to open up. He needed that help, and he made the best effort he could to get there and get it. And there's lots more people who need help. Most mornings when we open there is a long line of people waiting to be seen. We're busting at the seems in this little clinic. That's why I'm doing this."

The new center, which will be located in a vacant apartment building at Pisgah View, will be a 7000 square foot facility. The building is being made available by the Housing Authority of Asheville. Carlos Gomez, Director of Western North Carolina Community Health Services, says, "the new facility will be open more hours, serve more people, and offer more services, including a lab on-site, and expanded mental health and

Minnie Jones, early 1970s

Snowman And Pal

Leta Jones 6 ~~Char Jackson, 6~~, of Pisgah View Apartments, posed with a snowman she made Sunday after an early winter storm dumped up to four inches of snow on the city. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

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Minnie Jones' daughter Leta, 1974

DEBBIE CHASE-JENNINGS/CITIZEN-TIMES

Hannah Plemmons, 3, comforts big brother Justin as Patrick Kelsey, a physician's assistant, examines the child. Minnie Jones, right, has been the force behind establishing the clinic, which provides routine medical care to families in her low-income neighborhood.

Jones puts up fight for health of indigent

When a fire is set in Minnie's soul, the entire forest could burn.

You don't say no to Minnie Jones.

You don't walk up to this former civil rights activist who marched across the country with a mission, a woman who pulls for the poor like a preacher summons sinners, and say "Ms. Jones, this can't possibly be done."

If you do, expect the flames.

Minnie will frown and fold her arms. She'll stand with feet planted, eyes narrowed to hyphens. Then she'll take a deep breath, collect her thoughts and bombard the naysayers with a list of reasons why her ideas WILL work.

She will hand out the red business cards stating her mission: "N.C. Community Advocate for Low-income People," and smile before walking off, having made her point.

College educated and retired from food service and manufacturing jobs, her latest volunteer venture is a community and residential-based health clinic, the primary care so many poor people lack.

Susan Reinhardt

When she heard talk that WNC Community Health Services was considering such clinics in low-income neighborhoods, she thought of her own, Pisgah View Apartments in West Asheville.

It was her job in 1962 as an Opportunity Corporation volunteer to integrate the predominately white neighborhood, a job she completed successfully.

Now there are new missions, such as good health care, on her agenda. If anybody needs a dose of decent care it's her people, the tenants over which she tends as president, she said.

Minnie, a Spartanburg, S.C., native, said Pisgah View is at capacity. Its races are balanced – 262 units with 668 tenants from black to white to elderly to small children.

All with at least one thing in common. Little or no money.

"Nobody seems to want to help the poor people," she said, standing in the waiting room of the small clinic that bears her name. The room is clean, newly renovated in teal and mauve. Pamphlets are scattered across tables. Patients sit with hands clasped, waiting to see an expert, waiting for the medicines that give

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them relief. Or life.

Minnie talked of similar clinics set up in residential sections all over the country, especially in big cities like Chicago.

"I saw the need," she said. "It's done in other places so why not in the South?"

She talked about an incident that fixed her mind solid on providing her neighbors decent doctoring.

"I had a client with a temperature of 104. We tried various health providers and were told she couldn't get an appointment until the next day. In the meantime, I took her to the emergency room."

CURB SERVICE: It's not that free health care isn't out there. The big problem, she and others in the business agree, is transportation. If people are poor and in bad health, a Cadillac doesn't await them curbside to whisk them toward treatment.

"People who are indigent, truly indigent, don't have cars," said Pat Kelsey, one of two rotating physician's assistants from Hygeia Family Medicine in West Asheville. "Even though health care is sitting there waiting for them, they can't get to it."

So Minnie Jones decided her own neighborhood was the perfect place to start the clinic that opened last September. Scott Pearson, president of the board of directors for WNC Community Health Services, a non-profit, is pleased with the site.

"It's a concept we felt was an important way to bring needed primary care to the underserved, indigent population," Pearson said. "It's difficult for these folks to access our regular health care system."

And some may not try at all.

Minnie and the clinic caretakers are convinced an elderly man living at Pisgah View wouldn't be alive today had it not been for the short walk he took for help.

The day before the man had grabbed his chest and collapsed. Somehow, he made it through the night, lying frightened in his bed, until the next day when the Minnie Jones Health Care Center opened its doors shortly after lunch.

He stumbled across the yard, through the parking lot, fist against heart, until he reached the clinic, located in the community center.

"He had a major heart attack," Minnie said and a doctor confirmed. "If we hadn't been here he'd of probably stayed home and died."

Once a patient arrives at the clinic, which is funded through grants and donations, a registered nurse, physician's assistant, or a doctor checks them out. The patient is either treated and sent home – with advice and medication – or referred somewhere else

Usually Minnie or office help will call a cab to transport. Often, she's loaded patients in her own car and driven them to hospitals and specialists.

One of these days she'd like her own van for the clinic. And few people doubt she'll get it.

LIFE'S LITTLE BASICS: The Minnie Jones center is no plush and carpeted office offering fancy testing and New Yorker magazines. It is not the place to go for CAT scans and X-rays, ultrasounds and minor surgery.

Instead, it is a place for primary care, where anyone who qualifies can find the basics: remedies for flu and colds, medicines for heart and lung disease and diabetes. A friendly face to hear their tales of pain and sickness.

"It's quicker and cheaper," Pat Kelsey said, "than using the local emergency room as primary care provider."

Minnie Jones and others who are associated with the clinic, believe in its benefits.

"I think we're doing some good things," Kelsey said. "If nothing else, people are finding out there are people around here who give a damn."

And if it weren't for Minnie, he said, who came here as a teen-ager, raised a daughter and several foster kids, the center wouldn't be at Pisgah View.

"Minnie Jones is ... pushy," Kelsey said, careful with his words. "But by God she gets things done. She's the catalyst, screaming we need help and care and deserve better than we're getting. She'd tell that to anybody who listened."

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MINNIE JONES
Community Activist

Minnie Jones was born in Spartanburg, S.C., and moved to Asheville at the age 17. She finished her education in food service at what is now Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. In 1962, Jones moved to the Pisgah View Apartments as an Opportunity Corporation volunteer, where part of her work was to integrate the apartment complex after the 1964 Civil Rights Amendment was passed, mandating that federal housing must be integrated. Ten years later, Jones was elected president of the Pisgah View Residents Association. Realizing that getting people to vote would motivate them to become better citizens and create a powerful lobbying group that would help the community as a whole, Jones became active with the Democratic Party and organized voter registration and a Legal Aid Office. She has served with a host of organizations that help the needy. In 1994, she received a Free Speech Award from the Dr. Marketta Laurilia Free Speech Award Committee. She is the inspiration behind the Minnie Jones Family Health Center at Pisgah View Apartments.

Minnie Jones

"KEEPING THE PROMISE"

March 28, 2003

Minnie Jones Family Health Center
Attn: Ms. Minnie Jones and Mr. Carlos Gomez
1 Granada Street
Asheville, NC 28806

Dear Ms. Jones and Mr. Gomez:

This letter is to confirm our conversation regarding building 16 at the Pisgah View development. I reviewed removing this six-unit building offline for the Minnie Jones Family Health Center with Gene Rehuba, HUD Engineer. He authorized the Asheville Housing Authority to take the units offline for this purpose, if the building is restored to its original configuration, when your organization completes its occupancy.

In summary, this letter officially permits your organization to pursue occupying building 16 at the Pisgah View development.

Yours truly,

Gene Bell
Director of Maintenance and Construction

GB/eb

cc: David Jones, Jr.
Gene Rehuba

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MED WEEK '04

Minnie Jones, left, visits with Leah Karpen and other guests at the Minority Enterprise Development Week awards banquet at the Renaissance Hotel on Thursday evening. Jones won the 2004 Minority Enterprise Development Week award in the health-care provider category.

John Coutlakis/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Businesswoman's reward: doing good

Minority Enterprise Development Week began Sept. 17 with events honoring diverse business leaders.

Today, a Q&A with Minnie Jones, co-founder of the Minnie Jones Family Health Center. Jones won the 2004 Minority Enterprise Development Week award for a health-care provider.

By Michael Flynn
STAFF WRITER

Name: Minnie E. Jones
Business: Minnie Jones Family Health Center
How long in business: Since 1995
Location: Pisgah View Community Center in West Asheville
What they do: The health center provides primary care for low-income patients of all ages. The center has a doctor, nurse practitioner and office assistant on its staff.

Question: What was your biggest challenge in opening your business?

Answer: The biggest challenge was we didn't have a place to open or the necessary money. We had to depend on the Lord and the goodness of people. The housing authority was very generous in sharing the building with us. If it had not been for leaders at the housing authority and other concerned people, we would not have been able to get started.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of having your own business?

A: It's being able to see that you've done some good in the community and helped people that are less fortunate than yourself. We've saved lives, such as a Pisgah View resident who had a heart attack. Doctors from Mission Hospitals said that if we had not been there, he would not have lived.

Q: What are your plans or goals for your business over the next year?

A: Our goal is to serve more people and provide more services. We really need to because people are losing jobs and health insurance. I also really want to do more for children. Right now we have an after-school program from 3 until 6:30 p.m., which includes a nutritious supper. I hope that we can get a larger space, which we are working on right now, but it's a matter of raising funds. I want to be able to get into a larger building so that so we can serve more people.

Q: What's your reaction to winning this award?

A: I really appreciate people noticing what I'm doing and caring enough to recognize it. I'm not doing this for publicity, but because I care and to help the poor.

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Edwards mum on '08 at local gala

Former VP candidate says he's campaigning against poverty

By Bill Cresenzo
CITIZEN-TIMES CORRESPONDENT

ENKA — Former North Carolina senator and vice-presidential candidate John Edwards wouldn't say Saturday whether he plans to run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008.

But at Saturday's annual spring dinner for Democrats in the 11th Congressional District, he said he's running a different kind of campaign — one against poverty.

He shook hands with some of the 400 or so people gathered in the Haynes Conference Center on the Enka campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. Edwards now heads the newly formed Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at UNC Chapel Hill.

"My campaign now is against poverty," he said. "We'll see where that takes me."

He would not comment on whether he would again seek the nomination. "We're going to focus on Elizabeth," he said, referring to his wife, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. "We've got to get Elizabeth well. That's the big thing."

Elizabeth Edwards was diagnosed with breast cancer just before Edwards and Sen. John Kerry lost the election to President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. Edwards told a supporter Saturday evening that his wife is doing "very well."

Edwards has traveled the country recently, promoting the new poverty center's work. He said he plans to continue to talk to poor people about their problems, and try to come up with solutions. On Saturday, he said, he met with local war veterans.

> **"My campaign now is against poverty. We'll see where that takes me."**
>
> JOHN EDWARDS, former senator and vice presidential candidate who heads the new Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at UNC

Edwards also wouldn't say whether Kerry planned to run for president again in 2008. "We talk all the time," he said of Kerry. "(The election) is four years from now. Who has any idea?"

Edwards also would not speculate on who, besides Kerry, may vie for the democratic ticket. "I'm not in the political predicting business," he said. "We'll leave that to other people."

Edwards also declined to talk about what went wrong for the Democrats during the 2004 campaign. But other Democrats at the dinner did.

Minnie Jones, who said she's been a Democrat "all my life and I'm going to die one," said the party needs to work harder and focus on its mistakes. "We didn't quite work hard enough," she said. "... We are going to try to regroup and go on and do better."

Concerning the war in Iraq, Edwards said there's still a lot of work to do. But he said the recent elections in Iraq are a sign that things are improving. "It was a very encouraging thing to see all those Iraqis lining up to vote," he said.

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Former U.S. Sen. John Edwards greets longtime fellow Democrat Minnie Jones of Asheville. They were among hundreds of party faithful Saturday at the annual Liston B. Ramsey Spring Gala on Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College's Enka campus.

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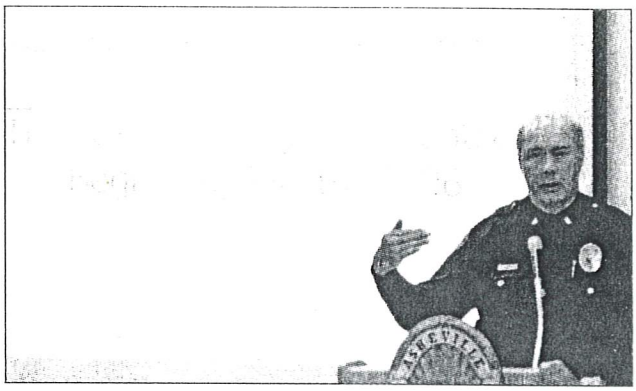
Police aiming to boost presence with revamp

Minnie Jones, foreground, asks a question as downtown businesswoman Mary Ann West listens during a public meeting Thursday to discuss the changes taking place in the Asheville Police Department.



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Chief Bill Hogan speaks Thursday at a public meeting to outline a new schedule and a new system of beats for Asheville police.

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Community award winners honored at annual breakfast

Organizers of Asheville's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast marked the event's 25th anniversary by honoring the following previous award winners at the Saturday morning gathering.

Past winners of the Humanitarian Award

Robert Plemmons
Dr. Paul Johnson
Ken Michalove
Edward Schell
Ray Kisiah
Irby Brinson
Leni Sitnick
Tom Sobol
Rev. Charles Moseley
Andrew Reed
William Fulp

Past winners of the Martin Luther King Jr. Award

Jesse Ray Sr.
Vivian Riddle
John Hayes
Glenda McDowell
David Jones
Thelma Caldwell
John Morrison
James Geter
Erline McQueen
Tilman Jackson
Eugene Ellison
Gene Bell
Virgil Smith
Rev. O.T. Tomes and Building Bridges
Willie Mae Brown
Shirleigh Moog
Dwight and Dolly Mullen
Lonnie Burton
Clara Jeter
Susan Presley
Minnie Jones
Toby Ives
Gene Rainey

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GATEWAY TO THE MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Tuesday, 01 December 2009

Annual Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet

Monday, 12 October 2009

The Asheville Branch NAACP and the Empowerment Resource Center of Asheville/Buncombe County will hold the annual Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet October 31 beginning at 7 p.m. The event, which takes place at the DoubleTree Biltmore, 115 Hendersonville Road in Asheville, honors leaders and celebrates efforts in achieving equality for all people. Tickets are $35 each, and funds raised through this event support the work of the Asheville Branch NAACP.

The keynote speaker is Minnijean Brown Trickey, one of the nine African American students whose courage and determination, coupled with protection from United States National Guard troops, carried them through angry crowds to end segregation at Little Rock Central High School in 1957.

Asheville resident Minnie Jones will receive the Sophie Dixon & Grace Dorn Leadership Award, given to women who exemplify the qualities of leadership, action, and influence in our community exhibited by Sophie Dixon and the late Grace Dorn. The President's Award, presented annually to an agency or business dedicated to the community's economic development, will be presented to OnTrack Financial Education and Counseling.

Tickets may be ordered by mailing checks to PO Box 2881 Asheville, NC 28802 or by calling (828) 281-3066. Attendees are encouraged to order tickets early.

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By Barbara Blake • October 22, **2009**

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ASHEVILLE — One of the Little Rock Nine will be visiting **Asheville** next week as keynote speaker at the Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet.

Minnijean Brown Trickey was one of the nine African-American students who, escorted by federal troops, collectively resisted opposition to desegregation to enter Little Rock, Ark., Central High School in 1957. She will speak Oct. 31 at the annual fundraiser for the **Asheville** Branch NAACP and the Empowerment Resource Center of **Asheville**/Buncombe County.

John Hayes, president of the **Asheville** branch, said this year's celebration, which has the theme "Bold Dreams, Big Victories," is particularly significant because it comes in the 100th anniversary year of the NAACP, which began in 1909 in New York.

"This is a fundraiser, to help us keep our phones on and fax machines going and so people have a place that is easily accessible to receive the services they need," Hayes said.

"But we also bring this forth to bring about the words of our Constitution and help make them a reality for all people, and that can only happen when people work together to develop relationships that foster trust and dignity with each other," he said. "And we come together to honor those whose mission it is to lift people up."

Held this year at the DoubleTree Biltmore on Hendersonville Road, the **Asheville** banquet will recognize and celebrate efforts in achieving equality for all people, Hayes said. A silent and live auction will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

Longtime community volunteer and activist Minnie Jones will be presented with the **Asheville** Branch's Sophie Dixon/Grace Dorn Leadership **Award**, given to women who exemplify the qualities of action and influence of leadership in the community.

Hayes said Jones, who organized a family health center at Pisgah View Apartments among other projects, will be honored for the "tireless efforts she puts forth to serve her community."

"She's forever trying to make sure that Pisgah View and West **Asheville** are not left out of opportunities," he said. "Whether it's cleaning up the community or having a drug free community, Minnie Jones is on the front line."

OnTrack Financial Education and Counseling, a nonprofit United Way agency that began in 1975, will be presented with the President's **Award**, given to an agency or business working to pave inroads for the community's economic development.

"We are honored to be recognized with the President's **Award**," said On Track Executive Director Celeste Collins. "Since 2001, we have collaborated with the NAACP to provide the Credit Awareness Project, which offers a free 3-in-1 credit report and score to community members.

"This project, along with our other services of budget counseling, debt management programs and financial education, helps people of all races, genders and income levels take the next steps toward financial independence and empowerment," she said. "We greatly value our partnership with the NAACP and the true impact it brings to our community."

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Meals for kids in Pisgah View

Minnie Jones, a 30-year resident of Asheville's Pisgah View community, enlisted the help of County Attorney **Joe Connolly** and General Services Director **Bob Hunter** as she made her presentation on the **Minnie Jones** Family Health Center's summer youth program. The county officials held up two large display boards showing photos of the many children who took part in the program. "A lot of those children would not have had a meal had it not been for the people who cared," declared **Jones**, adding, "I work nine weeks every year, for free, as my contribution to feed the poor."

The hot, nutritional meals, purchased from the Mission-St. Joseph's Health System, provide continued nutritional support to those children who depend on the free lunches offered during the school year, said **Carlos Gomez**, executive director (and co-founder, with **Jones**) of the WNC Community Health Services. That's the parent agency for the health center at Pisgah View Apartments, the largest public-housing development in the county. In a telephone interview, Gomez said the center provides free, walk-in services to Pisgah View residents and other low-income people, with support from the county's Indigent Health Care fund. Speaking after the meeting, **Jones** said she originally came to Buncombe County "to make a difference.

"I was the first black person to live in the Pisgah View Apartments. I came here 30 years ago to integrate them."

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Jones

July 2007 **- Ms. Minnie Jones - Pisgah View Community**

Ms. Jones was the first to integrate public housing in Asheville. She has been a long-time tireless advocate for the children living in the Pisgah View Community and continues to do so today. Ms Jones provided on-site programs for children and youth for over 20 years, started an on-site health clinic for residents, and facilitated the partnership with Manna Foodbank to open a food pantry in Pisgah View. Those of you who know Ms Minnie know that she is high spirited and advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Children First of Buncombe County

Jones

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Young people work to carry King's torch

Event throws out challenge

By Sandra V. Rodriguez
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Enterprising Carrier To Enjoy Busy Week

—Citizen-Times Photo—Shipman

ENTERPRISING WAS THE WORD for Stephen Jordan, left, 16-year-old son of the Rev. and Mrs. John S. Jordan of 22 Brucemont Circle, as he received airplane tickets from Asheville Citizen-Times Circulation Manager Ben B. Humphries after Jordan won the Citizen-Times Enterprise Contest for newspaper carriers. A six-day junket is in store for Steve, including trips to Annapolis and Washington, D.C.

A busy week is in store for Stephen Jordan, 16-year-old Lee H. Edwards High School junior and Asheville Citizen-Times carrier, as he boards a plane for Washington, D. C., at 8:30 a.m. Sunday (today).

Jordan won the Citizen-Times Enterprise Contest, sponsored jointly with the Newspaper Enterprise Assn., and will join other winning carriers in Washington for an action-packed agenda.

The contest winner, no stranger to winning carrier competitions here, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. John S. Jordan of 22 Brucemont Circle, West Asheville. His father is the pastor of Haywood Street Methodist Church.

Here's what's in store for Steve:

A trip to Annapolis with a cruise on the Severn River to the Chesapeake Bay and a meeting with Navy coaches as well as eating in the Midshipmen's dining room.

A stop at Wallops Island, Va., Space Launching Center with tours of the launching pads and inspection of the block houses. The carriers will inspect the East Coast Tracking Station which follows astronauts orbiting the Earth. They'll visit a complete Mercury station and see an operational range control set-up. And proper conditions permitting, they may witness an actual launching.

Steve and his buddies will be Marines for a day, visiting the Quantico Marine Base and spending a day with the Leathernecks. Special demonstration teams will be brought in for the day which includes a messkit lunch in the field.

There's a night baseball game in Washington on tap.

A tour of historic Washington will include dinner with leaders of the nation, among them Steve's own Congressman, Roy A. Taylor. And there's the liklihood of meeting President Kennedy personally.

Also on tap is a visit to a major aircraft carrier, and a possible one-day trip to sea on a destroyer. Unfortunately, the U. S. S. Enterprise is currently deployed in another theater and unavailable for the occasion.

And, closing out the action-packed week will be a special sunset retreat on the grounds of the Commandant of the Marine Corps with the U. S. Marine Band, the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and a full battalion of Marines in dress uniform.

Then it's homeward bound and Steve will have a pack of stories to tell his parents and pals of how it pays to be the Citizen-Times Enterprise Boy.

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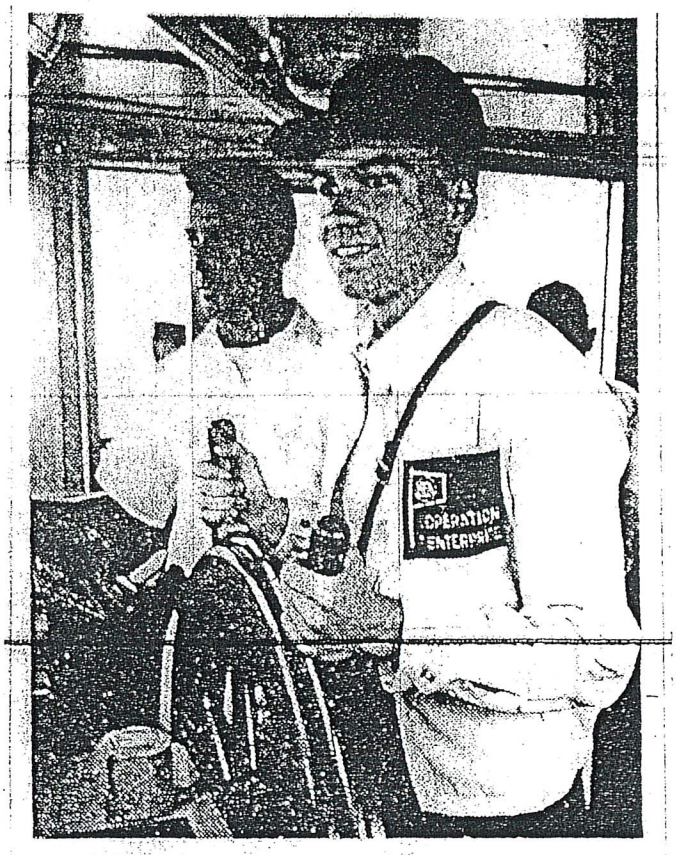


AN ENTERPRISING YOUNG MAN is at the helm as Stephen Jordan, winner of the Citizen-Times Enterprise Contest for carriers, confidently navigates on the Severn River at Annapolis. With other contest winners Stephen met with Navy coaches and ate in the midshipmen's dormitory. He will also visit the space launching center at Wallops Island, Va., and Quantico Marine Base.

Asheville Citizen July 23, 1963

C. B. JOYNER ENTERS RACE FOR CONSTABLE

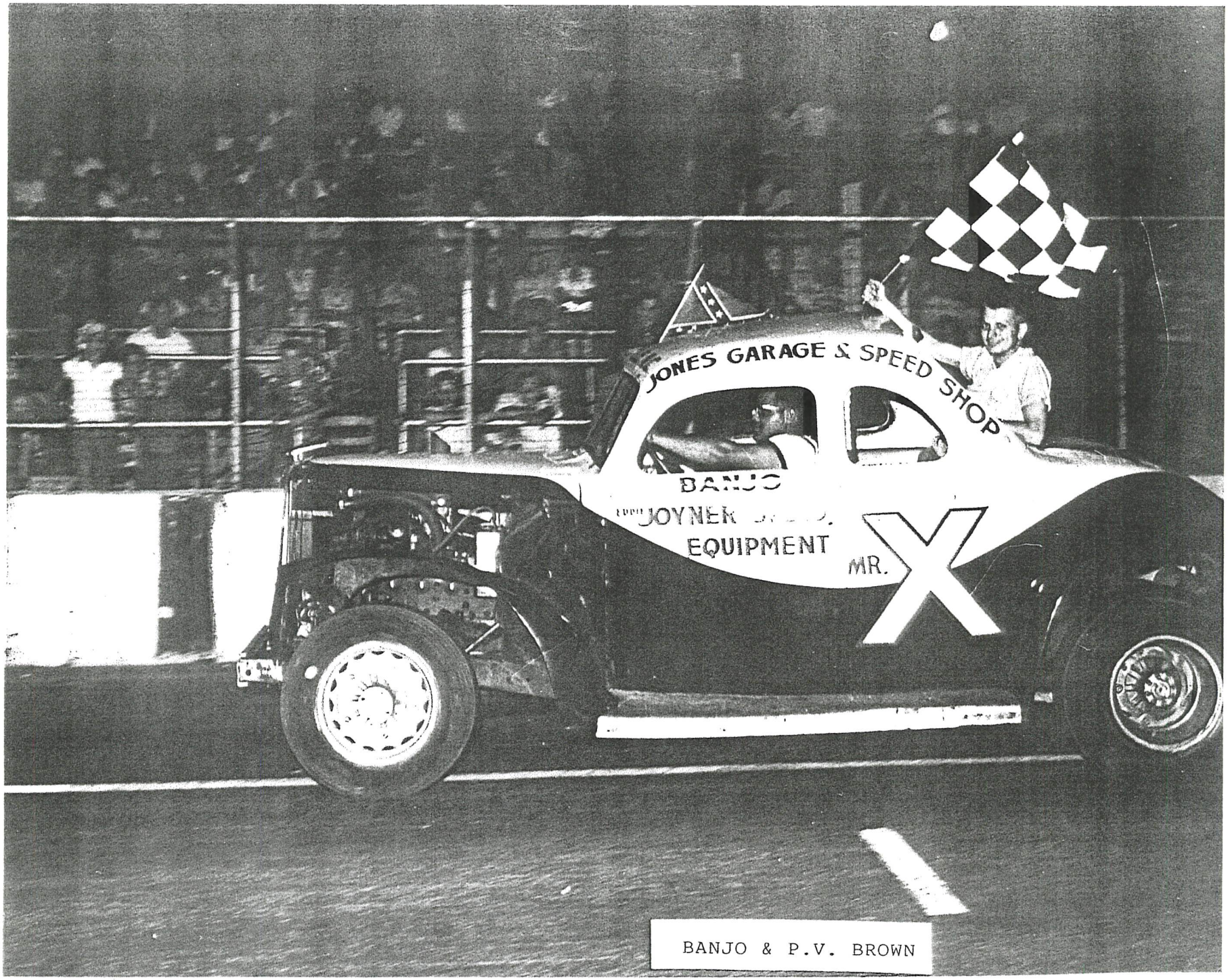
C. B. Joyner. of West Asheville, the son of J. E. Joyner has announced his entry in the race for nomination as constable of Asheville township, subject to the action of the primary. Mr. Joyner is well known in Asheville having been associated with a firm of detectives here for some time.

Mr. Joyner has a large number of friends here and will make an active campaign before the coming primary election.

Asheville Citizen April 23, 1916

Edeson "Eddie" Joyner

Born in 1911, Eddie's first job, in 1928, was as a driver for Teague's Market. He began working for the A@P grocery chain in 1929 where he remained until 1940 when he was last listed as Manager. He resigned to open his own store, The One Stop Food Shop in West Asheville, which remained in business only until 1943 as he was drafted into the Army in 1942. He served during World War II until 1946. Upon his return, he opened another store, Joyner's Grocery, located in the Emma community. The Emma store remained until 1958, and during the later years included a small section which soul automobile accessories. In 1959 the City Directory reflects that he opened Eddie Joyner's Speed Equipment, which was located at 1040 Patton Avenue in Asheville. He remained there, also opening a small boat store up the street for several years until ill health forced him into retirement and early death in 1973.



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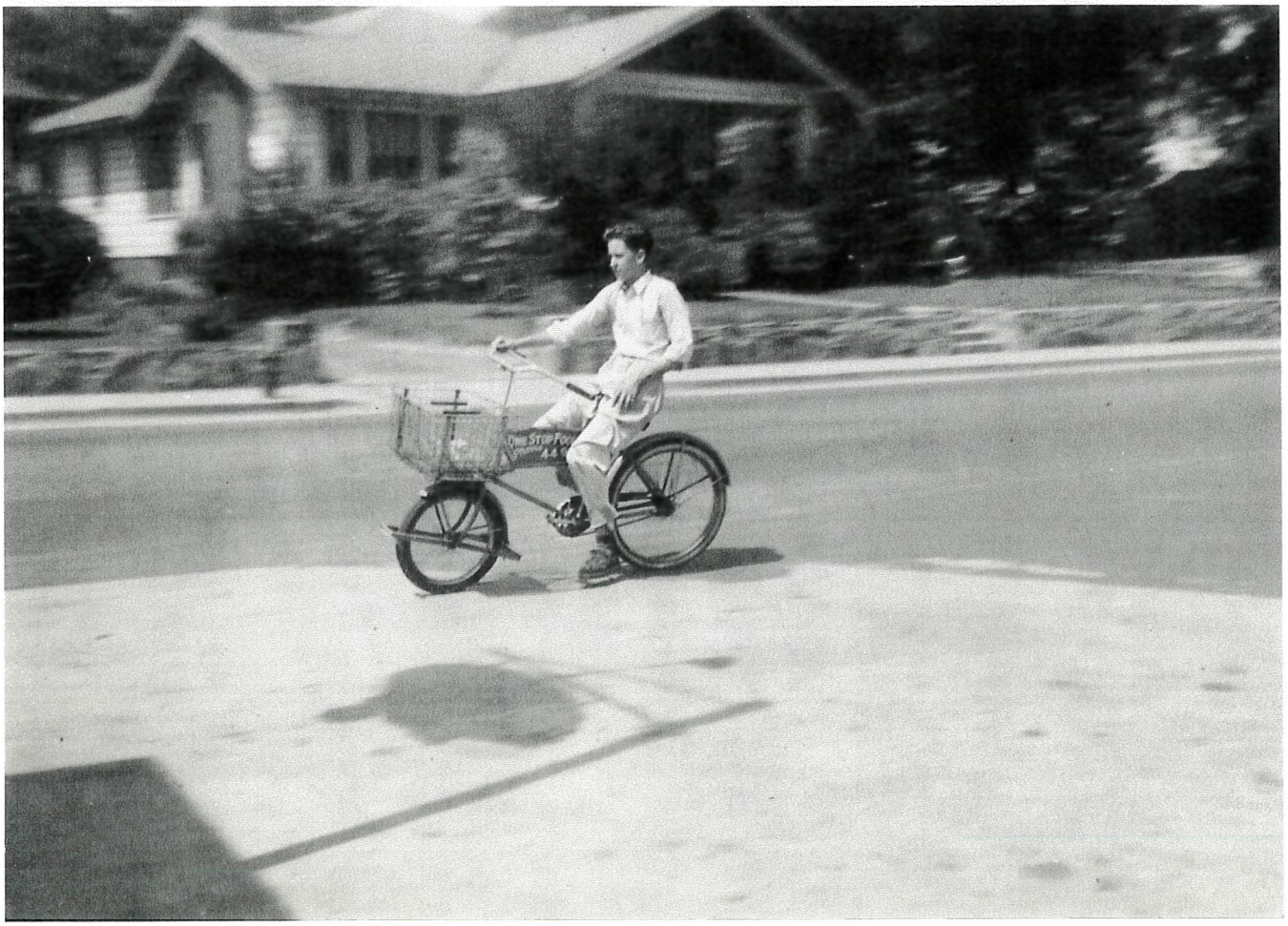

Eddie Joyner, Speed Shop Owner, Dies

Eddie C. Joyner, 62, of 57 Lucerne Ave., owner and president of Eddie's Speed Equipment and Marine Supply Shop, died Monday in an Asheville hospital after a long illness. Nov. 1973

The business which Mr. Joyner established in 1945 on Emma Road and moved to its present location in 1958, had grown to be the largest automotive parts and equipment firm in Western North Carolina. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of West Asheville Masonic Lodge No. 665 and active in boy scout activities.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Dovie R. Joyner; the mother, Mrs. C. B. Joyner of Asheville; six brothers, Lewis, Harry and Charles Joynes of Asheville, Bynum Joyner of Atlanta, Ga., Marcus Joyner of Darlington, S. C. and Joe Joyner of Miami Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Walker of Marietta, Ga.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at West Asheville Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Revs. James Johnson and Nane Starnes will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery. Brothers will be pallbearers. Men of the West Asheville Baptist Church will be honorary pallbearers. Masonic Lodge No. 665 will conduct graveside rites.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Groce Funeral Home and at other times will be at the home of Mrs. W. H. Cogburn of 925 Haywood Road. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Aston Park Hospital building fund.

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Eddie Joyner

In the passing of Eddie Joyner, of "Eddie Joyner Speed Equipment Supplies", Asheville lost one of her finest citizens. He was loyal in his support to everything that contributed to the building of a great community. But many also lost in Eddie an understanding personal friend.

He was a native of Asheville, and after returning from the fox-holes of the most dangerous battlefields of Europe in World War II he began life anew, entering the business world. In this he was successful.

In personality he was modest and unassuming, but inspired confidence. Many came to him for counsel and personal encouragement at a crisis time. They went away with the help they needed.

To his church and to his pastors, he was loyal and dedicated. To its endeavor in the local community and to far distant places, he was liberal and supporting.

He loved life. Fishing, boating, hunting, sports, and as long as possible he participated. His tales of adventure were endless in these favorite pastimes. He was no stranger to adversity, nor free from suffering. For past several years he faced the inevitable of a severe illness. But no one heard him complain nor question his fate.

Now at the end of the journey of life, he stands tall among his fellow citizens and friends. Best of all, he hears the voice of the Master of his life saying: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Miss Mabel Starnes
15 Lanvale Ave.
Asheville

County Home of Buncombe County. This picture was made in 1927.

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June 12, 1941

Critically Wounded In Stabbing

JOE JOYNER

This 15-year-old lad lay in a critical condition in the Aston Park hospital today as the result of a stabbing on Haywood road yesterday afternoon. Steve Sherlin, 14, is alleged to have done the stabbing after an argument over some cherries.

Condition Of Joe Joyner Is Critical

Joe Joyner, 15, remained in a critical condition in Aston Park today—with a stab wound in his heart. Steve Sherlin, 14, was detained by the juvenile court authorities, charged with stabbing young Joyner on Haywood road near the Palace theater yesterday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock.

The stabbing, according to witnesess, took place following an argument over cherries.

According to Buddy Harrell, of 70 Vermont avenue, the stabbing was an outgrowth of a quarrel several days ago, when Joe found Steve in a cherry tree in the back yard of the Joyner home.

"Joe asked him to leave his cherries alone," the Harrell boy told a reporter.

Walking Along

"Then yesterday, Joe Joyner and Joe Mehaffey, who lives on Vermont avenue, and I were walking on Haywood road when we saw Steve selling cherries near the Palace theater.

"Joe Mehaffey and I walked on; Joe Joyner stopped to talk to Steve. We got about 10 feet from the two, and turned around. They were arguing, and Steve was calling Joe Joyner names. Joe grabbed him by the shirt and told him to stop calling him names—then Steve took out his knife and stabbed Joe.

"Joe knew he was hurt badly. He didn't fall, but turned around and started running toward Dr. S. S. Fay's office, on Mildred avenue. Dr. Fay wasn't in, and Joe ran to Dr. George F. Baier's office, 814 Haywood road. Dr. Baier wasn't in, so Joe ran out again.

"By this time his whole shirt front on the left side was soaked with blood. He ran into the Palace pharmacy, and there he fainted. Somebody in a private automobile took him to the hospital."

After Stabbing

Sherlin walked away after the stabbing, according to Harrell. Police said they found him on his way to his home on Burton street. The officers quoted witnesses as saying that Joyner hit or slapped Sherlin several times before Sherlin took out his knife.

Burnos Sherlin, brother of Steve, is in the Buncombe county jail awaiting trial for murder in the slaying of Robert Hughes, negro youth, several weeks ago. Joyner's father, C. B. Joyner, is a city detective. The Joyners reside at 30 Oakwood road.

Asheville Citizen June 12, 1941

Boy Is Stabbed In Fight

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Joe Joyner, 15, was in Aston Park hospital last night in a critical condition with a knife wound in his heart and a few blocks across town in the juvenile detention cell of the county jail, Steve Sherlin, 14, who is said to have stabbed him, was being held. In the jail proper, Burnos Sherlin, brother of Steve, is awaiting trial at the term of court starting Monday on a charge of murder in the slaying of Robert Hughes, negro youth, several weeks ago.

Physicians at the hospital said that young Joyner's condition was extremely grave.

The trouble occurred when Joyner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Joyner of 30 Oakwood road, and Sherlin engaged in an argument on the sidewalk near the Palace theater on Haywood road, in West Asheville, about 1:15 o'clock, police said.

Joe Mehaffey, 28 Vermont avenue, and Buddy Harrell, 70 Vermont, companions of young Joyner, were witnesses to the stabbing. They told members of the police department who investigated that Sherlin came along the street carrying a bucket of cherries and that when he encountered young Joyner they renewed a previous quarrel.

Joyner hit or slapped Sherlin several times and Sherlin drew his knife and struck at Joyner, the witnesses said. The blade penetrated his left chest.

The wounded boy was taken to Aston Park hospital where an examination disclosed that the blade had cut the heart.

Sherlin left the scene and was making his way to his home on Burton street, when officers found him at the corner of Burton and Louisiana avenue. He was taken to the county jail and placed in the detention section reserved for juveniles. His mother and sister visited him during the afternoon.

Joyner's father is a detective in the Asheville police department.

Asheville Citizen June 12, 1941

Joyner Youth Remains In Critical Condition

Joe Joyner, 15, continued his fight for life at Aston Park hospital last night, where he was taken Wednesday with a knife wound in his chest which penetrated the heart. His condition was reported as only fair.

Meanwhile, juvenile authorities were still detaining Steve Sherlin, 14, who is said by the police to have stabbed Joyner during a quarrel over some cherries.

Buddy Harrell, who lives at 70 Vermont avenue, told police yesterday that he witnessed the encounter that led to the stabbing.

He said that a few days before Joyner had found Sherlin in a cherry tree in his back yard and had asked him to leave. The two quarreled at that time.

When they met on the street near the Palace theater Wednesday, Sherlin had a bucket of cherries. Harrell said that Joyner stopped to talk to him while Harrell and Joe Mehaffey, who lives at 26 Vermont avenue, walked on. Harrell said that he looked back and saw Joe Joyner grab Sherlin by the shirt and tell him to stop calling him names. It was then, he said, that Sherlin pulled out a knife and stabbed at Joyner, striking him in the chest.

Sherlin continued on down the street, Harrell told the officers, while Joyner, realizing that he was badly injured, ran first to the ofice of Dr. S. S. Fay and then to the office of Dr. George F. Bayer, Jr., and finding neither in, ran to the Palace pharmacy where he fainted. Somebody in a private automobile then took him to the hospital.

The officers received one report that Joyner hit or slapped Sherlin before the stabbing occurred.

Asheville Times June 13, 1941

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CONDITION OF JOYNER BOY ONLY FAIR

The condition of Joe Joyner, age 15, who is in the Aston Park hospital as result of a stab wound in the heart was reported last night as "just fair". Steve Sherlin, 14, is being detained by the juvenile court charged with stabbing young Joyner on Haywood road near the Palace theatre early Wednesday afternoon.

The stabbing is said to have taken place following an argument over some cherries.

Young Sherlin is the brother of Burnos Sherlin, who is in the Buncombe county jail awaiting trial for murder in connection with the slaying of Robert Hughes, negro youth, several weeks ago. The home of Steve Sherlin is on Burton street, where police found him following the stabbing.

The Joyner youth is the son of J. B. Joyner, city detective, who resides at 30 Oakwood road.

Asheville Citizen June 13, 1941

JOYNER YOUTH IS REPORTED TO BE SLIGHTLY BETTER

Condition of Joe Joyner, 15, of 30 Oakwood road, stabbed in the heart about noon Wednesday during an argument with Steve Sherlin, 14, was slightly improved at Aston Park hospital last night and he was given a fair chance to recover.

Police continued to hold young Sherlin in the juvenile detention quarters at the county jail without bail pending outcome of the Joyner boy's injuries. The latter was stabbed in the chest, the knife penetrating the heart.

Asheville Citizen June 14, 1941

12-16-01

BOB TERRELL
columnist

Charlie not the only Choo Choo

Researching baseball history for a book I'm writing on John Henry Moss, president of the South Atlantic Baseball League, I made a discovery that startled me.

It also startled Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice, the All-American football player from Asheville, the University of North Carolina, and the Washington Redskins.

I found another Choo Choo Justice!

"I never heard of another one," Charlie said. All these years since he was tagged with the Choo Choo nickname during World War II while playing for Bainbridge Naval Training Station, Charlie thought he was the only one.

The other one I found was also a pretty good athlete. His name was Walter (Choo Choo) Justus. Notice that the last name is spelled differently. I found him in the minor league record book for the 1908 season.

Pitching for Lancaster, Ohio, in the Ohio State League, Justus threw four no-hitters that season. He pitched the gems on July 19, Aug. 2, Sept. 8, and Sept. 13. You will notice the last two were back-to-back, the same as Johnny Vander Meer, who pitched his a few years later for Cincinnati in the National League.

"I have good days and bad days, but better days overall than I deserve, I guess."
CHARLIE (CHOO CHOO) JUSTICE

Justus pitched in the major leagues, if only for 3.1 innings. That was with the Detroit Tigers in 1905. He couldn't cut it in the majors, maybe, but he had little trouble in the minors.

Many people have asked lately how Charlie Justice is doing. From his home in Cherryville Friday he said he is "doing fine." With Charlie, that means he's still kicking. In 53 years of acquaintance with him, I have never heard him describe his physical condition in any other way.

"Oh, I've got my ups and downs," he said, "but I'm in pretty good shape for an old man. I have good days and bad days, but better days overall than I deserve, I guess."

Charlie will be 78 years old next May 18, and he really is ahead of the game. Take other 155- to 165-pound guys who were hit by 270-pounders as often and as hard as Charlie was in his career of 15 football seasons, and most would probably be stretched out six feet under.

Choo Choo has always been an amazing man. The Good Lord never made anyone more gentlemanly. In a lifetime of politeness and giving the other fellow his due, Charlie made few, if any enemies.

"Oh, I had plenty of enemies on the football field," he laughed, "but that was only on Friday night or Saturday or Sunday afternoons, and that feeling wore off as soon as the games were over."

Each Christmas I think of Charlie Choo Choo, how he and his younger brother Neil would practice football by running in zigs and zags from Pack Square down Patton Avenue and up Haywood Street, dodging Christmas shoppers on the crowded streets, trying to miss them by a hair's breadth, honing the skills that carried them by many a tackler in later years.

"Tell all my friends up there Merry Christmas for me," Charlie said.

And a Merry Christmas to you, Choo Choo!

Asheville Citizen December 16, 2001

CITIZEN-TIMES FILE PHOTO

Charlie 'Choo Choo' Justice (22) was an American icon while playing for North Carolina from 1946-49. Justice, a native of Asheville, was selected as one of WNC's 50 Most Influential People of the Century.

Choo Choo chugs along

Former Heel, Asheville star placed among football's best

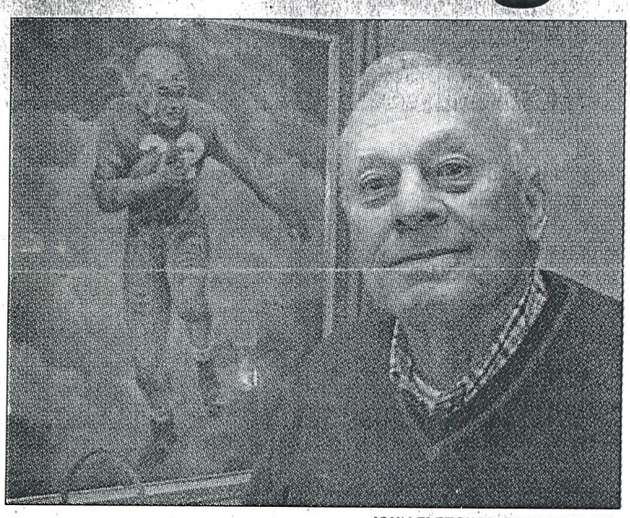
By Keith Jarrett
STAFF WRITER

CHERRYVILLE – It has been 45 years since Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice last toted, booted or tossed a football in competition.

Nearly half a century has passed since Asheville gave keys to the city to what was then its most famous son, a day that featured a downtown parade watched by more than 25,000, a 1/2-mile march through the same streets that a young Charlie darted in and out of while practicing the moves that would make him famous.

Entire generations of sports fans have never seen a yard gained by the man many believe did it better than anyone of his time, perhaps as well as anyone who ever stepped on the gridiron.

He was on the cover of Life, Look, Saturday Evening Post and just about every other magazine you could name from that era. His lyrical nickname that he considers the second-best thing to ever happen to him and the uniqueness of his triple-threat abilities in football at the highest level inspired strangers to write books and a song about him.



JOHN FLETCHER/CITIZEN-TIMES

Charlie 'Choo Choo' Justice sits in front of a painting of him during his Tar Heel days at his home in Cherryville, N.C. The former Asheville High and UNC great fondly recalls his gridiron days.

As a new century begins, what better time to look back at the man some say was the greatest athlete Asheville and Western North Carolina ever produced, to review the 75 years of a man who modestly accepted his status as a great football player and a national hero, a man content with his life in football and business, a man who married his high-school sweetheart 56 years ago and now has a daughter, grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Earlier this week, from the couch of his home in Cherryville, a small community near Shelby about 90 minutes southeast of Asheville, Justice spent more than an hour remembering details of what has been a full and exciting life.

Sitting nearby was his wife, the former Sarah Hunter of Asheville, who has been married to Charlie since 1943. As she listens to her husband reminisce, she occasionally and always gently corrects or reminds Charlie on certain facts.

"You've already told him that story," she says sweetly, bouncing back and forth from Charlie and Charles – he's not Choo Choo at home.

At age 75, Justice feels the wear and tear of playing football for 15 years and an uncooperative heart. His handshake reflects the effects of arthritis and his golf game has given in to bad legs, but he is still alert and talks with a ready smile and a gleam in his eyes when the subjects turn to his childhood and his long love affair with football.

He smiles quickly, laughs heartily and gestures with both hands to get his points across. Charmingly, he asked to go off the record about why he went to the University of North Carolina instead of Duke or South Carolina because he didn't want to offend anyone, though the incident occurred 54 years ago.

A legend is born

"This boy should never play football or any strenuous sports. He's too sickly – he's anemic and has a bad heart." – paraphrasing Dr. Joe Sevier, the Justice family doctor, around 1938 or '39.

Charlie Justice was born on May 18, 1924, the fourth son in what would be a family of five boys and a girl to Parley Wittington Justice and Nell Foster Justice. The Justices lived in the small Emma community of West Asheville when Charlie was born, but would eventually move just south of downtown Asheville in the Shiloh community.

The Justice boys played football and played it very well. Each of Charlie's four brothers – Jack, Joe, Bill and Neal – would play at Asheville High and go on to play at Rollins College in Winter

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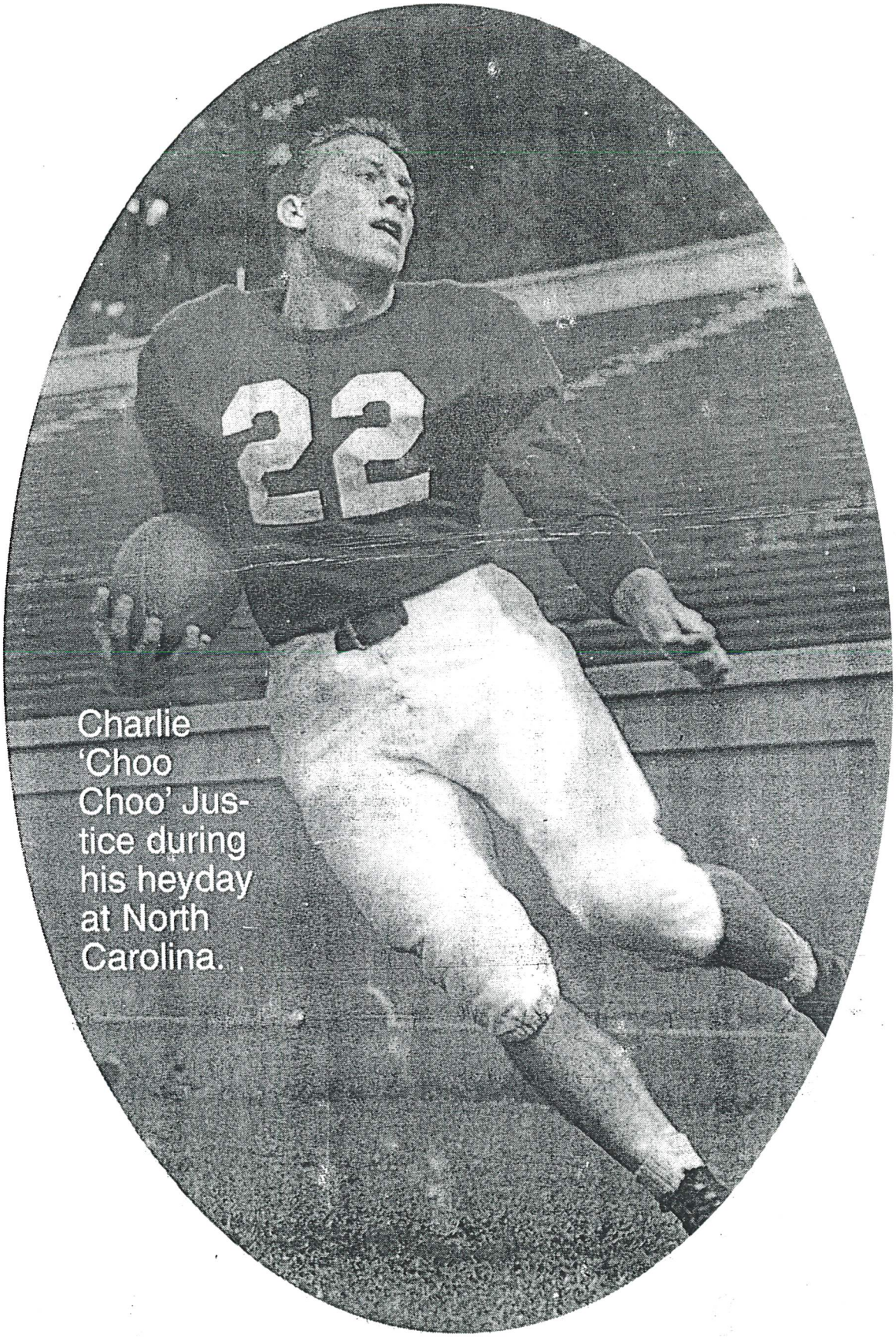


Charlie 'Choo Choo' Justice during his heyday at North Carolina.

CHOO CHOO: Asheville native, Tar Heel star thrilled fans with with gridiron exploits

From page C1

Park, Fla. From 1933-43, there was always a Justice on the Asheville High team.

The school would be renamed Lee Edwards High after its late principal in 1935, but for purposes of recognition and maintaining its logo would also be referred to as Asheville High.

With his brothers' background and his own love for the sport, it was natural that Charlie would play football.

After attending Aycock Elementary in West Asheville, Justice attended David Millard Junior High near downtown.

Before his childhood evolved into a football career, he remembers unwittingly practicing what would become his trademark style of slashing through would-be tacklers and avoiding contact.

"My brother and I used to go into Asheville on Patton Avenue, up at Pack Square and we would run down to Pritchard Park," he said.

"We used to run down the street, going in and out the crowds, practicing dodging," he said. "The police started watching us, thinking we were running after we stole something. I would lead (younger brother) Neal into the hole and we would weave in and out of people's way.

"One time he really centered a couple of ladies pretty good," Justice recalled with a laugh. "It was good way to practice our zig zags, because Patton Avenue was pretty busy back in those days."

Due to anemia and a heart murmur, Dr. Sevier tried to stop the fledgling football career of a slight 5-10, 150-pound youngster.

"The doc told me I couldn't play football in high school unless my parents signed an agreement that said it was OK for me to play," Justice said. "I just took it home and signed it myself, and my parents never knew about it. I knew it didn't matter because one way or the other I was going to play football."

And boy, did he play.

Stardom at Asheville High

"You oughta quit football, Charlie. You can't block and you can't tackle." – older brother Jack Justice.

"(Justice is) the best high school football player I've ever seen." – Herman Hickman, who later coached at Yale.

From his brothers, Charlie got the genes, the desire and the training to play football. They encouraged him, pushed him to play better and reminded him to remain humble when it soon became apparent that special things happened whenever he touched the pigskin.

From Shiloh to Millard Junior High was a trip of several miles, and Charlie and Neal would hitchhike to and from school every day.

"Biltmore School was closer but they didn't play football," Justice said. "It wasn't hard to catch rides. There was one guy who lived in Biltmore Forest, I forget his name. But he got used to seeing us every morning and he would give us a ride."

While he waited his turn to play football, he watched his older brothers perform and dreamed of the day he would play for Asheville High at Memorial Stadium, up on the hill above McCormick Field off Biltmore Avenue.

"Joe would look at me while I was watching him comb his hair," Justice said. "He'd kid me and say, `You ought to be proud to be my brother and live in the same house as me.' I'd say back to him, "You just wait, ole boy, you just wait. My time's comin.'"

His first game in high school came on Sept. 15, 1939, against Greeneville, Tenn. He was still a 9th-grader in junior high, and the next year he was a reserve tailback for the Maroon Devils.

But for the next two seasons, Justice ran, passed and kicked his way into local immortality. His punts were of legendary length and height, though with him operating as a running back Asheville wasn't forced to punt very often.

His passes were straight and true, but it was his running that made Charlie Justice unique. Fast and shifty, he made people miss, and he often used the entire field – especially from sideline to sideline – to dart away from tacklers the way he years before dodged shopping bags carried by elderly ladies.

"It was just God-given talent that the man upstairs gave me," Justice said, confidently but modestly. "It wasn't like I worked hard at it or anything – it was just there. I always felt like I had more energy.

"I wanted to do real well real badly, and I was gifted with coordination and the change of pace and I was pretty speedy. I honestly couldn't understand why the other boys had to work so hard at (football), because it came so easy to me."

In three seasons at AHS, Justice rushed for 4,005 yards, scored 49 touchdowns and averaged 14 yards per carry. He also completed 67 percent of his passes and averaged more than 40 yards per punt.

Bud Cantrell was a 7-year old boy living in Asheville in 1941, and he still remembers standing on the sidelines at Memorial Stadium and watching his hero play football.

"He was in punt formation and there was a bad snap from center, and Charlie just picked up the ball and started running. He had that famous shift and nobody could tackle him, and he ran the ball in for a touchdown," said Cantrell, now 65 and living in Balsam.

"Asheville had a tailback named Billy Britt that was faster, but there was just something about Charlie. He was amazing. When we played football as kids we all pretended we were Charlie Justice."

With Justice as the star, the Asheville High games became so popular that they were moved to McCormick Field, which was bigger and had lights so the games could be played at night after people got off work.

But even as Charlie led the Maroon Devils on a two-year, 20-game winning streak, he was getting constant reminders to avoid getting arrogant.

"Jack wouldn't let me get cocky. He would come to my games and give me a ride home afterwards," Justice said. "I would score a couple or three touchdowns and thought I had had a pretty good game.

"I would be sitting in the car thinking, `Come on Jack, tell me how good I did.' Jack wouldn't say anything at first but about halfway home he'd start shaking his head and say, "Damn if that wasn't the sorriest exhibition of football I've ever seen, and you're the sorriest player I've seen.

"They way those guys were blocking and had everybody laid out on the field, you should have scored every time you got the ball."

"That really helped me stay humble," Justice said. "He would chew my tail out and remind me that I wasn't anything without my teammates."

He capped his prep career by scoring three touchdowns in the 1942 Shrine Bowl, tying a scoring record that had been set by his brother Bill three years earlier.

After high school, many colleges begged Justice to pick them, though the ultimate recruiting machine – the U.S. government – finally won out.

"Clemson, Duke and North Carolina told me to sit tight and they would sign me," Justice said. "Well, I sat tight too long, and I got drafted."

Before Justice could pick a college, World War II intervened.

In the Navy

"It's a damn good thing you can do something besides kick, kid, or you'd be out to sea tomorrow." — A Bainbridge (Md.) Naval Station coach to Justice after a 1943 exhibition game against the Washington Redskins in which Justice punted poorly but got off a couple of good runs.

"He's the greatest natural football player I've ever seen." – Bainbridge (Md.) Naval Station coach Joe Maniaci, in 1944.

There are two constant themes throughout Justice's life that he acknowledges – luck and being in the right place at the right time.

Initially reluctant to go into the Navy, it turned out that assignment allowed Justice to continue to play football.

When Justice arrived at Bainbridge in 1943, he found out a football team was being formed.

When the coaching staff first looked at the skinny 165-pounder, they admitted later to Justice that they laughed at the prospect of him playing football.

He was sent to the back of the line four times on the day they handed out equipment, and by the time he got to the front there were no cleats left.

Practicing barefooted, it didn't take Justice long to get noticed.

"I was shagging punts, and I got bored with that and decided, Hell, I'm going to kick one back," Justice said. "The coach happened to be looking and the Good Lord was with me and I kicked that ball 75 yards if it went a yard. It looked like it came out of a cannon.

"The coach had me kick for 15 minutes and I didn't miss a one. I was just hitting the hell out of it. So I got a chance to play."

Before he left Bainbridge, his talents were worthy of notice by the National Football League, which back then was still a developing pro sports business.

Justice had married Sarah in 1943 and was lured by the big money pro football was offering. A representative of the Philadelphia Eagles offered more money than Justice had ever held, and his only question was where to sign.

"The Eagles tricked me into signing," Justice said. "They waved a $500 check in front of me. Hell, I had never seen $500 before. Sarah and I were fixing to get married and we thought $500 was all the money in the world. I signed for that bonus and $200 a game.

"I went dancing down the hall waving the contract and saying, `Look what I got.' A coach at Bainbridge saw me and wrote the (NFL) commissioner that I was underage. I was 19 and back then you couldn't play in the NFL unless you were 21, so they tore up the contract."

His stay at Bainbridge also included another lucky break. Though the story has been attributed at various times to a teammate, a fan and a fellow sailor, somebody within earshot of a Philadelphia sportswriter remarked, "That Justice can go all day. He runs like a choo choo train."

The sportswriter hung the nickname on Justice the next day in an article, and it stuck immediately.

"I've always said that next to Sarah and my family, that nickname was the best thing that ever happened to me," said Justice. "Nobody knows Charlie, but everybody knows Choo Choo. That's who they wrote books and a song about; not Charlie."

After two successful years at Bainbridge and another year barnstorming for an all-star team in Pearl Harbor, Justice returned to post-war America.

Colleges were still anxious to sign Justice, but the realities of living in Asheville with limited means made recruiting a challenge.

"My mother and father didn't even have a phone, but the people across the street did and somehow (the college recruiters) found out their number," Justice recalled. "They drove those poor people crazy calling and asking them to run across the street and get me."

His final choice was UNC, but it wasn't his decision. "I wanted to go to Duke but I got talked out of that. I was going to South Carolina because Sarah and I just loved (coach) Rex Enright and I already had my bags packed to go there.

"But my brother Jack stopped me and said, `If you go out of state to school I'll disown you. I won't have anything to do with you ever.' So I went to Chapel Hill."

First Asheville, and then fans in Bainbridge and Pearl Harbor had found out what a great football player Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice was. Now the rest of the country would learn.

The golden years

"He is the fastest man on the North Carolina squad, but (it is) his spine-tingling cutbacks or change of pace mixed with his ability to pick a hole (that) has caused nothing short of delirium for the Tar Heel followers." – Citizen-Times staff writer Charles Stelling, Dec. 1, 1948, in a story announcing that Justice was the first player from Asheville to be named a first-team All-American.

"The little guy broke through ... He broke Duke's heart — broke it with a twisting, dodging 43-yard shimmy through the whole Duke team. He ran like a Benzedrine waltzing mouse, leaving the turf strewn with Blue Devils he feinted into diving where he wasn't ... Choo Choo Charlie took the ball at the Duke 43, slipped past a lunging Duke lineman and circled around end. He dodged nearly to the sideline, then reversed his field and danced back through the Duke backfield, feinting and sidestepping frantic tacklers. He slipped and caught himself with one hand on the turf. Then, his interference forming, he kited diagonally downfield to score." – Herbert Foster, United Press writer, describing a touchdown run.

"Now boys, when Justice gets that ball you can expect anything. He may quick-kick your heads off, he may throw a touchdown pass, or he may even decide to carry it himself. If he decided to carry, watch out or he will fake you out of your shoes." – Georgia coach Wally Butts before a 1949 game against the Tar Heels.

Against the University of Texas, Justice broke a long run thanks to a crushing block by a lineman. As the lineman sat on top of the Texas player, the defender said, "Hey, let me up. He's been gone 10 seconds."

"Oh no, you lay still," said the lineman. "Charlie will be back by here three more times before he scores." – A story, perhaps apocryphal, from 1948.

When Charlie enrolled at UNC, the head football coach made an oft-repeated statement, though it has never been explained whether the quote was made in earnest, in jest or with biting sarcasm.

"I hope he comes out for football," said Carl Snavely.

He came out for the team, and in four years Choo Choo became much more than a great football player at Chapel Hill.

He was a national hero and a time when post-war America needed wholesome males to idolize. He didn't smoke, didn't drink and was married to his high-school honey, living in a bungalow two miles from campus.

A book simply titled "Choo Choo" was written. "All the Way Choo Choo" was penned by the songwriting team of Campbell Beebe and recorded by Benny Goodman and Johnny Long.

Looking earnest as he stared into the camera, Justice posed for the cover of Life magazine.

"Those were good times, fun times," Justice said with a small grin and a faraway look in his eyes as he recalled his heyday.

"But it was hectic. It was a rat race. Saturday Evening Post, Look – I was on all those magazines."

"The fame just seemed to go right over Charlie's head," said Sarah. "To this day I don't think he realizes how famous he was or what the big deal was."

"That's where I credit Jack. He kept my feet on the ground," said Justice. "I came along at the right time and people seemed to hook onto this football player."

On a grainy film clip from a 1948 game against Texas, the Tar Heel jersey numbers are almost unreadable.

The new, white plastic helmets that had just replaced the old leather, form-fitting headgear look strange and completely round, like robot heads from a bad outer space movie.

But you don't have to squint your eyes to figure out which one is Choo Choo. A quick kick with no more than a half-step start travels more than 50 yards in the air.

Out of the single wing, Choo Choo passes expertly and fakes with precision. And then there is that run that you have heard so much about but had never seen.

It is darting in and out, change of pace, a sprint interrupted by jukes and stops and starts that climaxes where Choo Choo most often exited – the end zone.

Charlie was right – it did look easy.

While leading the Tar Heels to a 32-9-2 record and three major bowls, Justice twice finished second in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

He rushed for 2,634 yards and 28 touchdowns, passed for 2,249 yards and 25 scores and averaged 42.6 yards per punt. Justice's total offense record lasted for 45 years and his name still dominates the Tar Heel record books 50 years after his final game.

He wrapped up his collegiate career in typical hero fashion. In the 1950 College All-Star game against the NFL champion Philadelphia Eagles, Justice rushed for a game-record 133 yards in nine carries and was named the game's most valuable player.

On Jan. 26, 1950, Charlie Justice Day was held in Asheville. Riding down the parade in an open car, Justice had the opportunity to think about his years of growing up and playing football.

"To have your own people honor you, you can't beat that," he said. "The thing I remember thinking was, `These are the people that know you, that know what you are really like.

"I was Charlie to these people, not Choo Choo – I was the kid who grew up here and ran the streets when I was a kid.

"I remember getting a job at Waller's Fruit Stand at the railroad tracks down at Biltmore after my senior year. People would come in and talk and visit, and that was just fantastic. These were my people, and they always will be."

A disappointing finish

"I'm not worried about getting cut; I'm worried about getting killed." – Justice to Washington Redskins owner George Preston Marshall, explaining that the lack of blocking and not job security was one of the reasons he was retiring after the 1954 NFL season.

"When I saw the holes open up and close before I got there, I decided it was time to quit." – Justice in a 1988 interview.

It is now a natural progression from college superstar to NFL career, but in Choo Choo's day entry into pro football was not such an automatic move.

The money didn't approach the same staggering amounts the modern athlete enjoys, and an injury-plagued senior season in Chapel Hill had helped Justice decide he had had enough of football.

"I had already made the statement that I wasn't going to play pro football," Justice said. "I had been beaten up and injured a lot my senior season and there wasn't all that much money in the NFL back then."

But after realizing he wasn't happy with his job as a fund-raiser for UNC, he reluctantly signed with the Redskins midway through the 1950 season.

"Mr. Marshall was more interested in making money than paying for good players, and the Redskins weren't very good," Justice recalled.

Unhappy with Washington, Justice sat out the 1951 season and worked with Snavely as an assistant at UNC. He thought he wanted to coach until he saw how his former coach was being eased out at Chapel Hill, and he decided to give the NFL another chance.

Justice played three more years in the NFL (1952-54) with indifferent results. He missed part of the '52 season with a broken wrist, suffered in an exhibition game after he had rushed for 199 yards in 11 carries against the Rams in Los Angeles.

His best season came in '53 when he averaged 5.4 yards per game and finished second in the league in rushing while the Redskins posted a 6-5-1 record, the team's only winning season during Justice's tenure.

After earning $15,000 that season, Justice and the tight-fisted Marshall struck a deal. Choo Choo would not ask for a raise and Marshall would spend that money on better linemen to block for the offense.

That plan fell through and Washington finished 3-9 in '54, helping cement Justice's decision to leave football.

"It wasn't a tough decision to retire because I was beat up and I had played for so long," he said.

Charlie says it wasn't tough to walk away from football. Sarah interrupts with a smile and said actually it was very difficult for her husband to give up the game he loved.

Business and retirement

"I have never had trouble with fame going away. It's still there as far as I can tell." – Justice in a 1988 interview.

After his NFL career ended in 1954, Justice became the NFL's first television color commentator when Redskin games were beamed back to North Carolina. His popularity in the state along with his background with the Redskins helped turn thousands of people into Washington fans.

"I used to have women stop me on the street and tell me, `I can't get my husband to do anything on Sundays because he has to watch the football game with Choo Choo and the Redskins," Justice said.

He began a long business career that would include working in public relations, oil distributorships and eventually an insurance company in Cherryville that bore his name. He still goes into the office on occasion, working with his son-in-law on insurance matters.

His retirement life includes time with Sarah, his daughter, three grandchildren and great-grandchild. He still follows football and travels to Chapel Hill to watch his Tar Heels.

He is happy with his life, but he also has a major regret.

"My son died of a heart attack when he was 18 years old," Justice said. "Ronnie wasn't athletic and I always said I wouldn't push him into football. But everywhere he and I would go, somebody would say, `Is he going to be like his daddy? Is he going to play football?'

"It got to where he just started running from that and it drove him crazy."

Justice has videos of games more than half-century old in which he was always the best football player on the field. He says he hasn't watched them in years, but he can still close his eyes and remember what it was like to be young, to be running free, to kick and throw and to cross the goal line and hear thousands cheer and yell, "All the way, Choo Choo!"

"There were so damn many people out there that could have done what I did if they had had the opportunity," he said as he rises to bid his visitor farewell with a hearty handshake and slap on the back.

"The thing I'm most proud of is that if you asked any of my friends and teammates, they would tell you that I was just a member of the team and I wasn't cocky.

"It's a good life now; it's been a great life for me," he said. "I was gifted, and I was lucky. The Good Lord gave me the break at the right time and the right opportunity."

They Are Different

When Charlie ("Choo Choo") Justice was an All-American tailback at the University of North Carolina in the late 1940s, he moved his family into a house next door to a couple from Duke, UNC's greatest football rival.

One day after the Justices' small son persuaded the neighbors' daughters, aged 7 and 8, to go skinny-dipping in the local pond, he ran home and breathlessly announced: "You're right, Daddy; those Duke people *are* different."

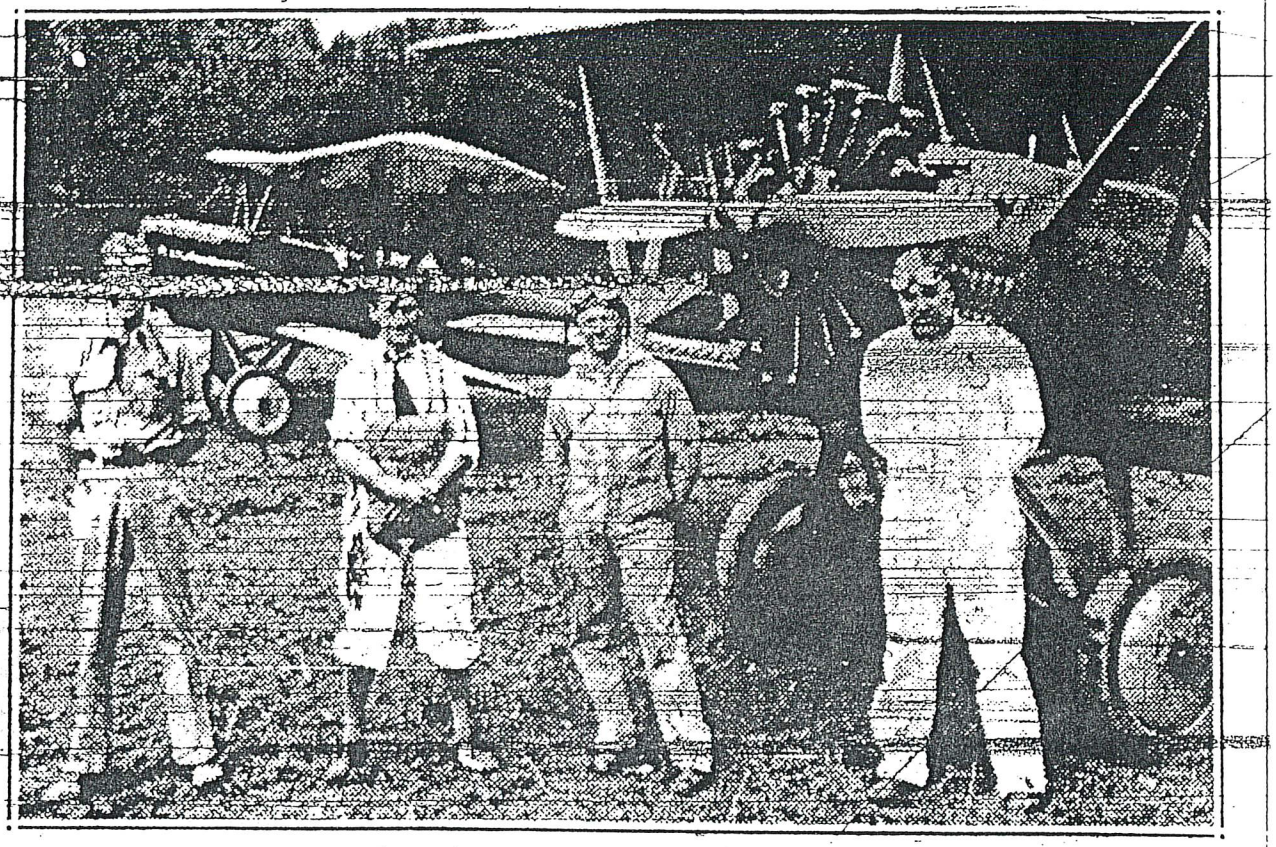
From "Bob Terrell's Old Gold", 1981

'Viet Nam War' Comes To Asheville

Ever since the Tribal Warrior came home from forays against another tribe, boys have looked with worshipful eyes on the soldier, because his life is one filled with adventure. And boys have, in their imaginations, with various toys, created their own battle scenes, using lead or tin soldiers, vehicles, and men. Some youngsters, with considerable imagination and modern toys, like Alan Keener 10½ (left), and Mike Green, 11, create their own elaborate battlefields. Mike and Alan, in Mike's yard at 91 Cranford Rd., set up a battle situation in "Viet Nam," and Mike, piloting a whirlybird, sideslipped to avoid a rocket launched from the ground by Alan. The Rocket, in flight, can be seen as a dark streak just above the chopper. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

Asheville Citizen May 21, 1965

Here For Carrier Field Opening



Here are two ships and three airmen who took part yesterday in the first day's flying of an extensive program, opening Carrier Field in West Asheville as a municipal airport. From left to right is E. B. Smith, the owner of one of the visiting planes; Bonnie Rowe, noted parachute jumper and stunt flyer; Dr. J. E. Owen, of Asheville; and George Keightly, member of the famous "Early Birds," who is one of the oldest pilots in experience in the country. The program at the field will continue today and tomorrow. —Staff Photo by Michael.

Carrier Field Is Opened As Municipal Flying Port

Asheville Times August 31, 1930

Rowe, Parachute Star On Program With Pilots For Today, Monday

Carrier field on the French Broad river in West Asheville, proposed as a municipal airport for Asheville, was opened yesterday when a squadron of several planes took to the air from the port, carrying passengers and visitors on flights over the city.

Heading the list of pilots who arrived at the field yesterday were George Keightly, member of the famous "Early Birds" and one of the oldest pilots in the country, and Dr. J. E. Owen, of Asheville. Keightly flew a Wright whirlwind motor plane, while Owens piloted a J-A5 ship with a Hispano-Suiza motor.

Throughout the day crowds gathered to watch the opening flights, and a large number of automobiles were driven to the field which is within ten minutes' drive from Pack Square, going via Clingman avenue across the West Asheville bridge, out Haywood road to State street, and down State street to the field. Another route is to follow Riverview drive from Haywood road.

An exensive program of stunt and passenger flying parachute jumping and wingwalking demonstrations has been arranged for today and tomorrow, Labor Day. Pilots Owen and Keightly will remain to fly ships and several other planes will be on the field both days. Plenty of parking space has been arranged and the field will be open from in the morning until in the late afternoon.

Bonnie Rowe Is Here

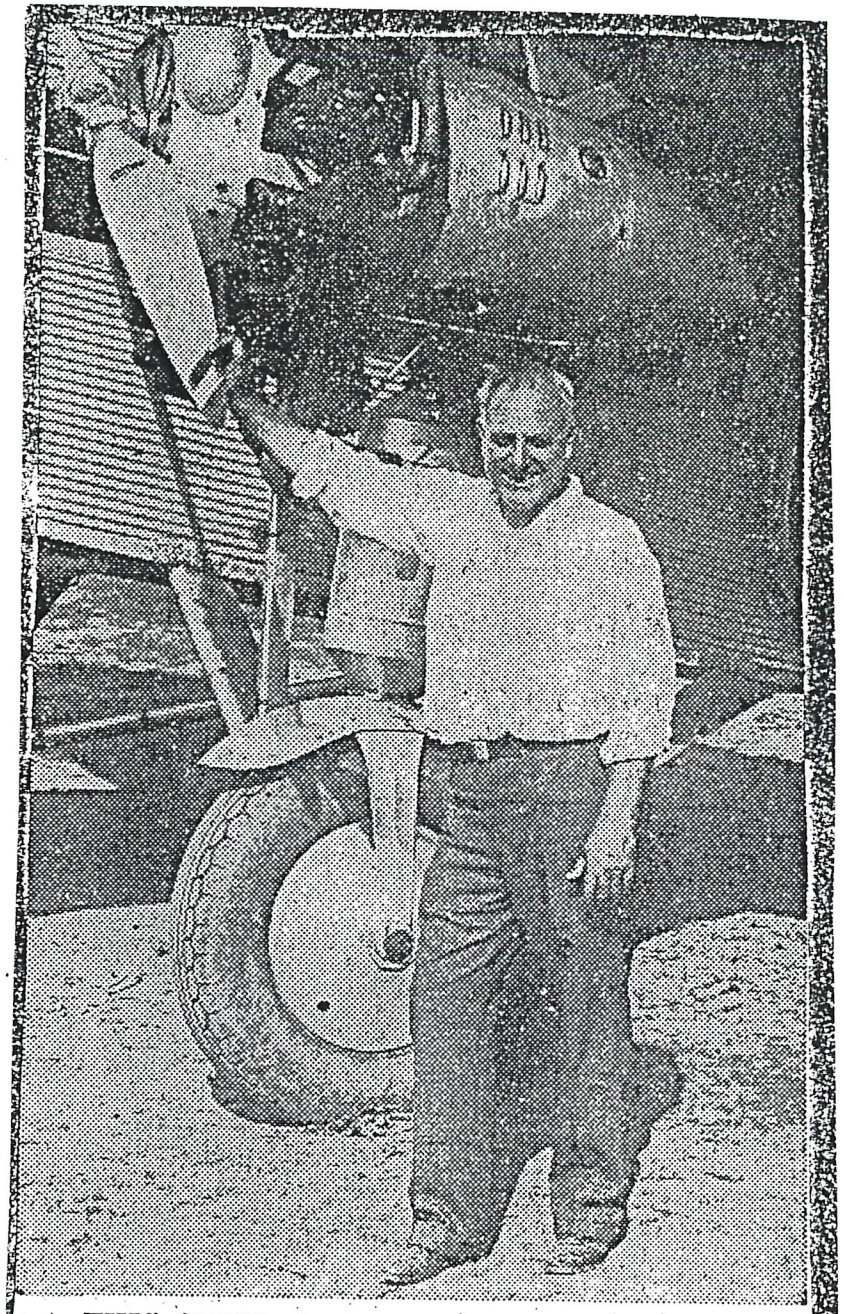
As a special attraction, Bonnie Rowe, famous parachute jumper and stunt flyer who holds the All American spot parachute championship, will be at the field today and tomorrow to give several demonstrations in the air. His program will include a number of high altitude parachute leaps.

Rowe, who has performed in almost every state in the Union, and frequently has made as many as nine parachute jumps in a single week, has been in Asheville several days. He is 31 years old and made his first trip 14 years ago when he leaped 5,000 feet from a balloon over Corinth, Mississippi. Since then he has gained a wide reputation as an expert air performer and has traveled widely in this country while giving demonstrations. He won the first prize at the Cleveland air races in July, 1929, for the delayed parachute jump, the most dangerous feat yet devised for air performers.

The metaphorical expression "he dropped in," describes very well the visits Rowe makes to the home of his father and mother in Buford, Ga. Occasionally an airplane will soar high over the Georgia countryside and a man leaps out. The plane continues on to Atlanta as the white folds of a parachute unfold to take the air. Safe on the ground, the jumper folds his parachute and turns toward Gainesville.

The neighbors and friends of the Rowe family know then that a famous son has returned home to visit his father and mother.

Rowe is a friendly, modest chap of slight physique, with more records to his credit than he has inches to his heighth, and is devoted to his professional career, if risking his neck and swapping grins with the Grim Reaper can be called a profession.



THIS FORD TRI-MOTOR airplane, commonly known as the "Tin Goose", is believed to be the first multi-engine aircraft to land at Asheville-Hendersonville Airport and carry passengers from the field. The pilot was "Pop" Kightley (in photo) who at that time (in the late 1920s) was the oldest licensed pilot in the nation.

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Friday, May 9, 1952

THESE STUDENTS have been selected by the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post Auxiliary to attend the annual Girls' State June 13-19 in Greensboro: L to R, Miss Joyce Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beach Keller, 33 Sand Hill School Road; and Miss Virginia Nave, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Nave, Brevard Road. They were picked on the basis of their scolastic records, leadership ability and character. The Girls' State will be held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. (Citizen Photo)

Asheville Citizen May 9, 1952

Couple Honored

The Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson T. Kesterson were honored at a reception given by the women of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon. Mr. Kesterson is the new pastor at the church. The Kestersons moved here from Chattanooga, Tenn. and are living at 96 Wendover Rd. in West Asheville. (Staff Photo)

Asheville Citizen January 1966

New Residents

The Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson Thomas Kesterson and their two daughters, Mari Lynn, 5, and Kimberly Ann, 3, are now residing at 15 Winnfred St. after coming here from Chattanooga, Tenn. The Rev. Mr. Kesterson, who was pastor of the East Ridge Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, is the new pastor of West Asheville Presbyterian Church, where he will conduct his first service as pastor on Sunday. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

Asheville Citizen January 1966

Pvt. King Returns To Camp Lee, Va.

Pvt. Roy E. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. King of 27 Burton street, has returned to Camp Lee, Va., after spending a week-end furlough at home.

KING

King has been in the service since January and is attached to the quartermaster corps. A brother, Charles King, is serving with the air forces at Orlando, Fla. Roy formerly was connected with the circulation department of The Citizen-Times.

Asheville Times May 3, 1943

Clyde Kinser

John Solomon Kinser, Sr. was killed in a farming accident in 1919 while most of the his children were still of school age. According to the family he fell from a loaded hay wagon on the side of a steep hill. The wagon then rolled over him crushing several ribs. As a result of his injuries he contracted pneumonia and died a few days later.

My father, Clyde Kinser, was in his first year of high school at the time. Clyde dropped out of school to support his mother and the younger children. The family included his mother, Alice, two brothers, John Solomon, called J. S., and Erskine and two sisters, Gertrude and Eva.

Gertrude married Reed Boyd. They lived on a rocky rural farm in East Tennessee and Reed sold Watkins Products to provide income more than what was generated on the farm. They had two sons Garland and L. R.

Eva married Willard Dalton who was a house painter and they had one daughter, Mary Ann.

John Solomon (J. S.) married Elizabeth Orr. J. S. operated a service station in Athens until World War II. J. S. and Elizabeth had one daughter, Francis.

Erskine ran a small grocery store in Athens for many years. He later sold his store and moved to Etowah where he had the dubious distinction of having his house blown away from around him . He told the story later saying. "I had just stepped into the shower and turned the water on when the house began to shake. The water went off then there was a huge roar and the house just seemed to disappear."

Erskine stepped out of the shower stall to find his house gone. He immediately started looking for Lucille, his wife. He found her under the kitchen table and was trying to move rubble to get her out when the neighbors arrived. When one of them pointed out that he was wearing no clothes he replied, "It just didn't seem important at the time."

Clyde Kinser worked as a logger and farmed for a time. He did find some time for mischief, however. He tells of riding his horse along the trails in rural Monroe County, Tennessee at night and tying half a stick of dynamite to a tree limb, lighting the fuse, and riding off. Being a mile or more away when the explosion rocked the countryside. He was all innocence leaving the neighbors to wonder at the cause of the explosion. One of his later regrets was not being able to finish High School. After his later success in business he would comment from time to time, "Not bad for a kid with a grammar school education."

Clyde Kinser and Esther Mae Carney were married in 1930 and moved to Athens, Tennessee. They eloped to Dalton, Georgia and were secretly married. The secrecy didn't last long, however. Both Clyde and Esther said that the other told a friend and the secret was out. In Athens Clyde worked for the Athens Stove Works, later becoming a production line supervisor, making gas and wood stoves. He told me that for much of this period he earned $6.00 per week.

After Clyde and Esther were married they lived for a time in a small red frame house just outside Athens, Tennessee where their first son, Robert, was born. They later moved into rooms in the home of Miss Willie Callen. Their second son, Wayne, was born there. Clyde purchased some land from Miss Willie and they built a house with the aid of Esther's Father, Andrew Carney, who was a master carpenter. This first house was built during the depression years of the thirties and many of the modern conveniences we consider necessary had to be added later.

The house had a bathroom but no indoor plumbing. An outhouse up near the barn provided the needed facilities. Electricity was also a later addition. Esther's first washing machine was a

Maytag with a tub and wringer, powered by a small gasoline engine with. A twenty foot long flexible metal exhaust pipe uncoiled to run the fumes from the porch out into the yard.

This gasoline engine was later replaced by an electric motor when electricity became available. The arrival of electricity also allowed the addition of a pump in the well and with a steady supply of water came indoor plumbing for the bathroom.

On the hill above the house and about 50 yards away were the barn, chicken house, and hog pen. Clyde kept two or three cows to provide milk and butter for the family. He was noted for one particular characteristic among the neighbors. Every morning about 6:00 Clyde would walk up the path from the house to the barn to milk. On the way up he would sneeze, not once, not twice, but four times. These were not ordinary sneezes but were loud enough to echo off the surrounding hills. This event was so consistent that one neighbor, Reed Axley said, "I don't need an alarm clock. When I hear Clyde Kinser sneeze on the way to the barn every morning I know its' time to get up." Just as an aside the Kinser family intermarried with another Axley family. One of Clyde's favorite comments about his neighbor was "Reed Axley and I are second cousins and Reed Axley and I ain't no kin."

The house contained a large country style kitchen with a dining area. For several years it also contained two stoves, one electric and the other wood. Both were used for cooking. The family used the kitchen entrance to the house passing through the kitchen into the rest of other house.

Clyde had developed a bad habit if flipping Esther on the backside with the tips of his fingers as he passed through the kitchen. After several incidents Esther warned him that the next time he flipped her she would throw whatever was in her hand. He did and she did. At the time she was holding the cast iron lid lifter from the wood stove. As Clyde ducked out of the kitchen into the family room the lifter hid the jamb of the door just beside his head. It left a dent that was visible for years thereafter. Clyde should have been warned but he had to try one more time. This time Esther standing in front of the kitchen sink and holding a bar of soap. This time she was faster than he and just as he ducked through the door the soap caught him in the right ear. He never flipped her again but he always said that cake of soap made him hard of hearing in that ear.

In 1942, just after the start of World War II, Clyde started to work at the Hercules Powder plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He told many stories of driving 60 miles each way from Athens to Chattanooga to work. Sometimes his carpool drove in such dense fog that the right seat passenger would hold his door open and watch the edge of the pavement to guide the driver on the road.

Allergies to the chemicals used in making the powder forced him to seek other employment. In 1943 he went to work in Oak Ridge, Tennessee at the Y-12 plant. This plant was later known as the magnetic separation plant where Uranium 235 was separated for use in making the first atomic bomb.

The Magnetic Diffusion plant used huge electro-magnets in the separation process. Clyde told of the problems of working around the magnets. Watches inadvertently worn into the area were magnetized and stopped running permanently. All tools used around the magnets had to be made from non-magnetic materials such as aluminum or bronze. Steel tools carried too near the magnets would be snatched from hands or if carried in a pocket would rip out the pocket to stick permanently to the side of the magnetic coil. An unwary worker who ventured too close to the huge magnets with a steel wrench in his hip pocket was pinned to the side of the machine until he could strip off his coveralls to free himself. Much of the nations silver reserves were used in the magnetic coils due to a wartime shortage of copper

During the war J. S., Clyde's younger brother, moved to California where he worked as a welder in a shipyard. J. S. says that one of the first people he met in California was another Kinser who had come to California from Texas. He returned to East Tennessee after the war ended.

At the end of the war both families, Clyde's and J. S. 's, moved to Asheville, North Carolina.

After the war ended, work in Oak Ridge was being phased down so Clyde and Esther moved to Asheville, North Carolina. Housing was so scarce in Asheville that Clyde and Esther's first home consisted of four rooms and a path (outhouse). This house was located on Deaverview Road adjacent to where the Deaverview Baptist Church now stands. After working for about two years for a local home improvement company, Rock Wool Insulating Company, Clyde started his own business.

While Clyde worked for Rock Wool Insulating company he became the company's top salesman. At one time during his employment the company had a sales contest with a trip being offered to the salesman with the highest volume for a six months period. Two months into the contest Clyde had his first heart attack. He was so far ahead when the heart attack occurred that he was still slightly ahead two months later when he was able to go back to work. The owners of the company did not feel that he was the person they wanted to represent them on the trip, sponsored by a supplier, so they doctored the results to give the trip to someone else. That incident was a major factor in Clyde's decision to start his own business.

Clyde was generous when there were people in need. He helped many people through tight periods and helped several boys and girls through college but he would never allow any public recognition of confirmation of his gifts.

A former Pastor's wife later told me when her husband came out of church one Sunday morning Clyde was looking at their car. He told the pastor, "You need some tires on that car. Go down to Bennett's (where Clyde had an account) and tell them I sent you for some tires." The Bible says that the sins of the father are visited on his children and his children's children but very little about the good things a father leaves his children.

It is hard for a child to see his father through unbiased eyes. Sometimes we have to look outside ourselves to understand.

Dad was a creature of habit. His hair was cut by the same barber every two weeks. The two became close friends and even business associates. Almost twenty years after our father's death Wayne was having his hair cut by dad's barber. His son, David, was suffering with the problems of adolescence. Wayne occupied the time in the barber's chair by telling him about some of his son's escapades and his own disappointment in his son's deportment.

"I sure never behaved that way when I was growing up."

"But Wayne, you have to realize David doesn't have the father you did."

It has been common for Wayne and I to meet someone who remembers dad and recalls some deed of kindness dad never mentioned.

Over twenty years after dad's death Wayne needed to acquire a right- of- way across some property belonging to Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The deal was complex involving hurt feeling that went back several years. Previous attempts to reach an understanding had failed.

Wayne went to see the Pastor of the church and explained the purpose of his visit. The man asked, "What did you say your name was?"

"Wayne Kinser."

"Are you one of Clyde Kinser's sons?"

"Yes, I am."

"I'll do anything I can to Help you."

Seeing Wayne's puzzled expression the pastor asked, "You don't have any idea why I said I would help you do you?"

"No, I don't."

"I'll have to explain. Several years ago I was a plumber before I became a minister. I was in business with my father and we had the contract to install plumbing in a new building for Grace Baptist Church. While we were working on the job my father died. All our bank accounts were immediately frozen. I couldn't even get money to pay my men. Clyde Kinser met my payroll for two weeks out of his own pocket while I got dad's affairs straightened out."

Clyde was of medium height with a tendency toward too much weight. Holding his weight down was a constant battle. He suffered from angina for several years and strenuous effort quickly brought on pain and out came the ever present nitroglycerin pills.

One thing I noticed, however; Clyde never seemed to suffer greatly from angina while he was fishing, no matter how difficult the fight when reeling in a big fish. On one occasion he was fishing for Tarpon on the Peace River with his son ,Wayne, and a group of Wayne's friends. Clyde hooked a big one. During the fight he had an Angina attack.

Two of the men in the party were doctors. Clyde turned his head, while continuing to fight the fish, and said, somewhat breathlessly, "Doc, Doc, would you get one of my pills out of my pocket and put it under my tongue." The doctor complied and Clyde continued with the battle and succeeded in reeling in a big Tarpon. An angina attack would not be allowed to stop him from doing what he enjoyed. He suffered four heart attacks before the last one at Fort Myers, Florida.

Becoming a Baptist after many years of marriage to Esther Carney, who grew up as a Baptist, he was active in church and civic affairs. He was a long time member of the West Asheville Lions Club and the West Asheville Business Association. He served in many offices in Grace Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina and supervised the construction of the first two building after the church was organized. He was also chairman of the search committee that found the church's second pastor. That pastor remained at the church for twenty-seven years.

One of his avocations was trading cars. He would say that he should have been a horse trader but he was born fifty years too late. He usually kept two or three old cars just for trading purposes. One local automobile dealer later made the comment that Clyde Kinser was the hardest man he ever had to trade with.

Clyde had a particular talent for being at home with everyone. He enjoyed people and never met a stranger. This talent contributed greatly to his success as a salesman. He was a man with a great deal of pride in himself, his family and the business he had built. In later years, after his two sons were working in the business I saw him set at his desk and cry because his sons were not running the business properly. He felt that they were going to throw away what he had spent years to built. I would like to know what he would think today.

Home Insulation Company, started by Clyde in 1949, grew rapidly to become the largest insulation contractor in the Southeast. With the entry of his two sons into the family business the company expanded into manufacturing and selling aluminum windows and doors. As the company's emphasis changed from retailing to manufacturing the name was changed to Kinco Corporation. Kinco Corporation was a family business until sold in 1994. Several organizations that grew out of it including Deltec Homes, Pioneer Land Developers that started as a land development company then built the Great Smokies Hilton Hotel, now the Great Smokies Holiday Inn, and Peppertree Resorts remain in the family.

HOME INSULATION CO. HAS $250,000 ANNUAL PAYROLL

Home Insulation Company of Asheville, Inc., located on the New Leicester Highway, is a growing young firm. Its officers are: Clyde Kinser, president; Wayne Kinser, vice president; Esther Mae Kinser, secretary, and Robert Kinser, treasurer.

Organized in 1949 at the original location, 753 Haywood Road, West Asheville, the company moved to its present location and incorporated in 1956. Home Insulation Co. is a manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer of storm windows and doors, awnings, car ports and insulation.

KINSER

The Kinser family moved to Asheville from Oak Ridge, Tenn., in 1947. Clyde Kinser is a member of the Lions Club and W.A. Business Association.

Home Insulation Company employs approximately 60 people with an annual payroll of more than one quarter of a million dollars. The office and plant are located on a seven-acre tract of land with approximately 40,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The company maintains a fleet of 18 trucks and cars in order to provide customer service. Products manufactured by Home Insulation Company are distributed through the company's local retail sales divisoin and by home improvement contractors in seven Southern states.

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One Immigrant Family

Robert C. Kinser

Versatile Entrepreneur Builds Carolina Timeshare Empire

By Rosalie E. Leposky

Peppertree Resorts, Ltd., is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 1997. A prominent regional development firm based in **Asheville**, North Carolina, Peppertree owes its growth and success to the creative dynamism of C. Wayne Kinser (1934- August 31, 2003), its founder, chairman, and president; and to an executive staff consisting primarily of longtime associates and business partners who help to implement Kinser's ideas.

"Wayne is a visionary," says Donald K. Clayton, a Peppertree employee since 1984 who is the firm's senior vice president of marketing.

"The first time Wayne looks at a raw piece of property, he envisions how it should be developed. Generally, he is right," says Kenneth C. "Ken" Crump, Peppertree's senior vice president of construction resort development, who has worked with Kinser since 1986.

C. Wayne Kinser

Fourteen and Growing

Peppertree currently is developing and/or managing 14 mountain and beachfront timeshare resorts with almost 44,500 members:

-- Kinser began his first timeshare project, Peppertree Vacation Club, in 1977 on the grounds of The Great Smokies Hilton Resort (now a Holiday Inn Sunspree) in **Asheville**, North Carolina. The six-acre project has 18 buildings, 28 timeshare units, and 1,310 members.

-- His second timeshare project, Peppertree Outer Banks Beach Club in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, occupies property he acquired in 1980 and 1983. The 11.5-acre site has 37 buildings, 184 units, and 9,024 members.

-- Peppertree Resort Villas in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, developed in 1981, has 24.15 acres, 27 buildings, 158 timeshare units, and 7,829 members.

-- Peppertree by the Sea in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, occupies property acquired in 1981. The 1.6-acre site has one building, 86 timeshare units, and 4,254 members.

-- Peppertree at Maggie Valley in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, began in 1983 on a three-acre site. It now has 16 buildings with 40 timeshare units and 2,050 members.

-- Sandpebble Beach Club in Surfside, South Carolina, was acquired in 1985 and 1986. The one-acre resort has one building and 13 timeshare units with 642 members.

-- Peppertree Blue Ridge Village in Banner Elk, North Carolina, acquired in 1986, has 52.39 acres with 12 buildings, 95 timeshare units, and 3,780 members.

-- Peppertree at Tamarack in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, acquired in 1986, occupies a 70-acre site. It has 25 buildings, 81 timeshare units, and 3,559 members.

-- Peppertree Laurel Point in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, acquired in 1986, is a six-acre resort with three buildings, 50 timeshare units, and 2,506 members.

-- Fontana Village, in Fontana Dam, North Carolina, was acquired in 1987. A resort community in the Great Smoky Mountains 90 miles **west** of **Asheville**, it occupies 360 acres of land leased from the Tennessee Valley Authority until the year 2060. "Fontana is a privately owned full-service town on the south shore of Lake Fontana, a 12,000-acre reservoir," says Kinser. "I'm vice mayor, and we have our own fire department." Fontana has a 98-room hotel built in 1974 that Peppertree purchased in 1987, a 20-unit campground, 200 cottages and rental condominiums, and 43 timeshare units with 1,739 owners.

-- Peppertree Sea Mystique in Garden City, South Carolina, was acquired in 1988. The one-acre resort has one building with 11 timeshare units and 548 members.

-- Peppertree Sands in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was acquired in 1989. A one-acre resort, it has one building with 12 timeshare units and 450 members.

-- Peppertree Ocean Club in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was acquired in 1991. It occupies a five-acre site and has one building with 108 timeshare units and 4,640 members.

-- Peppertree Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, occupies 40 acres of land acquired in 1994. Timeshare sales there have just begun.

In addition, Peppertree owns property at several other locations in North and South Carolina where development of timeshare resorts is planned.

Growing Up In Business

C. Wayne Kinser was born in 1933 in Athens, Tennessee. A decade later, he moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with his parents, C. Clyde and Esther Carney Kinser, and his older brother, Robert C. Kinser, so his father could work in a munitions factory.

While still in elementary school, Kinser engaged in his first entrepreneurial activity at the age of 10 -- selling used comic books. His father encouraged this endeavor.

In 1949 the Kinsers moved to **Asheville**, North Carolina, where C. Wayne's 85-year-old mother still lives. There C. Clyde founded the family's first **company**, Home Insulation of **Asheville**.

In the late 1940s to early 1950s no building insulation requirements existed. "Today, codes enforced by building inspectors require that building walls and ceilings have a certain 'R' value," says Kinser. "My father sold people on the value of blowing insulation into the walls and ceilings of their home, where most building heat loss occurs. We showed people how in just a few years the energy savings covered the original installation cost of Owens-Corning blown insulation materials. For several years our little **Asheville company** was Owens-Corning's largest Fiberglass insulation customer."

As a high-school student in **Asheville**, Kinser worked for his father's insulation **company** during summer vacations. An early client he helped was Sara Coleman Porter, the elderly widow of William Sidney Porter (1862-1910), a writer of short stories better known by his pen name, O. Henry. Porter is buried near the famous novelist Thomas Wolfe in **Asheville's** Riverside Cemetery.

In 1955, Kinser graduated from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, and joined his father and brother full time in the family firms.

Branching Out

"My father's business evolved into other aspects of energy conservation, including manufacturing and installation of storm windows and doors and aluminum windows and doors, so we changed the charter and **company** name of Home Insulation of **Asheville** to Kenco Corporation," he says. "Under the Kenco name we manufactured first aluminum and later vinyl windows and doors, and under the Deltec name we manufactured single-family homes, apartments, and vacation homes."

Fontana Village and several of the Peppertree timeshare resorts -- Peppertree Vacation Club, Peppertree Outer Banks Beach Club, Peppertree Atlantic Beach, and Peppertree Maggie Valley -- have some round and hexagon-shaped Deltec buildings.

"We used Deltec's pre-engineered panelized homes to help reduce construction time and material costs, and to have less ecological impact on the local environment, since building debris is recycled at the Deltec plant," says Ken Crump, who is a former Deltec Homes manager. "Deltec buildings also are less disruptive to the current owner base."

Trowbridge Offered Advice

In the 1960s, Kinser and a high-school friend, Kenneth A. Parton, founded Heritage Homes. "Shortly after, we realized we had to have a place to build homes," says Kinser, "so we founded Pioneer Land Development Inc. We became western North Carolina's largest home- development builders.

"In 1970, Parton and I divided up our holdings. Parton received all the stock in Heritage Homes and I received all of the Pioneer stock. About a year after the stock trade, as part of the national movement to consolidate homebuilding, Ken sold out to an Ohio **company**. In 1972, Pioneer started construction of the Great Smokies Hilton Resort and Conference Center, which opened in 1974." When the Hilton franchise on the 120-acre, 280-room resort expired in 1995, Kinser converted his hotel to the new Holiday Inn Sunspree brand.

"In 1976," he says, "I read an article in a trade publication about Sanibel Island developer Keith Trowbridge and his new timesharing concept. My parents owned a winter home nearby in Fort Myers, Florida, so I made a point to see Trowbridge when I visited there. He graciously spent time with me, and taught me how to divide up a piece of property 52 ways. I asked him where to locate a timeshare property. He suggested I select a place where people want to be."

In 1977 Kinser built the first of 18 villas of his Peppertree Vacation Club on the grounds of the Great Smokies Hilton Resort. "Peppertree Vacation Club, affiliation number 0066, was one of Resort Condominiums International's first 100 resorts," he says. "We used our own hotel guests as our first timeshare prospects. We've done well in **Asheville** even though most Americans prefer the beach to the mountains. Several of our other properties have been beach resorts.

"We developed the Peppertree brand with the creation of our third resort, Atlantic Beach. A half-dozen employees wrote down appealing names. I wrote down the name Pepper Tree because it was easy to say, and we used literary license." Kinser isn't sure how he learned about the pepper tree, a foothill chaparral tree (Schinus molle) native to Peru that grows about 1,800 feet above sea level on the south slopes of the Santa Ynez mountains near Santa Barbara, California.

Umbrella for Diverse Enterprises

Peppertree Resorts, Ltd., serves as an umbrella for other companies Kinser owns with a variety of partners. They include Atlantic Beach Enterprises, Inc.; Crystal Resorts, Inc.; Great Smokies Resorts, Inc.; Peppertrees Management, Inc.; Peppertrees Resorts Villas, Inc.; Peppertree Fontana Village Inc.; Peppertree Ocean Club, Inc.; and Pioneer Hotel Inc.

Eventually the Kinser brothers traded **company** shares. Robert retained full ownership of Kenco and Deltec, and Wayne retained full ownership of Peppertree and subsidiary operations. Later Robert sold Kenco's window-manufacturing operation to a midwestern window manufacturer, while retaining ownership -- but not day-to-day management -- of Deltec Homes. Kinser's timeshare-related business interests also include Meridian Financial Services, Inc., a collections **company** founded in 1989 and jointly owned by Kinser; John S. McFarland, senior executive vice president and chief operating officer of Peppertree Resorts, Ltd.; and Gregory B. Sheperd, president of Meridian.

In 1991, Kinser, McFarland, and Sheperd founded Paragon Financial Services, LLC, a receivables-management **company** that operates in 38 states to service loans and bill annual tax assessments.

Shepard operates both Meridian and Paragon. "Since November 1996, when I left Meridian to come to work full time at Peppertree Resorts, Ltd., I have had a hands-off relationship with Meridian," says McFarland, a Kinser associate for 13 years.

Herbert H. "Butch" Patrick, Peppertree's new chief financial officer, now handles Peppertree's relationship with Meridian. Patrick is intimately familiar with Peppertree after 18 years in the **Asheville** accounting firm of Painter, Patrick & Russell, Peppertree's outside auditor.

Family and Civic Affiliations

Kinser has been married since 1990 to Cindy M. Rice, an **Asheville**-area native who is the mother of Kinser's 14-year-old step-daughter, Natalie M. Rice. An avid outdoorsman, Kinser likes to take Natalie camping. He recently attended a Smashing Pumpkins rock concert in Charlotte, North Carolina, with Natalie, Donald Clayton, and Clayton's 14-year-old daughter, Kyla.

From a previous marriage, Kinser has two older children: Sharon K. Kinser, 38, manager of Harbor House Restaurant in Panacea, Florida, and David W. Kinser, 34, Peppertree's corporate pilot and manager of the firm's owners' vacation-rental and travel programs.

Kinser is or has been a board member of several **Asheville** community and governmental organizations and statewide committees, including the **Asheville** Area Chamber of Commerce, **Asheville** City Planning Board, Manna Food Bank (which feeds the homeless), the Preservation Society of **Asheville** & Buncombe County, and the North Carolina's Governor's Council for Travel and Tourism. He has been an active Rotarian for 25 years.

Kinser Learned Patience From Fishing

C. Wayne Kinser, founder, chairman, and president of Peppertree Resorts Ltd., uses the patience he learned as a fly fisherman to envision, develop, and manage timeshare resorts.

An ardent fly fisherman or "wader" since junior high school, Kinser has waded in most of the world's best fly-fishing spots. Probably not by accident, most members of his executive-management staff share his passion for fly fishing. Timeshare-industry colleagues say they've learned not to offer Kinser or his staff their favorite fishing stories unless they've had a true wader's experience.

"The uninitiated will find fly fishing fairly portrayed in A River Runs Through It (a movie about fly fishing directed by Robert Redford)," says Kinser, "except that a fly fisherman may not catch fish every day. The fun is in the fishing, not in the actual catching of fish."

Kinser participates in catch-and-release programs for sport fishermen, but he kept one prize fish. Mounted on a wall of his office is a 13-pound rainbow trout he caught in the Rio Golgol in South Chile on the last cast of a two-week South American fly-fishing trip.

"Little-known outside of Chile, the Golgol River flows from the Andes Mountains into Lago Puyehue near the city of Puyehue," says Osvaldo Barrientos, chancellor of the Chilean consulate in Miami, Florida, and brother of Jorge Barrientos, one of Chile's best-known fly-fishing teachers. "Part of International Route 215 follows the Golgol River, connecting Portezuelo de Puyehue, Argentina, and Osorno, Chile. The Golgol fishing season begins in November and ends in April, with the best fishing in the first and last weeks of the season. Kinser's fish is large, but my brother Jorge has caught larger fish in the Golgol."

Since 1990, Kinser has been a local board member of the Land of Sky Chapter of Trout Unlimited, a national conservation organization of fishermen based in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Ghost May Inhabit Corporate Office

The corporate offices of Peppertree Resorts, Ltd., occupy Zealandia, a historic mansion that they

Located about 2,500 feet above sea level on a ridge of the Beaucatcher Mountains in **Asheville**, North Carolina, Zealandia is minutes from downtown, half a mile off the Blue Ridge Parkway, and about 30 miles from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

A New Zealand sheep rancher, John Evans Brown, built the original red-**brick** Zealandia on a 168-acre tract in 1860. In 1904 a later owner, O.D. Revel, sold Zealandia with 40 acres of land to Australian-born world traveler and art patron Sir Philip Henry, who expanded the home in 1919-1920 to a three-story, 62-room English manor house with a separate cottage and stables. One of Sir Philip's daughters, Violet Henry, and her husband, General Harley H. Maconochie, remodeled and combined many of the rooms in the 1950s. Today it has 28 rooms on 16 acres of land.

In 1961 the Maconochies sold Zealandia to Miami hotelier George Dixon and his wife, Isabella June Wolf "Dottie" Dixon, who used Zealandia as a summer home. George Dixon died on March 28, 1969, and Dotty stopped summering at Zealandia in the early 1970s. Peppertree moved its offices into the house in 1984.

"I've never seen the ghost," says C. Wayne Kinser, Peppertree's chairman and president. "Mrs. Dixon told me that one evening she and her husband were watching television when an apparition came down Zealandia's grand staircase, walked across the entrance foyer, and then went up the back steps.

"Mrs. Dixon called Zealandia's former owner, Violet Henry Maconochie, and asked if she had seen the apparition. Mrs. Maconochie suggested the apparition was Helen, the first wife of her father, Sir Philip Henry. She said Helen had died in a Pennsylvania fire, and was looking for her family. Mrs. Maconochie suggested that Mrs. Dixon tell Helen where the family had moved, and Mrs. Dixon never saw the apparition again."

Why Asheville?

Most early timeshare developers gravitated to sandy beaches or Orlando-like attractions. C. Wayne Kinser's first timeshare project on the grounds of the Great Smokies Hilton Resort in **Asheville**, North Carolina, is different because it is in a traditional mountain summer-resort community where visitors don't expect sandy beaches, ski lifts, or rodent-themed amusement parks. "Affluent families sent the wives and children to spent the summer in the mountains, while fathers stayed and worked in the hot cities," says Kinser. "Large homes were built in sections of **Asheville** to accommodate summer residents. **Asheville** has many fine architecturally significant buildings, with perhaps the largest collection of art-deco buildings outside of Miami Beach.

"Floridians have exerted a great deal of influence on **Asheville**. Prior to World War II and the introduction of mechanical air conditioning, **Asheville** was cool when most everywhere else in North and South Carolina and Florida was extremely hot. Typically the temperature drops three to four degrees during the day for every 1,000 feet of elevation, and even more at night. In the 1920s and 1930s, screened sleeping porches were very popular in **Asheville** homes and hospitals."

Historically, **Asheville's** summer visitors came to enjoy the fresh, cool summer air, hot mineral springs, and mountain attractions of a southern Appalachian community just a day's journey from New York. The convenient location attracted George W. Vanderbilt III (1862-1914), creator of the Biltmore Estate, the largest private family home in America.

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Wayne Kinser, founder, chairman, and president of Peppertree Resorts Ltd, passed away after an extended illness on August 31, 2003. He was 69 years old.

Kinser began his first timeshare project, Peppertree Vacation Club, in 1977 on the grounds of The Great Smokies Hilton Resort (now a Holiday Inn Sunspree) in Asheville, North Carolina. Twenty-two years later, when Peppertree Resorts merged with Equivest Finance in 1999 Peppertree was one of the leading vacation ownership companies in the Southeast, welcoming mc than 50,000 families each year to its 15 resorts throughout the Carolinas, Tennessee, Wisconsin a Missouri.

Mr. **Kinser** is survived by his wife, Cindy Fullbright **Kinser**; two daughters, Kay **Kinser** Williamso and her husband, Tim, of Panacea, Fla., and Natalie Rice of the home; son, David **Wayne Kinser** and his wife, Kim, of Asheville; brother, Robert **Kinser** and his wife, Cathryn, of Asheville; and th grandchildren, Hunter and Lauren **Kinser** and Zachary Williamson.

Burial is to be a private ceremony at Riverside Cemetery with only immediate family attending. A memorial service in celebration of Mr. **Kinser's** life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Ar Presbyterian Church, where he was a member. The Rev. Ed. Graham will officiate. The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to the Cove Camp Scholarship Fund, **c**/o Sherri Schaddelee, P.O. Box 19223, Asheville, NC 28815 or Manna Food Bank, 627 Swannanoa River Ro Asheville, NC 28778.

Morris Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Two Sons Are Visiting Mrs. Eva Ledbetter

Fullam **Kirkpatrick**

Staff Sgt. James Fullam and Sgt. Jesse Kirkpatrick, sons of Mrs. Eva Ledbetter of 184 Brucemont circle, are visiting their mother while home on furlough.

Staff Sgt. Fullam has been in the service for two years and is stationed at Camp Lee, Va., where he is a company mess sergeant. He is well known in Asheville, being a former member of the Cosmic club, and was employed by the American Enka corporation before enlisting. Fullam would like to see active duty somewhere at the front. He has been at Camp Lee ever since his enlistment and has moved only two blocks away from his original quarters. "I'll never get to the front at that rate," he said.

Sgt. Kirkpatrick, who enlisted at the same time, is in the air corps at Bryan, Texas, where he is serving with a ground crew squadron. He enlisted a month after graduating from Lee Edwards high school and believes that his chances of seeing action are good.

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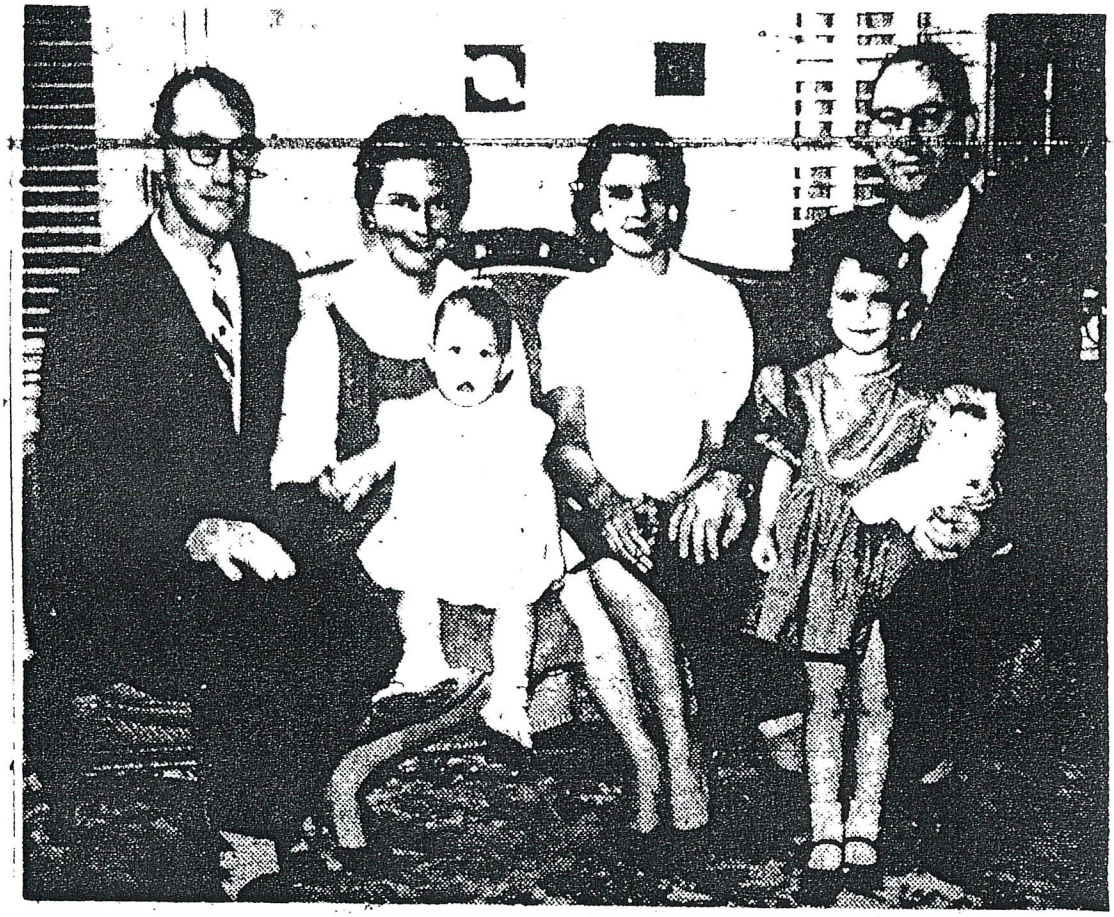

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TWO SONS, both ministers, and members of their families are visiting their minister father, the Rev. M. L. Kirstein, and Mrs. Kirstein at 62 Westgate Road. The Rev. James F. Kirstein of Miami (left) is shown with his wife and year-old daughter, Laura Lee. At right are the Rev. John A. Kirstein of Louisvile, Ky., and his wife and daughter, Janice, 4½. The Rev. M. L. Kirstein is pastor of New Morgan Hill Baptist Church.

Buncombe Baptist missions leader Kiser dies

By Rebekkah Melchor Logan
RELIGION EDITOR

CANDLER — The Rev. Ronald M. Kiser, director of missions for the Buncombe Baptist Association, died in his sleep at his Candler home Wednesday.

"This has been very shocking," said the Rev. Gayle Brown, past director of the association and a close family friend. "Ron Kiser was a good, good man."

As director of missions, Kiser was responsible for continuing the collaborative work of churches and associations that has been a Baptist tradition since the association's founding in 1885.

Rev. Ronald Kiser

Kiser, 56, was born in Randolph County and attended Wingate College. He earned a bachelor's degree from Gardner-Webb and his master of divinity degree from the Southeastern Theological Seminary, where he began to establish some lifelong friendships.

"We met in college 28 years ago and went on to seminary together," the Rev. Charlie Sams said. "He and I talked on a weekly basis, and he helped me as a personal friend and a spiritual confidant. I don't think he realized how many pastors he befriended."

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THE REV. CHARLIE SAMS

Kiser, a member of Grace Baptist Church, is survived by his wife, Brenda, daughter, Elizabeth Brewer, son, Lee Kiser, two grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at West Asheville Baptist Church There will be a service celebrating Kiser's life at 2 p.m. Saturday at West Asheville Baptist. Sams will deliver Kiser's eulogy with Homer Green and Roger Mercer. The Rev. L. Wayne Adkisson will officiate.

Kiser served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Seagrove before becoming associate pastor at Sandy Ridge Baptist Church in Hickory. He served as associate pastor at Bonlee Baptist Church until 1983. He moved to Morningside Baptist Church and in 1997 became an associate at the Buncombe Baptist Association. He tenure as director began in 2001.

Brown said a plaque on the wall in Kiser's study best summed up his life. It reads:

"Take time to work, it's the price of success. Take time to play, it's the secret of perpetual youth. Take time to think, it's the source of power. Take time to read, it's the foundation of wisdom. Take time to pray, it's a conversation with God. Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul. Take time to listen, it is the pathway to understanding. Take time to dream, it's hitching your wagon to a star. Take time to worship, it's the highway of reverence. Take time to love, it's the gift of God."

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Viola D. Knollman

Viola D. Knollman, 95, of Asheville, died Wednesday in an Asheville nursing home.

She had lived in Asheville since 1924. She was the daughter of the late John Henry and Elizabeth Langley Davis. She was the wife of Paul T. Knollman, who died in 1960.

Viola D. Knollman

A member of West Asheville Presbyterian Church, she was a member of the Presbyterian Women's Circle, a former Sunday school teacher and circle chairman and president of the Shumate-Taylor Memorial Bible class. She had served the youth fellowship supper for several years. She was a former member of YWCA and a member of Buncombe County Florist Association. She had served on the Presbyterian Board for four years.

She was a former employee of the Rev. William MacNair and was founder and former owner of Knollman Florist, where she had worked for 20 years.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Green Hills Cemetery. The Rev. Ben Sloan will officiate.

Memorials may be made to West Asheville Presbyterian Church, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, N.C. 28806.

Amy's Club In 23rd Year Of Service To Children

By GERRY KOONTZ

Ol' Man Winter is packing his grips with his most cagey freezes and cooling breezes ... his annual trip to the mountains. And, as usual, he finds big and little communities from the tips of the frosted ridges to the rolling slopes busy trying to outdo each other in trying to make this world a warm-hearted place in which to live.

But over on Burton Street in West Asheville there lives an elderly colored woman whose heart stays young while her bones grow older, and 1959 marks the 23rd year of her own small community club's existence.

Her name is Amy Knox — though most of her white friends could scarcely tell you the "Knox" part—and the name of her club is the "Do-Better Community Club".

It meets now in the homes of its members, although it has often met in churches of various denominations.

The members of the little club are all children. Amy's heart goes out to all her young friends, whose needs encompass not only the lack of

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AMY KNOX

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spiritual bread, but shoes and coats, and warm pajamas and things the other kids have.

So, for 23 years, Amy has met with "her kids once a week "to learn the Commandments and a few verses", and sing songs together.

There are small incentive prizes for these children who have so little incentive, and Amy must try hard to pass the prizes out fairly, not to hurt the feelings of those who have not yet earned their reward.

Each week, the children who are able bring their "offering" of pennies or a dime. With these few cents, Amy lays away overalls, shirts, warm clothing of all kinds for her children in the stores in Asheville. Soon now, near to Christmas, several of her white friends will allow her to do extra work in order to make up enough money to get 40 children's worth of clothes out of lay-away.

Once, one friend carefully prepared packets crammed with sweets and backed with the faces from her personal Christmas cards that she had saved. Amy says that's one example of how the Lord always provides—somehow.

Folks know that a good way to have Amy's jolly laugh and compliments galore descend on their ears is to present her with a box of used clothing.

Most will go to the children's good use. "If it has a sleeve to stick an arm in, it'll help my chillun," she says. And anything that is really past redemption is still gold to Amy, for she sells it to the rag dealer, and has a little more precious cash to use for her young folks.

Some of the present members of Amy's community club are second generationers; Amy had their parents as children, and "Lawd!" she says, "That do make me feel old!"

Well, her hair is turning a little gray in spots. And she can remember so far back into some of her white "chillun's" past that you know she can't be young.

But how she can climb tall ladders to put her particular shine on the outside of those windows! And stoop over the baseboards to get those specks.

Or how tenderly she soothes the little boy who's not ordinarily happy with anyone but his mother or his grandmothers!

Her love of children hasn't stopped with those of her own race. She's helped a generation of her white folks' children grow up, too.

And how happy they make "their ol' Amy" when they, in turn, remember her club, and the children's needs.

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BENNETT KRICKBAUM

COASTAL MONSTERS—Susan Bennett and George Krickbaum, both aged 10 of West Asheville, pose behind eight of 29 largemouth bass caught at Currituck on the coast by a party of four which included Susan's daddy. The catch was made last weekend. In addition to W. R. Bennett and L. G. Young of Asheville, the party included H. E. West and Lennie Shaw of Durham. The boys made their catch on Johnson Spoons and Jitterbugs.

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Contact with enemy altered local World War II soldiers' lives

Visiting our past

World War II not only connected local soldiers with Americans from different backgrounds; it also gave them personal knowledge of their wartime enemies.

Rob Neufeld

June Lamb of West Asheville joined the WAVES, the women's naval corps, in February 1945. She recalls how Southern girls felt during training in New York, associating with Northerners who knew no Jim Crow laws. She also recalls another form of culture shock. Six years later, Lamb traveled, as an X-ray technician hired by the National Health Organization, to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, to assess the damage inflicted by atomic bombs.

"I saw men," Lamb says, "who looked like they had wrapped their belts around themselves twice, they were so frail — and so gentle and kind."

It was Lamb's job to help do a demographic survey of radiation-caused sickness as it related to the bombs' epicenters. A documentary film shows young Lamb holding the hand of a Japanese girl who feared but yielded to medical examinations.

The accepting nature of the Japanese people moved Lamb. She recalled herself thinking, "That would not have happened if they had taken over our country. I began to think, 'How are they so different? How are they so accepting?' Number one, their religious background is more fatalistic. ... There's a constant phrase, 'Shou ga nai' — 'There's nothing you can do about it.' The other thing, they were more than glad to be rid of their military-industrial complex."

"I have found a sympathy with them," Lamb now adds, "for I am totally against the military-industrial complex." Returning home from Japan, Lamb studied to be a social worker.

Andy Andrews, an eastern Tennessee boy who now lives in Western North Carolina, once rescued a German soldier who had tried to kill him. Enlisting in the Army in 1943, Andrews went on to storm Normandy and hold the line at the Battle of the Bulge.

One autumn night in 1945 at 2:30 a.m., Andrews was manning a machine gun in defense of a German hill. He was one of the few left in his group because German rangers had managed to sneak behind other American gunners and slit their throats. Even after artillery had blasted the positions the Germans had occupied, enemy soldiers pressed on.

"One German stood and threw a grenade at me," he recounts, "and I shot bullets through his body — I could see the bullets go through because every fifth bullet is a tracer. ... About a half-hour after the battle had subsided, I saw a little white flag come up — a handkerchief — and this voice said, 'May I surrender? Please, may I?'"

Prepared for a trick, Andrews kept a bead on the crawling infantryman. As he approached, Andrews saw he was the German who had thrown the grenade. "His whole side was just ripped out," Andrews says.

Andrews helped the German back through American lines to a medic. "This kid — his name was Erich," Andrews remembers. "He said, 'You shoot me?' I said, 'No, no, I am Christian.' He said, 'I, too, Christian. Drafted.' He was 17, and I was 19."

War memories project

The interviews on which this story is based had been collected and videotaped by the Center for Diversity Education as part of their project, "WWII Mountain Memories: Home Front to the Frontlines." Call 254-9044 or visit www.main.nc.us/diversity/ for more information.

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June Lamb

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Journey of a lifetime

Asheville native's long road from WAVE to world citizen

BY ALLI MARSHALL

"IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL," OBSERVES GLOBETROTTER **JUNE LAMB**, ADDING, "GOOD PEOPLE FIND EACH OTHER."

Those words could be the septuagenarian's motto. As a radiological researcher, social worker and missionary, she's traveled through most of Asia and Europe and lived in Japan for some 15 years. In the process, she's confronted firsthand the ugly aftermaths of nuclear weapons. And while it may have been simple wanderlust that first led Lamb overseas (growing up, she says, her mother encouraged the young June's sense of adventure, and those promptings obviously took root), her initial venture proved to be only the beginning of a lifelong journey of conscience.

photo courtesy U.S. Department of Defense

Life after death: The Hiroshima bombing, viewed by many as the epochal event of the 20th century, had personal as well as public ramifications. Asheville native June Lamb was called to service aiding the victims of radiation poisoning, and found a life's work.

Five decades later, that same love of travel has now taken her back to Japan for a three-and-a-half-week visit — only this time, her excursion is also a quest for peace.

In the 1940s, the Asheville-area native headed off to Lees-McRae College, a Presbyterian school in Banner Elk, N.C., to earn an associate's degree as a medical secretary. An inspiring apprenticeship with a science professor left her considering the idea of pursuing more schooling, but at age 20, her itchy feet prevailed.

"I wanted to join the Navy" as a way to see the world, she explained during a recent interview. It was an unusual aspiration at the time — the regular armed forces did not accept women. Undaunted, Lamb signed up for the WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service), a special branch of the Navy established during World War II.

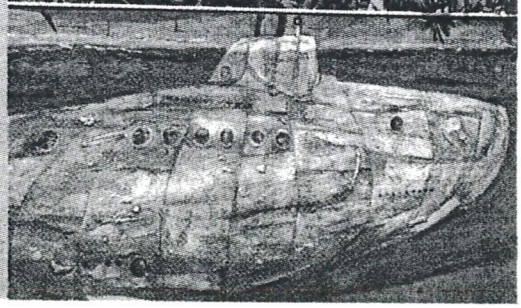

photo by Bo Post

"The WAVES allowed women to do *something*," she noted, "b we weren't in the naval ranks." Furthermore, by the time Lan completed basic training, World War II was winding down, instead of being shipped to some exotic port of call, the would- adventuress was slated to be sent to the closest available post to h home in Asheville. But she finagled an assignment to a medical ce ter in Norman, Okla., where she served in the X-ray department

"That's where I discovered the *Textbook for Radiological Technol* by Leroy Sante," remembered Lamb. Newly inspired, Lamb appli to the radiology program (which had only recently begun admitti women) at St. Louis University, where Sante taught. It was a Jes school, which worried her staunchly Presbyterian family a friends, but Lamb forged ahead with extending her education.

Returning to Asheville with a four-year degree in hand, the tr blazer began work at Norburn Hospital (which later beca Memorial Mission), still longing for more excitement. So wh Duke University invited her (based on the recommendations of SLU Professors) to spend two years in Japan working with Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (founded through National Research Council), Lamb eagerly packed her bags.

The Casualty Commission was a research organization, not a tr

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Aftermath: Confused survivors huddle together in this unattributed photo taken hours after a single bomb leveled the city of Hiroshima. Victims of the bomb, known as *hibaksua*, later hid what had happened to them out of fear of marriage or job discrimination. An estimated 200,000 people died in the blast.

pened to them out of fear of marriage or job discrimination," continued Muecke. In traditional arranged marriages, she explained, anyone displaying disfigurement of any sort would not be considered a suitable mate. Growing up in Japan, she noted, "We didn't learn how people felt or suffered; I never thought about it," because people hid the atrocities they had suffered.

As she watched Ohta's tape, Muecke recalled: "In the documentary, there was a man sitting on the floor. ... He said he'd had 27 operations — that means he had to go through many agonies. Fortunately, he was able to marry and have two children. When his children wanted to know why he had the scars, he told them, 'Maybe this is a punishment from God.'"

At that moment, Muecke knew she wanted to write the stories of the people who'd suffered through the bombings, to let everyone know that their pain was, indeed, not a punishment. She shares with Lamb a vision of enlightening others about the atrocities of war as a way to help create peace. "When I saw the video, I realized that, even nowadays, people don't understand the tragic effect of what happens when you use an atomic bomb," she said. "That bomb was made more than 50 years ago — it's even stronger today."

"We don't need any more war," Lamb declared.

Accordingly, on July 23, the two women began what Lamb has described as "a miraculous journey" with a stop-off in San Francisco so Muecke could read some of her essays over the air on the city's Japanese-language radio station. In Japan, the pair's agenda will include spending time north of Osaka and at a seaside resort that's popular with Japanese tourists. Also on the schedule is a reunion with a woman who came to the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission Center in the early 1950s and still remembers "a young foreign X-ray tech."

Asheville holds its own memorial service for the victims of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the Vance Monument. The Peace Vigil begins at 8:30 p.m.; participants are asked to dress in white. For more information, call 271-0022

For Lamb, it's the culmination of a life marked by remarkable coincidences and unplanned encounters. "I would never be launched on this journey if my friend in Osaka had not taped the program [about] the atomic-bomb blast," she observes.

The two women will join memorial services in Hiroshima on Aug. 6 and in Nagasaki on Aug. 9. "This is about sharing the human experience to know we're not alone," maintains Lamb, adding, "Our common humanity binds us."

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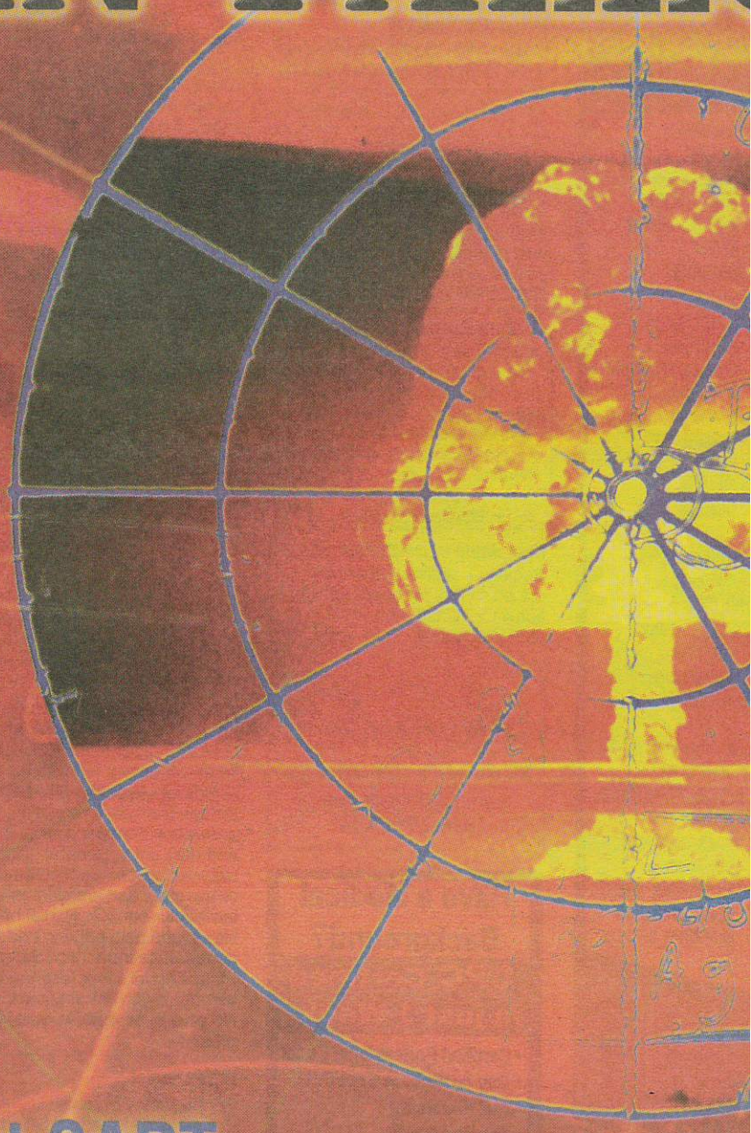
HIROSHIMA'S HUMAN FALLO

Asheville native's journey of faith



Also inside:
Steel Magnolias at SART

SCHOOL TO HONOR OLD FRIEND WITH MEMORIAL EVENT

Plans are being made for a memorial service in honor of the late A. E. Lance, aged caretaker of Eugene Rankin School, West Asheville, who died several weeks ago, it was announced yesterday. A program is being planned for the service which is to be held at a date to be announced later, and a tree will be planted on the school grounds in memory of Mr. Lance.

Mr. Lance had served as janitor at the school since its completion four years ago, and was known as the friend of every child there. After his death the school flag was flown at half mast, and many of the teachers and students attended the funeral.

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THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Winners In Garden Club Essay Contest

The boys and girls shown above studied the importance of the conservation of trees and then wrote winning essays in a contest sponsored by the conservation committee of the Asheville Garden club. They are, left to right, seated: Nancy Eller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Eller of 60 Brucemont circle, first prize at Aycock elementary school; Jack Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnston of 95 Cumberland avenue, second prize winner at Randolph elementary school; Jo Ann Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Zimmerman of 37 Michigan avenue, second prize at Aycock elementary school; standing, Robert Brackett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee Brackett of 4 Amboy street, second prize at Rankin elementary school; George Lance, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lance of 21 Brotherton street, first prize at Rankin; and Tommy Rezzuto, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rezzuto of 29 Blake street, second prize at Randolph elementary school. Other first and second prize winners unable to be present for the picture are Wayland Plemmons, first, and Mary Frances DeVore, second, at San Hill school, and Georgia Hensley, first at Vance Elementary school. Third prize winners of the schools are as follows: Pat Grice, Aycock; Helen Young, Rankin; Thomas Sumner, Randolph; and Granville Corn, Sand Hill. Cash prizes amounting to $12 will be given the winners at a meeting of the garden club Wednesday, February 18 at the George Vanderbilt hotel.

Asheville Times February 11, 1942

Two Lance Sons In Armed Forces

PVT. LANCE

SGT. LANCE

Mrs. Pearl Lance of 49 Euclid avenue, West Asheville, has two sons serving with the armed forces.

Pvt. Garland F. Lance has returned to Robbins Field, Ga., after spending a 10-day furlough with his mother and wife, Mrs. Bernice Lance of Asheville. He is serving with the medical corps. He entered the service in April, 1943, and received training a Saint Petersburg and Miami, Fla., Camp Lee, Va., and Drew Field, Fla. Pvt. Lance is a graduate of Venable high school and was employed by the American Enka corporation prior to induction.

Sgt. Kenneth H. Lance has arrived in England, according to word received by his mother. He is with an engineers battalion. He entered the service, with the national guard, in September, 1940, receiving basic training at Camp Jackson, S. C., where he was stationed for a year. Sgt. Lance has been at Camp Blanding Fla., and Camp Forest, Tenn. prior to entraining for Camp Atterbury, Ind. He was then sent overseas. His wife is Mrs. Kathryn Lance of Asheville.

Asheville Times March 20, 1944

Buncombe Veterans Fought In Famous Civil War Battles

One man who charged up Cemetery Ridge with the Stars and Bars in Pickett's immortal and fatal rush at Gettysburg and half a dozen who took part in Bragg's "barren victory" at Chickamauga, are among the 37 living Confederate veterans in Buncombe county. Another was present when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and still another remembers clearly the fall of Fort Sumter, the opening gun of the war, although he did not enter the service until several weeks later.

The veterans living today are a modest lot for the most part. Those who were old enough to get into the grey ranks in '61 are extremely few and a majority of the men who attend the meetings of Zeb Vance camp at the courthouse nowadays say quite frankly: "We were just boys in the regiments recruited toward the end; we guarded prisoners and watched mountain passes; some of us were not even armed. But we had to sleep in the snow sometimes, and live in the mud, go hungry and ragged, so we feel that we did our part."

Average Age Is 98

Consider for a moment the troops recruited in '61 were from 21 to 35 years old. Possibly the average was 25. That would make the average age of the survivors today 98—and the youngest, recruited at 20, would be 93. The young men who went into the late regiments in '63 and '64 were often as young as sixteen—from eight to 15 years younger than the troops of the first great Confederate victories, so by far the greater number of veterans living today are of these late regiments.

But even among the living veterans who were but lads in their teens when Sumter fell, are men who fought with musket and bayonet, dashed on horseback with naked sabre, or swabbed and pointed cannon, in the really great battles of the war.

Gettysburg, the real death knell of the grey hopes and Murfreesboro or Stone's River, one of the bloodiest battles of the war, the hundred bloody skirmishes in Sherman's path of devastation; the victory of Bragg at Chickamauga and the battle of Kennesaw Mountain are memories that stir the blood in the now feeble limbs of about a dozen of the veterans in the county today.

Among them are:

W. W. Pace, now 93 years old, had not yet enlisted when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter, but he was enrolled in Company B, First South Carolina artillery a few weeks thereafter and spent the next two years as a member of the fort's "rebel" garrison. He was there when the Union fleet finally battered them into submission in April '63, and from Charleston, his outfit set out across the Carolinas and Georgia. He was in front of Sherman when that Yankee general swept through Georgia and he was captured finally at the big battle of Averysboro, S. C. He was wounded during the seige of Sumter by the Yankees. He now lives with his son J. B. Pace near Arden.

Was At Chickamauga

J. M. Case, who lives at Emma, and his brother, W. H. Case, now dead, went out with Company D, 30th North Carolina, and were transferred to the famous sixtieth regiment. They saw service in Virginia and fought at both Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain and were in the thick of 38 days of service fighting around Atlanta.

John M. Houck of Marion, a member of Zeb Vance camp, was captured at Gettysburg after being wounded. He was also in the fighting around Richmond and faced Grant's troops in the wilderness around Spottsylvania.

Spencer Freeman, who served in the 25th North Carolina, is another veteran of the battles of Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain.

Captain W. Elbert Weaver of Weaverville and his negro body servant, Gilbert Baird, went out with the 29th North Carolina and campaigned over six states, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and both the Carolinas. Captain Weaver still carries a bullet from Chickamauga. He saw Sherman burn Atlanta and took part in the last battle of the war, an engagement at Mansfield, La., some days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Colonel R. L. Fitzpatrick, present commander of Zeb Vance camp, was for awhile a member of Morgan's famous raiders, but didn't cross the Ohio on the brilliant raid into Kentucky and Indiana. He enlisted with 31st Tennessee, but for most of the war was in Captain Owen's detachment of scouts, doing reconnoitering for Vaughn's brigade.

F. B. Bishop, 89, of Avery's creek, was present at Lee's surrender to Grant and was wounded "at the big battle of Bull Gap." His father and older brother also wore the grey.

S. P. Lanford, 87, Montana street, says he was in "plenty of battles" in the Carolinas, and was wounded seven times. He is now 97 years old.

Wounded In Pickett's Charge

Levi J. Walker, 93 years old now, was the fifth color bearer shot down in the Confederate charge up Cemetery Ridge. He lost his left leg and spent the remainder of the war a prisoner at David's Island, N. Y. He has lived in Asheville since 1920 and his home is at 260 Forest Hill drive. He was in Company B of the 13th North Carolina.

The Rev. T. F. Glenn, who has been in the ministry 75 years, was chaplain of a regiment of General Joe Wheeler's command called the Third Confederate. It was made up of companies from Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. He was at the battle of Murfreesboro in Tennessee and was in front of Sherman at Atlanta.

Lee Williams of Old Fort was in Company B of the 9th North Carolina artillery battalion. He took part in the battle of Forth Fisher and saw service in Virginia.

Ephraim Byerley, who lives in West Asheville, had two fingers shot off at the battle of Hatcher's Gap. He served in Company A, 21st North Carolina.

J. J. Stephenson, who was in Company C, 89th North Carolina, was in the battle of Bull's Gap and saw service in Tennessee.

R. T. Underwood, Chestnut street, now 87 years old, served Capt M H. Love's company of Col. W. H. Thomas' Legion, which included 400 Cherokee Indians. The unit was made up largely of young boys and Underwood's job was to guard Yankee prisoners and the passes in the Great Smoky mountains. He and his comrades saw no fighting but endured great hardships in the last winter of the war. He brought many prisoners back to Asheville.

P. B. Brown, living on the Brevard road, was in Company C, 16th South Carolina regiment.

Several Served In Cavalry

A number of the local veterans belonged to the 14th North Carolina cavalry battalion, a unit recruited of young soldiers. Among these were J. J. Stephens, R. B. Bitten of Horseshoe, J. A. Hughey and H. S. Walton.

John Paxton of Canton, who belongs to Zeb Vance camp, saw service in the western army with Company I, 62nd North Carolina.

J. W. Dickerson, who was in Col. Walter Bryson's command was quite young, and served at the saltpetre works near Hendersonville.

There are a number of names on the Confederate pension role at the courthouse, whose regimental affiliations and records are not known to the camp, nor does the pension clerk have their addresses. They are known to be living, however, as they called for their checks in June. They include D. V. Cole, T. M. Cole, E. Guthry, Thomas Hudgens, Henry E. Limbaugh, O. W. Reynolds, Clingman Sawyer, O. W. Surratt, David B. Watts, Charles W. White and Richard Gowan. The names of J. A. Ballard and H. E. Parham are on

S.P. Lanford

MAY, 1956

PATTON THOMAS

LINGO DEMAREE LANNING

FIRST SPADEFUL—C. C. Demaree, chairman of the building committee, turns the first spadeful of earth for the new educational building of West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Assisting at the ground-breaking ceremony this week were W. G. Lingo, chairman of the board of trustees; Sam Patton, a member of the building committee; J. W. Lanning, vice chairman of the board of deacons; and the Rev W. G. Thomas, pastor. The new building will cost $74,000. The new building will contain classrooms, nursery, kindergarten, a chapel, kitchen and fellowship hall Work began Wednesday.

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Lanning Harris Browning
—Citizen Photo

A WOMANLESS WEDDING will be a feature of the annual Harvest Festival today and tonight at Vance School. The wedding will be given at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The festival is sponsored by the Vance PTA. Taking part are Jack Harris, Jim Lanning, L. D. Cahoon and Charles Browning.

IDEAL TV IS G.E. SERVICE STATION

Ideal Television ,Incorporated, located at 687 Haywood Road, in West Asheville, is the General Electric service station for all Western Carolina, according to Bob Lawrence, owner. They specialize in G.E. Television sales and service.

LAWRENCE

Ideal Television, Inc., was founded in 1950 at its present location . . . "Famous name merchandise and prompt, courteous service have been responsible for our continued growth," says Lawrence, who is married, and has two sons, two daughters.

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TELEPHONE 3-1753

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Dear Business Friend:

What do you think of organizing a Business Club in West Asheville? Do you feel as I do, that if we had such an organization that we could accomplish a great deal in civic improvements and otherwise?

We have over 200 businesses in this section of our city and after talking to quite a number of our business people (both men and women) I feel sure there are sufficient numbers to sponsor and organize such a club.

I would appreciate a letter, card or telephone call expressing yourself on this question.

When we have heard from a goodly number of the business people of West Asheville who favor such an organization, we will call a meeting and proceed to organize.

Sincerely,

JLL/g

A letter sent to West Asheville businesses in 1950

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JOHN LAWRENCE

John Lagustus Lawrence, 97, formerly of 124 Logan Ave., died Sunday, Feb. 26, 1995, in National Health Care Center, Greenville, S.C., after a brief illness.

A native of Madison County, he lived in Buncombe County for the past 93 years. He retired as a self-employed Realtor and groceryman. He entered the grocery business in 1921.

John Lawrence

He was past president of the A-G Stores Association. He was a charter life member of the West Asheville Business Association. He was formerly active with Boy Scouts of America, where he organized and was scoutmaster of Troop 2. He was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. He became a member of Calvary Baptist Church in 1912, where he served as Sunday school superintendent and was on the deacon board and the church's only deacon emeritus. He served as general association superintendent for the Buncombe County Sunday School Association. He was a member of West Asheville Masonic Lodge 665. He was active in Republican politics, running in the initial city management contest and again in 1927 for city council. He was the son of the late James Calloway and Mary Lena Fore Lawrence and husband of Myrtle Louisa Logan Lawrence, who died in 1984.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Annie Lou Bell Logan of Winter Park, Fla.; five nieces; four nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Buddy Corbin officiating. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery where Masonic graveside rites will be conducted by the West Asheville Masonic Lodge 665. The lodge will open at 10 a.m.

Honorary pallbearers will be the John Lawrence Sunday school class, Calvary Baptist Church board of deacons and West Asheville Business Association.

The family will receive friends 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Anders Rice Funeral Home, where the body will remain until taken to the church 30 minutes before the services.

LAWRENCE STORE

John L. Lawrence, who has been operating the AG Food store at 219 Haywood Road since July 12, 1928, sold the store to William Hood, also with many years in the grocery business, to open the Lawrence Realty which will be located next door to the store on Haywood Road.

Mr. Hood, who needs no introduction, took possession of the food store yesterday. He has made Asheville his home since the age of six months when his parents brought him here from Henderson, North Carolina, and received his preparatory education in the city schools.

He began his career in the grocery business at the age of 12, as part time job after school, as delivery boy with Jax Pax.

Upon graduating from school he accepted a position with the Dixie Home Stores, and 17 years later he resigned to go in with Giezentanner grocery and remained with this firm until he purchased his own AG Store at 219 Haywood Road.

His wife, the former Miriam Candler, is also an Asheville girl. Mr. and Mrs. Hood have two children, John Gregory, 8 years of age, will be in the third grade at Newton this coming term. He likes swimming, stamp collecting, and has fun playing with his beautiful Beagle, Shorty. And Paula Jean age four, who likes to play with her dolls.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood are active members of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. He teaches the Jr. high boys Sunday school class.

John L. Lawrence, now operating the Lawrence Realty at 223 Haywood Road, prior to his opening the above store July 12, 1928 with two crates of cantalopues and 11 watermelons, operated a store at the corner of Waynesville and Tremont in West Asheville from 1921 to 1925. He has also had experience in Real Estate business.

He has been a member of the Calvary Baptist Church since 1912, and teaches the Men's Bible Class now.

Date unknown — probably late 50s

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1938

J. L. LAWRENCE REMODELS AND ENLARGES STORE

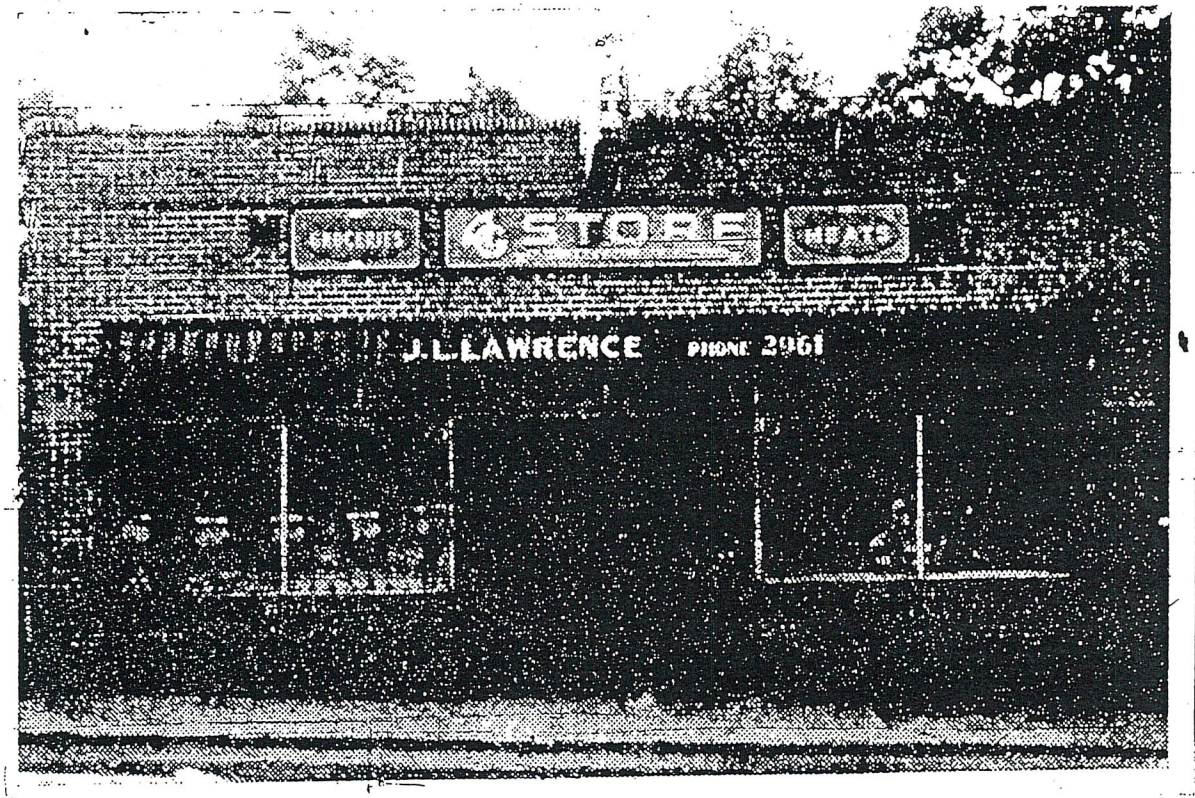
Tonight the J. L. Lawrence Grocery will celebrate the formal opening of their newly remodeled and enlarged store at 219 Haywood road. The public is invited to attend from seven to ten o'clock.

J. L. Lawrence, owner and manager of the J. L. Lawrence Grocery, started in business at his present location in July 1928, in a much smaller building. In the past ten years Mr. Lawrence has increased his business to many times what it originally was, and made his remodeling and enlarging necessary to take care of his increasing business.

His store is now one of the most up to date and modern groceries in Asheville, with all modern equipment. He carries a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, fruits, vegetables and finest quality meats. He employs four people beside himself in his business and operates a truck delivery service for the convenience of his customers.

J. L. Lawrence Grocery is a member of the A-G Stores and Mr. Lawrence is an official of this organization in Asheville. A-G Stores are locally owned and operated.

New Store Opens On Haywood Road



This handsome new store building houses the enlarged J. L. Lawrence grocery. A formal opening Tuesday night, with the public invited, is planned by Mr. Lawrence, owner and manager.

J. L. Lawrence Grocery, 210 Haywood Rd., September, 1938.

Federation Potatoes Now Labeled

This prospective young farmer is "holding the bag," but it is the kind of bag that is greatly increasing the sale of Western North Carolina Irish potatoes. The two-year-old is Frank Ledwell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ledwell, West Asheville. His father is mechanic for the marketing department of the Farmers Federation here. The sack is an innovation of the Federation to advertise Western North Carolina potatoes and is proving a great success in all sections of Western North Carolina and adjacent states.

Asheville Citizen December 2, 1935

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ledwell, 1334 Old Haywood Rd.

Ribbon Cutting For New Moore's

The ribbon was cut with a giant pair of scissors this morning signifying the opening of the new Moore's Super Store Inc. at the intersection of Enka road (U. S. 19-23) and Interstate 40. The store, 31st in the Moore chain, features quality building supplies at discount prices. Among those participating at today's ceremonies were (L-R): Frank Leppert, president of the West Asheville Businessmen's Association; Samuel L. Irvin, Asheville Chamber of Commerce president; Miss Asheville, Linda Maney; Mayor Earl W. Eller; Jim Vest, store manager; R. D. Nuckols of Richmond, Va., regional manager, and Wayne C. Klopp of Roanoke, Va., Moore's president. The store's Grand Opening period continues through July 13. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble.)

Anti-Litter Committee

Representatives of the State Highway Commission and the West Asheville Business Association inspect the new trash cans and anti-litter sign purchased to help in the clean-up drive in the West Asheville area. Trash cans will be located along Haywood Road and in front of the First-Citizens Bank in West Asheville on Patton Avenue. Pictured from left to right are City Councilman Luke Atkinson; Frank Leppert, owner of May's Market; W. E. Homlin, representative of the State Highway Commission; S. L. McHone, superintendent of the City Sanitation Dept.; Maj. Gen. Webster Anderson, city councilman; Beaman Pinner, owner of Pinner's Drug Store; Rick Suehr of First-Citizens Bank, chairman of the Beautification of West Asheville Committee.. and Meryl A. Compton, SHC traffic service superintendent. (Staff Photo.)

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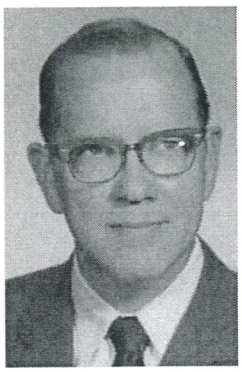
Back Porch – May's Market
Janie Alman (child)
Frank Heppert (adult)



FrankT.Leppert, Jr.

September 25, 1920 - February 6, 2004
Resided in Asheville, NC

Obituary

Frank T. Leppert, Jr., 83, of 149 Brevard Road, Asheville, died Friday, February 6, 2004.

Mr. Leppert was born in Buncombe County and was a son of the late Frank T. Leppert, Sr. and Annie Victoria Low Leppert. He served with the US Army 91st Division in Italy during WW II and was a member of the American legion and the VFW. He was an active member of St. Georgeâ€(TM)s Episcopal Church where he served on the Board and as Treasurer.

He was owner/manager of Mayâ€(TM)s Market on Haywood Road and vice-president of LeMay Corporation (Stoney Knob Supermarket). He was active in civic affairs and served with the Civic Arts Council, the Advisory Board of Parks and Recreation, the NC Food Dealers Association, the Asheville Merchants Association, the Better Business Bureau, the United Way and the Aston Park Board of Directors. He volunteered with the Habitat for Humanity and was former president of the West Asheville Business Association and the West Asheville Lions Club where he had received many honors, including the Melvin Jones Award and the Jack Sickley award.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy May Leppert; one daughter, Susie L. Perry of Asheville; one sister Elizabeth Parris of Denver, NC; four grandchildren, seven great -grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be celebrated by the Rev. Frs. Harry Woggon and Clem Gunn at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at St. Georgeâ€(TM)s Episcopal Church.

His family will receive friends in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

Memorials may be made to the St. Georgeâ€(TM)s Episcopal Church Organ Fund, 1

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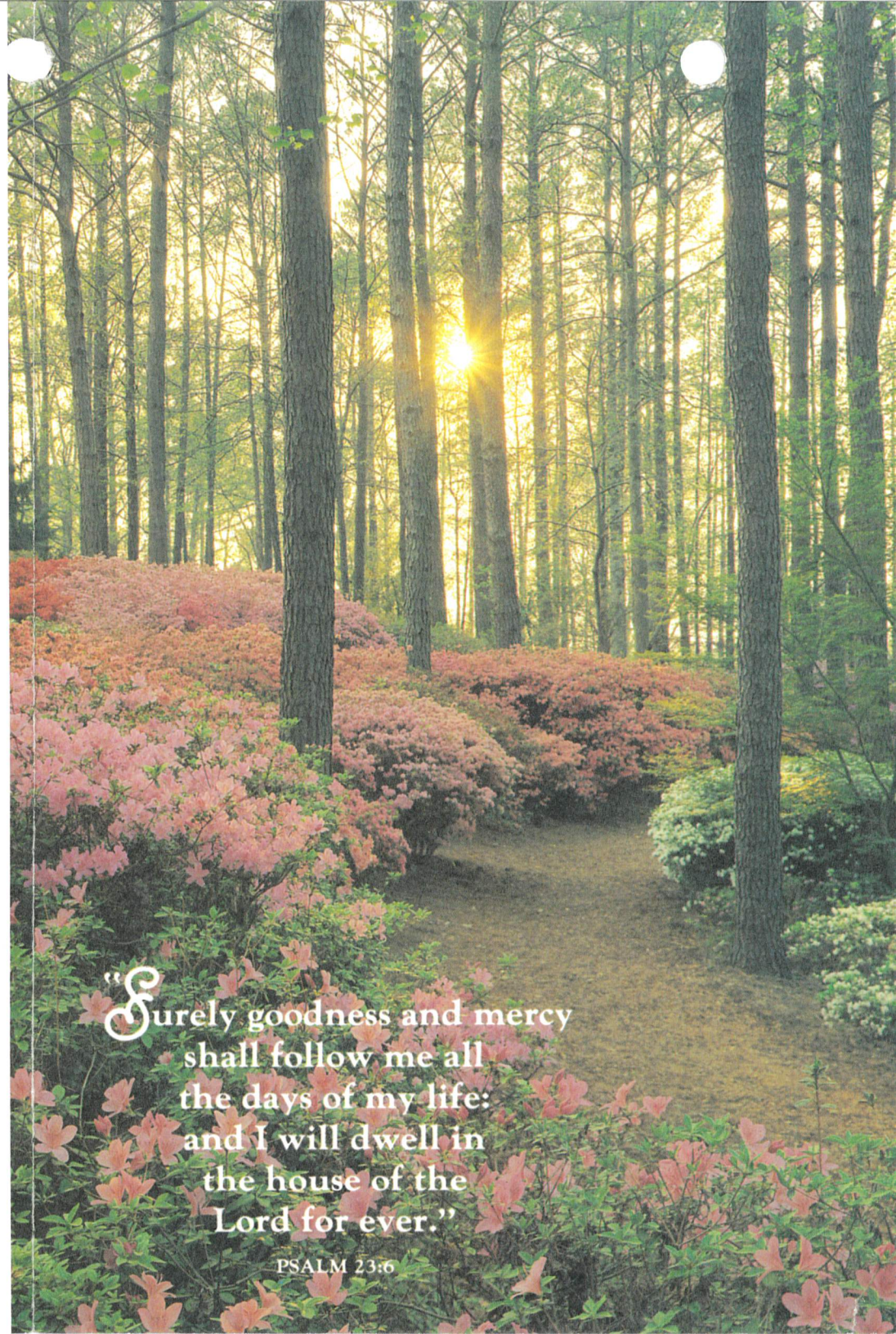

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1 SCHOOL ROAD ~ ASHEVILLE, NC 28806

The Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection
In thanksgiving for the life of
FRANK THORNE LEPPERT, JR.
Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Prelude: Lynn May Wilson, Anne May Cagle, Katherine Wilson and Rachel Wilson

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Hymn: "When The Saints Go Marching In"	Blue Book
Anthem "I am the Resurrection"	BCP p. 491
Collect	BCP p. 492
Readings from the Holy Scripture	
• Psalm 23 *KJV*	BCP p. 476
• Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39	
The Holy Gospel John 11:21-27	
The Homily ~ Reverend Clem Gunn	
The Apostles' Creed	BCP p. 496
Prayers of the People	BCP p. 465

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Hymnal 376
The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A	BCP p. 361
The Lord's Prayer	
The Breaking of the Bread	
Christ is our Passover	
The Reception of Holy Communion	
(All who come in Faith are welcome at the Lord's Table)	
Special Post-Communion Prayer	BCP p. 498
The Commendation	BCP p. 499
The Blessing	
Hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers"	Hymnal 562

THE COMMITTAL WILL BE AT A LATER DATE
AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE FAMILY

A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL

In Memory Of

FRANK THORNE LEPPERT, JR.
149 Brevard Road ~ Asheville
September 25, 1920 ~ February 6, 2004
Son Of The Late
FRANK T. LEPPERT, SR.
ANNIE VICTORIA LOW LEPPERT
Husband Of
NANCY MAY LEPPERT
Father Of
SUSIE L. PERRY
Brother Of
ELIZABETH PARRIS
Grandfather Of Four
Great-Grandfather Of Seven
Great-Great-Grandfather Of Two

MEMORIAL SERVICE
2:00 P.M. ~ TUESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 10, 2003
ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Assisting Clergy
THE REVEREND HARRY A. K. WOGGON, Priest-in-Charge
THE REVEREND CLEM GUNN, Former Priest-in-Charge
THE REVEREND THOMAS RIGHTMYER, Priest Associate

The Memorial Register may be signed on-line by going to
"Funerals Scheduled" at www.grocefuneralhome.com

Asheville native's life helps inspire TV show

Childhoods of writer, partner loose basis for Fox's 'State of Grace'

SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Now married and living in Southern California, Brenda Lunsford Lilly is a television writing veteran, whose many credits include "Christy" – which also had local connections (the title character was from Asheville and the show was filmed in east Tennessee).

By Tony Kiss
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

ASHEVILLE — Growing up in Asheville in the 1960s, Brenda Lunsford was no shy wallflower.

"She was outgoing," remembered her mom, Iris Lunsford of West Asheville. "She was an adventurous kid. She was a good kid, but she would get what she wanted."

"She had zero fear," added her sister, Gail Lunsford of Sandy Mush. "She would be out at night with her friends. But Asheville was a very, very small town. It was an incredible age of innocence that was taking place, but we didn't realize it at the time."

Now those sweet, long-ago days are getting a rerun in the new television series, "State of Grace," co-created and co-written by a grown-up Brenda Lunsford Lilly and her partner, Hollis Rich. The weekly half-hour drama-comedy debuts at 9 p.m. Monday on the Fox Family Channel.

ABOUT THE TV SHOW

- "State of Grace" is set in fictional "Ashmore," N.C., and revolves around the life of a Jewish working-class girl who moves to town and becomes best friends with a free-spirited girl from a rich family.
- The weekly half-hour drama-comedy debuts at 9 p.m. Monday on the Fox Family Channel.

The place is slightly fictional "Ashmore," N.C., but natives will quickly connect with some of the locations including the old St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines Catholic School (called St. Christina's in the show) and Asheville's Black business center along the old Valley Street (called Hill Street in the series).

"The Hot Shot (Café) will show up in some (future) episode, I promise," laughed Lilly, an established TV writer based in Los Angeles. But more than real locations, "I think it's mostly the atmosphere that I wanted to capture," she said.

The series revolves around a quiet 12-year-old Jewish girl, Hannah (loosely based on Rich's life), who moves with her working class family to "Ashmore" in 1965, enrolls in Catholic school and becomes best buds with the free-spirited Grace (more inspired by Lilly's childhood here). Their families can only be called eccentric. Grace's mom, Tattie, is a rich and distant playgirl while Hannah's clan keeps a close eye on their daughter.

Lilly spent years writing TV shows, including "Parker Lewis Can't Lose," "Christy" and "Walker, Texas Ranger." Rich was a writer-producer on "Doogie Howser" and "Grace Under Fire," and did episodes of "Picket Fences" and "Party of Five."

They dreaded the prospect of writing for TV shows they hated. "We were reading pilots for new shows coming on, and hating the one we had just read more than the last," Lilly said. Then, inspiration: why not create their own show?

"There hasn't been a coming-of-age story for girls on TV," Lilly said. "It's kind of tragic. We had so much fun growing up." So

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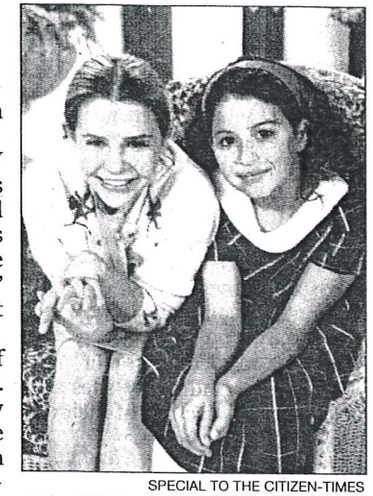


SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Mae Whitman and Alia Shawkat star in "State of Grace," which is set in the fictional town of Ashmore, N.C. The show is partly based on the real childhood of Asheville native Brenda Lilly (then Brenda Lunsford).

SHOW: Writer's childhood in Asheville inspires new TV show

Continued from C1

they hammered out the concept of "looking back on our lives, that these two girls from very different backgrounds would become friends."

Realizing that "State of Grace" would be different, they took the idea to Fox Family and landed a solid deal — 13 episodes are already filmed and ready to air every Monday night.

"We broke all the rules, set it in 1965, in the South and with girls as the lead characters," Lilly said.

But it's no low-budget effort. Oscar-winning actress Frances McDormand ("Fargo" and nominated this year for her role in "Almost Famous") is the off-camera narrator, a grown-up version of Hannah who sets up each episode. Grace is played by Mae Whitman (the president's daughter in the blockbuster "Independence Day"). Hannah is played by Alia Shawkat (she was in the George Clooney movie "Three Kings").

Dinah Manoff (from TV's "Empty Nest") is Hannah's mom, and Emmy-winning actress Melanie Mayron of "thirtysomething" fame directed the first three episodes.

"You couldn't ask for better casting," said Lilly. "These are people who don't do a small show on cable TV."

While the series has universal appeal, it's sure to connect with Baby Boomers of a certain age.

"It makes me incredibly homesick for the years when we were growing up," said Gail Lunsford. "This was the time before the interstates went through Asheville, when it was a small town with tourists in the summer.

"It was just a good place to live," said Iris Lunsford.

Contact Kiss at 232-5855 or TKiss@CITIZEN-TIMES.com

WHAT'S REAL, WHAT'S NOT

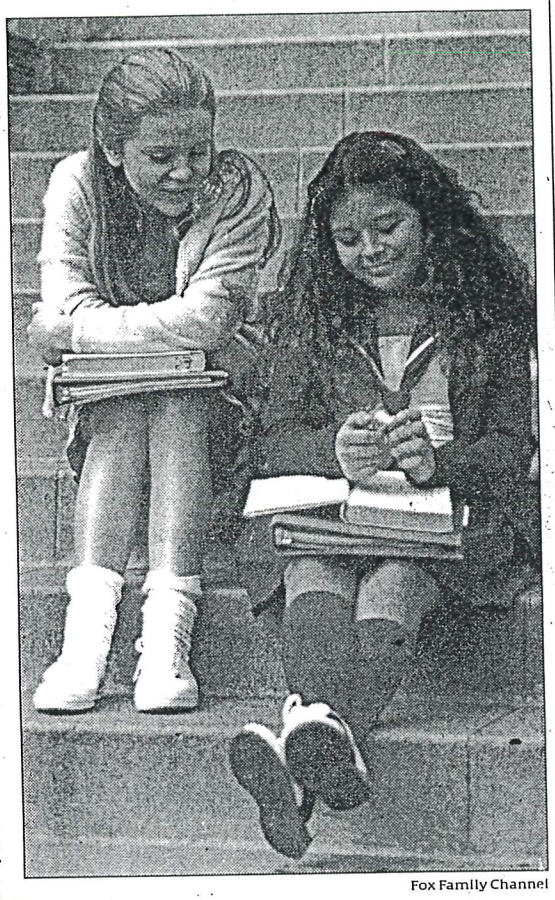
Many locations and elements of the new television show "State of Grace" are based on the real childhood of co-creator and Asheville native Brenda Lunsford Lilly. But some were also based on the childhood of her writing and creating partner Hollis Rich, or are fiction.

- **THE CHARACTER OF GRACE:** Mostly inspired by Lilly's childhood, though she didn't come from a particularly rich family as Grace does.
- **THE CHARACTER OF HANNAH:** Based more on Rich's youth (she actually moved from Evanston, Ill., to Los Angeles as a child)
- **ASHMORE, N.C.:** That's Asheville
- **ST. CHRISTINA'S IN THE PINES CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Inspired by the now-closed St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines school, formerly located on Victoria Road.
- **HILL STREET, WHERE THE GIRLS GET A HAIR MAKEOVER:** The Block, downtown Asheville's historic Black neighborhood, including the old Valley Street area.
- **BLOOMBERG'S MARKET:** Lilly said she was inspired by the long-gone Trantham's market in Biltmore Village.
- **FOSTER'S FREEZE:** Local Dairy Queen ice cream spots
- **HANNAH'S NEIGHBORHOOD:** In the Charlotte Street vicinity of north Asheville.
- **GRACE'S MOTHER'S HOUSE:** In Biltmore Village.
- **THE IMPERIAL THEATRE (MENTIONED IN COMING EPISODES):** The real, but long-gone Imperial was on Patton Avenue downtown, in the parking lot across from Stella Blue.

A heartfelt summer hit

The girl-powered 'State of Grace' uplifts Fox Family

By Kelly DiNardo
USA TODAY



Fox Family Channel

Coming of age: Mae Whitman, left, and Alia Shawkat play girls in '60s North Carolina in *State of Grace*.

The doldrums of summer television desperately need to find a *State of Grace*.

Fox Family's surprise hit (tonight, 9 ET/PT) explores the humorous and touching moments in a friendship between two 12-year-old girls. In 1965, unassuming Hannah (Alia Shawkat) moves with her traditional Jewish family to North Carolina and enrolls in a Catholic girls school, where she meets the precocious Grace (Mae Whitman).

State of Grace is Fox Family's highest-rated original series, drawing more than 2 million viewers each week. In fact, it's so successful that the network has ordered 13 additional episodes and will bring the show back in January.

Oscar-winning actress Frances McDormand provides the show's voice-overs as the adult Hannah who reminisces about her childhood. And while this element of *State of Grace* may garner comparisons to ABC's *The Wonder Years*, creators Brenda Lilly and Hollis Rich believe there's something more to their show.

"It's a coming-of-age show specifically about girls," says Rich, who also writes and produces the program with Lilly. "They're not just the best friend of the boy character or they're not just the cute girl or the brainy girl."

"Girls can see they can be all sorts of things at the same time. Not only does that make for a good role model, it makes for exciting and fun and entertaining television for everybody," Rich says.

The on-screen chemistry between Grace and Hannah may stem from Lilly and Rich's own friendship and experiences. The writing partners became close friends when they worked together on the short-lived series *Second Noah*, and they acknowledge using much of their own lives as the basis for *Grace*.

"I grew up in Asheville, N.C., and attended a private Catholic girls school," says Lilly. "(One year) my Jewish friend was asked to be the Virgin Mary in the Christmas play. When I told this story to Hollis . . ."

". . . I was shocked," Rich says, finishing the thought. "I thought she was making this up, that it was one of her tall tales from the South that I had gotten used to."

And while the producers' friends and family often appear as characters in the show, Rich quickly points out "they are only based on real people. They are not the people and any coincidental resemblance is just that, coincidental. That's the legal disclaimer." At this, the two friends laugh, and Rich slyly adds, "And you know who you are."

Neither Rich nor Lilly worries that using their childhood experiences makes the show any less relevant for today's girls. "The basic family dynamics have not changed," says Rich. "There are basic problems kids have growing up all the time. It's just that the setting is a little different now — things are faster, there's more media."

The creators' real-life friendship and the characters' on-screen relationship has spilled over to its two young stars. Whitman, 13, and Shawkat, 12, have had a great time playing on-screen best friends, and each declares the other to be her closest pal.

"We can talk to each other about stuff and she's fun," says Whitman, best known for her role as Sandra Bullock's daughter in *Hope Floats*. "She's so, so, so funny. I just love being around her. She never gets jealous and she's always there for your feelings. She's so unselfish; I think that it's really great that I got to meet her."

Shawkat concurs, "Mae and I are best friends in real life. And even though (the show) is back in the '60s . . . we do those kind of things together, too."

an appreciation

Mrs. Lingo

Mrs. Carmen Lingo

A sales woman in Bon Marche's ready to wear department, and active community worker, is also a talented musician. Mrs. Lingo is organist at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, has been active in Girl Scout, Cub Scout and P. T. A. work.

Mrs. Lingo says "I appreciate so much the friends I've made when they've come in to shop with me at Bon Marche. It's fun to work in a store like Bon Marche, in a beautiful town like Asheville and it's grand to have a chance to serve the public in this way."

Bon Marché

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Asheville Times May 12, 1952

Carmen Lingo 79 Middlemont Ave.

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FIRST SPADEFUL—C. C. Demaree, chairman of the building committee, turns the first spadeful of earth for the new educational building of West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Assisting at the ground-breaking ceremony this week were W. G. Lingo, chairman of the board of trustees; Sam Patton, a member of the building committee; J. W. Lanning, vice chairman of the board of deacons; and the Rev W. G. Thomas, pastor. The new building will cost $74,000. The new building will contain classrooms, nursery, kindergarten, a chapel, kitchen and fellowship hall Work began Wednesday.

Asheville Citizen May 1956

OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lineberry of 34 Oakwood road, West Asheville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house yesterday. They have spent all their married life here and have one son, Louis C. Lineberry of Asheville. Mr. Lineberry has two brothers who have observed golden wedding anniversaries—Charles M. Lineberry of Asheville and Julius Lineberry of Camden, Ark. A retired machinist, Mr. Lineberry has three grandchildren, Louis, Jr., Miss Ann and William Lineberry, and two great-grandchildren, Jerry and Steve Lineberry. Mrs. Lineberry was born at Morristown, Tenn., and Mr. Lineberry at Salisbury. Approximately 125 guests called yesterday.

Asheville Times March 25, 1946

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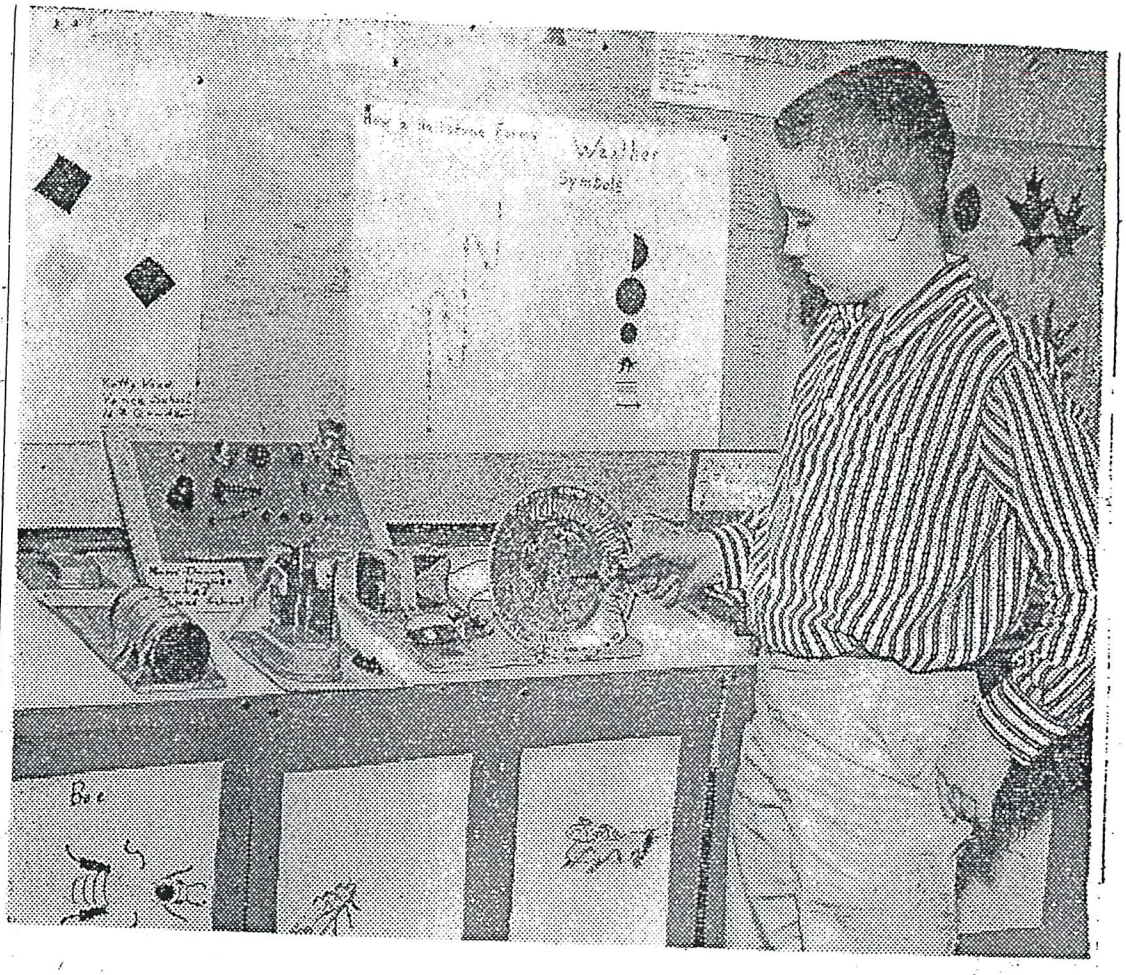

—Citizen Photo

CITY SCIENCE STUDENTS displayed their wares in the annual Science Fair in City Auditorium Friday, with contributions from primary grade aspirants to full-fledged high school geniuses. Here, Jerry Liner, Vance School fifth grader, demonstrates an electrical game devised in his classroom.

Bruce Emory
Research

Miss Logan Will Attend Scout Camp

Miss Grace Logan, leader of Girl Scout troop No. 8, has been selected to attend the national Girl Scout camp, Juliette Low, near Cloudland, Ga., it was announced today by Mrs. Onona Babcock, chairman of the training committee of the Asheville Girl Scout council.

Miss Logan will be at the camp from June 24 through July 8. The camp is situated on Lookout mountain, and is a training center for Brownie, intermediate and senior leaders of Girl Scout troops. Leaders attending the camp are taught methods of working with girls and how to include fun as well as wartime training in troop programs.

Miss Logan will help train other local leaders of Girl Scout troops upon her return to Asheville.

Asheville Times June 5, 1943

1/12/1953

Miss Logan, Aycock School Teacher, Dies

Funeral services for Miss Agnes Grace Logan, 57, for 32 years a member of Aycock Elementary School faculty, will be conducted tomorrow at 3 p m. in Calvary Baptist Church. She died yesterday in her home on 124 Logan Ave. following an extended illness.

The Rev. J. Lester Lane will officiate Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery. The body will lie in state in the church for 30 minutes prior to the services.

Pallbearers will be Doyle Woody, Horace Sentelle, C. E. Norman, J. R. Rogers, Palmer Park and Wade Steelman.

Honorary pallbearers will be the faculty of Aycock School, J. W. Byers, Dr. Crawford S. Gillespie, Dr. Julian A. Moore and members of the Carey Training Union of Calvary Church and of Union and officers and teachers, of Adult II department, both of the Calvary church.

Flowerbearers will be members and former members of the Philathea Class of Calvary Church.

The daughter of the late William E. and Rose A. Logan, she was a member of one of the area's pioneer families. Her mother served on the Asheville City School Board for a number of years.

Miss Logan attended Florida State College, received her B.S. degree from George Peabody College and a Master's degree from Columbia University.

She was an active member of Calvary Church and in the Sunday School, Training Union and Women's Missionary Society.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. O. V. Himes, Mrs. John L. Lawrence and Miss Irene Logan, all of Asheville, and Miss Mary Logan of Southern Pines; three brothers, Carl M. and Harry R. Logan of Asheville and Dr. William B. Logan of Columbus, Ohio.

Arrangements are under direction of Anders-Rice Funeral Home.

Asheville Citizen January 12, 1953

CONFERRING WITH HARRY R. LOGAN, left, chairman of the county-wide religious census to be made here Sunday, are Dr. Embree H. Blackard, right, and the Rev. Earl D. Weed, representing the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County. Some 3,000 canvassers will take part in the census under the over-all direction of Logan. (Citizen Photo)

County-Wide Religious Census To Be Conducted Here Sunday

More than 3,000 census takers will cover Asheville and Buncombe County Sunday afternoon in the first county-wide religious census to be made here in several years.

A large number of churches of different denominations is taking part in the religious census. Groups participating include Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran and Christian churches.

Harry R. Logan is in general charge of the census.

Cooperating in the census is the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County through a committee headed by Dr. C. Grier Davis. Committee members include the Rev. Earl D. Weed, Dr. W. Perry Crouch and Dr. H. Embree Blackard.

The county will be divided in six districts to be surveyed by the canvassers Sunday, starting shortly after noon. District leaders include: Asheville, Don Young; West Asheville, E. B. Roberts; Hominy, the Rev. Carl G. Mauney; Mount Carmel, Vonno Brown; Weaverville, Dewey Brown; Biltmore, Alex Young; Swannanoa, the Rev. A. J. Buckner.

Census takers will ask each individual contacted the following questions: name, age, address, if church member, denominational preference, church preferance, if Sunday School member.

The information received will be given to the different churches or denominational groups according to the church membership or denominational preference expressed.

Territories in the city and county have been divided as far as possible so that each participating church has a section to cover in the immediate community where the church is located, Chairman Logan said.

Several of the denominations participating in the census plan to follow the census with evangelistic programs designed to attract the unchurched.

More than 60 Baptist churches in the county plan to hold simultaneous revival services for two weeks beginning March 25.

Presbyterians are planning to conduct visitations and special meetings, February through Easter.

Methodists plan visitations and a week of special services in each church between February 18 and Easter.

Asheville Citizen January 18, 1951

Former Dean of Women, Mary Logan, Dies

Miss Mary Katherine Logan, 72, who served as Dean of Women at the college for eight years prior to her retirement in 1970, died unexpectedly Dec. 6 following a stroke suffered at her home in West Asheville.

A vivacious woman who loved to travel and was always engaged in some personal project, Miss Logan was from a prominent family, tracing her heritage back to the founders of the college and to prominent citizens in Asheville around the turn of the century.

She was educated in the Asheville city school system, attended the Women's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and earned a master's degree from Columbia University. In her early professional career she taught at Crossnore and served as superintendent of schools in Avery County.

She actually had two periods of service at the college. Just before and in the early years of World War II she was a hostess in one of the girls' dorms and taught English. She left the position to work with the USO during the war. Then, when Dean of Women Caroline Biggers retired in 1962, President Blackwell hired her to take Miss Biggers' place.

Since her retirement she had been extremely active in the Calvary Baptist Church in West Asheville; in Delta Kappa Gamma, international sorority of women in education; and in numerous other affairs; and she had travelled extensively.

Miss Logan

She taught in the Sunday school of the church, was study chairman of the Women's Missionary Union there, and had completed, only a few weeks prior to her death, a carefully researched, well written scrapbook on the church.

Among the survivors were a brother and a niece who attended Mars Hill—Dr. William Logan '29 of Babson Park, FL, and Miss Catherine Rose Logan '59 of Cleveland, GA—and a sister, Mrs. John Lawrence of Asheville.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of Anders-Rice Funeral Home in West Asheville with every seat taken. Miss Logan's pastor, the Rev. John Knight '37, delivered the funeral eulogy; and the family asked Dr. Fred Bentley to give a memorial tribute. Enhanced with personal memories and delivered with obviously deep feelings, it went as follows:

There are so many beautiful qualities encompassing the life of Mary Katherine Logan that it is difficult to share feelings of admiration for and love of the person.

Mary's roots ran deep at Mars Hill College—she truly loved that mountain college. Her great-grandfather, T. S. Deaver, was one of the founders, who served many years as a trustee and benefactor. Her mother, Mrs. Addie Deaver Logan, also served as a trustee for a quarter of a century. Mary served the college for 14 years as hostess, teacher of English, and Dean of Women.

It was June of 1966, Doris, my wife, our three children and I had made our way from Louisville, Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap, across the Hot Springs mountains to arrive at our new place of service —Mars Hill College. The weather was hot, the children were tired and Doris and I were anxious, if not a little scared, about our new home and responsibilities. We pulled up in front of Fox Residence Hall, our temporary home, to be greeted by the loving warmth of Mary Logan. It was so good to be welcomed to our new community by this fine Christian lady. And, of course, she had prepared refreshments and had everything just right to make us feel at home.

Mary Logan was unique in so many ways. She was a cultured lady. She had style and grace which were recognized immediately by "her girls" and her colleagues. She was creative as was evidenced by her instruction in arts and crafts, her choice of art work, her choice of music, and that Logan touch which penetrated any environment with which she had anything to do. She was gracious far beyond welcoming her new president and his family. She was always taking snapshots of students in special activities and then presenting these photos to students and their parents as cherished momentos. She was kind, and this was demonstrated many times as she worked with young ladies who were experiencing difficulties—either through violation of college rules or through personal problems. Her concern went far beyond her responsibilities as Dean of Women.

Mary Logan was so well read and so well traveled that she was always a great addition to any group activity; yet, she had that special gift of never seeming to "know it all" or be "pushy." She simply had a desire to live life to its fullest and to share that life with others.

In essence, in reflecting on the life of this dear friend I have described the qualities of a true Christian—one who loved others, one who shared, one who assisted, one who lived an up-right life. Yes, Mary was a special child of God who used her talents for Him on this earth and because of her life we are better for it. Now we come to celebrate her return to the Father where she will rest in peace and joy until we may join her and again have fellowship together through Jesus Christ.

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STUDENTS ORGANIZE AT WEST ASHEVILLE

MUCH INTEREST TAKEN IN SCHOOL WORK.

Boys' Debating Society and Girls' Social Club Elect Officers For School Year.

Student organizations of the West Asheville schools are being rapidly perfected, and there is a great deal of enthusiasm among the members of the various literary and debating associations this year. The school has started with a splendid outlook for a successful year, and the interest taken in the various student societies promises an active year's work among these organizations.

The senior class of the high school, which graduates in 1917, has organized by electing officers as follows: Bert Starnes, president; Howard Pinner, vice-president; Mayer Brown, secretary. The class is taking an active interest in school work, and will work, as a body, for the success of the school this year.

The Girls' Social club has been reorganized for the year and the work of the club will be directed by Miss Sutton and Miss Tipton, of the faculty. The following officers were elected: Miss Sarah Penny, president; Miss Margaret Williamson, vice-president; Miss Irene Logan, secretary; Miss Lena Beacham, treasurer; Miss Margie Cook, monitor; Miss Ada Lee Sitton, critic.

The North State Debating society, an organization of boys, also elected officers, and, under the direction of Principal W. T. Jervis and Miss Anderson, of the faculty, will hold declamation and recitation contests, and debates, throughout the school year. The officers of the society are as follows: Howard Pinner, president; Bert Starnes, vice-president; Ray Steelman, secretary; Clyde Westall, treasurer; William Reynolds, censor; W. T. Jervis, critic.

Preliminary contests are to be held at the West Asheville school in anticipation of the county-wide commencement, and it is probable, from present indications, that West Asheville will have at least forty contestants in the various contests held at commencement.

Asheville Citizen September 16, 1916

MISS LOGAN

Miss Logan, Educator, Dies At 68

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Miss Sarah Irene Logan, 68, of 124 Logan Ave., West Asheville, retired public school teacher and specialist in early childhood learning, died Saturday morning in a local hospital after a long illness.

Miss Logan started her teaching career in the 1920s at Woodfin Elementary School and the old Ashland Avenue School. She retired in 1963 after teaching for 30 years at Eugene Rankin Elementary School in West Asheville.

In 1935 she started the Child Garden School in West Asheville as a special summer project in the study of childhood development, while working on a master's degree at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

She was the first vice president of the local association of Childhood Education International of which she was a founder, and later served as its president. She also was secretary of the state association under the presidencies of Miss Jamie Bryan and Mrs. Lee H. Edwards.

She was a long-time member of Delta Kappa Gamma, international teachers society. She was a member of the family life committee for the City of Asheville and the Childhood education Seminar at Teachers College, Columbia University, led by Dr. William McCall.

During World War II, Miss Logan along with Delta Gappa Gamma and the childhood association established the first day care center for working mothers in Asheville.

She wrote for a number of publications published by the Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention. She wrote lessons and articles in Builder, Story Hour Leader, Elementary Guide and the Training Union magazine.

Miss Logan was a long-time associate of the Southern Baptist Convention. She was chairman of missions study of the Women Missionary Union. As such she served on a number of committees and conferences for several local churches. For a number of years Miss Logan led Southwide leadership conferences for primary teachers given annually at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Miss Logan was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, where she was active in the educational and missionary programs. She was "cradle roll" superintendent of the junior Sunday school department and taught Sunday school class.

Apart from her vocational associations, Miss Logan was a member of West Asheville Music Club. She was both a pianist and organist.

A native of Buncombe County, Miss Logan attended Asheville public schools, the Dallas Private School in West Asheville and Florida high schools.

She attended Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee. She received a bachelor of science degree from Peabody and a masters degree from Teachers College in 1948.

She was the daughter of William Erwin and Rose Addie Deaver Logan. Her father was a realtor and former U. S. Marshal for the Western district. Logan Avenue in West Asheville was named for him.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Annie Himes and Mrs. Myrtle Lawrence, both of West Asheville, and Miss Mary K. Logan of Mars Hill, dean of women of Mars Hill College; three brothers, Carl M. and Harry R., both of West Asheville, and Dr. William B. Logan of Babson Park, Fla.

Services will be held at 3 p. m. Monday in Calvary Baptist Church.

The Rev. John Knight, pastor, the Rev. R. A. Blankenship and the Rev. A. J. Buckner will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be William Bell, Bennie Bellflower, Paul Greene, C. A. Ballard, W. P. Griffin and C. E. Norman.

The body will be at the home until taken to the church 30 minutes prior to services.

Anders-Rice Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

LOGAN NAMED SUPERVISOR OF N. C. PROGRAM

Asheville Man Will Direct Distributive Education In State.

W. B. LOGAN

W. B. Logan has been appointed acting state supervisor of distributive education in North Carolina with headquarters in Raleigh, and will move his family to the state capital October 1, it was learned here today.

Mr. Logan has been co-ordinator of distributive education at Lee Edwards high school since 1940. In his work at the school he co-ordinated the part-time co-operative work program in which students attended school a half-day and worked a half-day.

In addition he directed and taught classes in the Retail institute held twice yearly for store employes and executives.

Prior to 1940 Mr. Logan taught in the Asheville city schools and at Biltmore college.

Miss Frances Hammond, who was assistant to Mr. Logan during the past year, will assume Mr. Logan's duties at the school, and will be in charge of the retail institute. Miss Hammond is a graduate of Woman's college, University of North Carolina and has training in the field of distribution, in addition to her experience as assistant co-ordinator. She will begin her new duties at the end of this month.

A native of New Bern, she is a member of Delta Pi Epsilon, national honorary graduate business education fraternity.

William B. Logan Sr.

BABSON PARK, Fla. — William Boyd Logan Sr., 73, of Babson Park, died Thursday in a Lake Wales hospital.

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A native of Asheville, N.C., he had resided in Columbus, Ohio, before moving to Florida 17 years ago.

He graduated from Furman University and received his master's degree from the University of North Carolina and his PhD from Ohio State.

Logan was a former teacher at Lee Edwards High School, where he started the distributive education program.

He was past president of Webber College in Babson Park, a former faculity member at Warner Southern College in Lake Wales and professor emeritus at Ohio State University, where he was professor of education and director of distributive education. He served with the North Carolina Department of Education and the UNC Women's College.

Logan held offices in eight national and state educational organizations. He served as a member of President Kennedy's panel of consultants on vocational education. He was consultant for the Oregon State Department of Education and also the University of Connecticutt. He was co-author of three books: The Retail Sales Person at Work, Store Salesmanship and Facts about Merchandise.

Logan was the son of the late William Ervin and Rose Addie Deaver Logan. Surviving are his wife, Annie Lou Bell Logan; a daughter, Susan Rentz of Joplin, Mo.; a son, William B. Logan Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Green Hills Cemetery in Asheville with Dr. Stephen C. Carreker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

The family will be at the home of J.W. Bell, 39 Lucerne Ave., West Asheville.

Anders-Rice Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Asheville Citizen April 14, 1984

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

West Asheville Nominations Made Last Night.

A largely attended non-partisan mass meeting was held at the Jarrett school house, West Asheville, last night. On motion N. Plamondon was called to the chair, and Jas. D. Carrier was requested to act as secretary.

S. D. Hall, D. H. Penland, E. G. Carrier, N. Plamondon and J. R. Reynolds were put in nomination for mayor. All but the two first withdrew their names, as they could not serve. S. D. Hall received the majority of all the votes cast and was declared the nominee.

W. E. Logan, W. H. Wright, N. Plamondon, Newton Shepard, colored, J. D. Penland, A. E. Clark, J. R. Reynolds, M. M. Ledford, Jas. Young, colored, and W. G. Looper, colored, were put in nomination. The balloting resulted in the nomination of W. E. Logan, N. Plamondon, J. D. Penland and J. R. Reynolds. Upon the second ballot between W. H. Wright and N. Shepard, colored, the former was nominated. The election will be held the first week in May.

Asheville Daily Citizen –March 12, 1892

W. E. LOGAN A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF COLLECTOR

Makes Formal Announcement Today That He Aspires to Succeed Collector H. S. Harkins—His Friends Insist That His Party Loyalty and Work Should Be Recognized.

The first pronounced and authentic opposition to the reappointment of H. S. Harkins as collector of this internal revenue district, was made known today when W. E. Logan of West Asheville in conversation with a newspaper reporter announced himself as a candidate for the place. Mr. Harkins' present term as collector expires in July of this year. He has filled the office for eight years and while the friends of Mr. Logan declare that they recognize the present incumbent as an officer of high ability and integrity, they nevertheless believe that eight years is long enough for one person to hold office and will insist that Mr. Logan's party services be recognized and that he be appointed to the place to which he aspires. Mr. Logan's friends point to the fact that he has been long identified with his party as an active party worker in local politics; that he was chairman of the county republican executive committee at the time the late Congressman Moody was elected from this district when Buncombe county gave him more than 300 majority, and that this is the first time he has ever asked for a public office. His friends think that it is nothing but justice that he should be recognized for his untiring efforts for the success of his party in this section.

Asheville Gazette News January 23, 1905

Chairman Logan Declines the Challenge of Hon. W.W. Zachery

Mr. W. E. Logan, chairman of the republican congressional committee of the Tenth district has declined another invitation to joint discussion during the approaching campaign. This time the challenge comes from Hon. W. W. Zachery, democratic elector of the Tenth congressional district, who is anxious to cross swords with his republican opponent, the Hon. O. L. Anderson. Chairman Logan declines to enter joint debate on the same ground that he refused Congressman Crawford's challenge, namely that debates of this character are out of date, and have no tendency to promote the welfare of any political party. Mr. Logan's declination follows.

HON. W. W. ZACHERY, Democratic Elector, 10th Congressional District, Brevard, N. C.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of recent date to Hon. O. L. Anderson, republican elector, 10th Congressional District, asking for a joint campaign of this district, also has been referred to me for reply.

"The custom of debates between the political parties of our state has never been productive of any good. They only serve to stir up animosity, hatred and ill feelings between friends and neighbors, and instead of accomplishing good, as they are probably intended to do, they invariably lead to many disputes and heart-burnings between neighbors, and those influences are hard to eradicate.

"I think that I may safely predict that, so far as my party is concerned, there will be no more joint discussions of political questions in this state. I am aware that this will be a great disappointment to the degenerate and morbid who are looking for the sensational, and delight in anything that creates a disturbance among men, but all right thinking people will hail with delight, the time when this practice is entirely abandoned.

"Let us enter upon a new era along this line and let the people inform themselves on the politicalis-sues by reading the public press and hearing the various political parties discuss, (separately) in a sensible and dispassionate manner, as they would not do in a joint debate.

"The party who would try to make political capital out of the fact that the opposing party refuses to join in these joint discussions, which too often lead to personalities and "mud-slinging," only shows the weakness of their cause.

"It is not a matter of lack of courage upon our part that we refuse to join in these debates, for we have as brave, courageous, able and well informed speakers as any political party can boast of, but only because of the evils that follow, and engender among our citizens.

"There are no issues between the political parties for any ill-feeling among our people, and, so far as we are concerned, we do not propose to be drawn into these bitter discussions that stir up any feelings, but let the people vote intelligently upon the issues as presented by each party, and not on prejudice, as engendered heretofore, largely by the joint debate.

"I, therefore, as the manager of the republican campaign committee for this district, decline to have a joint debate between you and Mr. Anderson."

Respectfully yours,

W. E. Logan,
Chairman 10th Cong. Com.

Asheville Citizen August 13, 1908

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1909.

LOGAN MAY BE NEXT U.S. MARSHAL; WILL MR. ROLLINS BE POSTMASTER?

Sudden Shift in Political Conditions Is Caused by the Resignation of Trogdon, Greensboro Clerk, and Appointment of Marshal Millikan as Successor.

The resignation of Samuel L. Trogdon as clerk of the United States Circuit and District courts at Greensboro and the appointment of United States Marshal J. M. Millikan as his successor, is of more than ordinary political consequence and entails much of local interest.

The appointment of Mr. Millikan has been practically made by United States Circuit Judges J. C. Pritchard and R. T. Goff, although no formal order has been made and this suddenly shifts and clears the republican situation here in a way highly pleasing to Congressman Grant.

It is highly probable, in fact it can almost be stated with a considerable degree of certainty that W. E. Logan of this city will be appointed marshal and that if this is effected the way is cleared for the re-appointment of Major W. W. Rollins as postmaster of Asheville.

This arrangement would of course remove much embarrassment from the path of Congressman Grant. While he has been pledged to the support as postmaster of Mr. Logan, as one of his chief supporters and his manager in the campaign he has realized the great strength of Major Rollins and knew that his endorsement of Logan meant political trouble. Now if he can get Mr. Logan the better berth as marshal, and he does not lack reason for expecting to accomplish this, he will be practically free to endorse Major Rollins as postmaster.

Other Candidates.

There will be other candidates for Mr. Millikan's place, possibly one or more besides Logan from Asheville. In the number being Clarence Call of Wilkes, T. F. McVeagh of Alamance, T. E. McCrary of Davidson county, former deputy under Mr. Millikan. Deputy J. M. Pailey of Madison county has also been mentioned but while it is quite possible that he will act as marshal pending the appointment it was stated positively here yesterday by several of his friends that it was very unlikely that he would apply for the appointment.

The post of marshal pays $4,500, or about $1,000 more than the place of postmaster here.

The appointment of Mr Millikan will be heard here with much pleasure by many people. Mr. Millikan was a highly efficient official and his pleasing personality won him many warm friends in this section. He resides in Greensboro.

It is generally understood that Spencer Adams of Greensboro is to be appointed district attorney and as the eighth district has the collector, the marshalship should naturally go to the tenth district.

Asheville Citizen September 23, 1909

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1910.

MR. LOGAN RETURNS WITH SMILING FACE

OTHERS SAY HE WILL SURELY BE NAMED AS MARSHAL

Major Rollins Appears a Sure Winner, —Attorney Carter Was to See President Yesterday.

Back from Washington with bright prospects that he will at an early date be named as United States marshal for the Western district of North Carolina is Mr. W. E. Logan, chairman of the republican cogressional committee, the man to whose skill and energy the election of Congressman Grant was largely due.

Mr. Logan came yesterday afternoon from the capital where he has been for two weeks. When seen he was smiling and very cheerful, and expressed himself as very hopeful that his nomination would be sent to the senate in a short time. The fact of his return at this time when a decision is pending is itself pretty good ground for the belief that Mr. Logan at least has a pretty good idea where he is "at," even if the same cannot be said of others from this vicinity now in Washington.

Mr. Logan had little to say and only smiled when asked about the Biltmore postoffice imbroglio and the contest for the Asheville office. He said that he had read the Asheville papers with decided interest lately and intimated that he had read some things which made him laugh a good deal. He said that it was impossible to say when any decision in respect to the marshalship would be announced because at the time a number of the departments were crowded with work and that this was the case with the attorney general's office, which would pass on the qualifications of applicants for the place of marshal. He was inclined to believe, however, that a decision would be made in a week, although he could by no means assert this.

Another gentleman recently back from Washington was much more positive in his declarations on the subject. He said that there was no manner of doubt that Mr. Logan would be named as marshal and that a practical decision to this effect had been made although there would be no formal appointment for several days. He also said that any possible doubt about the re-appointment of Postmaster Rollins had been dispelled by the multitude of highly commendatory letters from patrons of the office asking the appointment.

"I understand that no better recommendations have ever come into the postoffice department," said he.

It was learned that Mrs. Reed's attorney, Frank Carter, had an appointment to meet the president yesterday to present Mrs. Reed's case against Congressman Grant.

LOGAN'S ARDENT DEFENCE OF GRANT INVOLVES HIS POLITICAL FORTUNES

In Supporting Charges Agains Mrs. Reed and Concealing Nature of Them Brings His Own Relation With Congressman Into the Issue. Mr. Carter Asks Some Pertinent Questions.

A galling gun is now turned on Mr. W. E. Logan, aspirant for appointment as United States marshal for the Western district of North Carolina, as a result of his activity in supporting Congressman Grant's affidavits against Mrs. F. J. Reed.

Attorney Frank Carter, who has been in Washington in the interest of the former postmistress of Biltmore, whose removal the affidavits made by Congressman Grant caused, returned to the city yesterday, coming by way of Norfolk, where he mailed to Mr. Logan the following red hot letter:

"Norfolk, Va., Jan. 21, 1910.

"Mr. W. E. Logan,

"Asheville, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—

"I have just seen your signed statement in reference to the Biltmore postoffice case in The Charlotte Observer, of the 20th inst., and note your admission that you have come to Mr. Grant's assistance by making a statement to be filed in the postoffice department, which statement you say sustains his contention against Mrs. Reed, but the precise nature of which you explicitly refuse to disclose.

"This refusal, being in line with the policy of concealment practiced in this case from the beginning, affords no occasion for surprise, however much it may shock the sense of fairness of the average mind.

"..either am I free to express any great surprise at the charge which you discreetly make upon information, to the effect that Mrs. Reed's attorney (undoubtedly referring to the writer) is in the pay of designing politicians; since Mrs. Reed's enemies have discovered allies who are both fruitful and ingenious in the fabrication of 'information.'

Lackin in Truth.

"Your 'information' upon this point, like so much of the 'information' which has been purveyed against Mrs. Reed, lacks any shred, semblance of shadow of truth. I have received nothing ardent on account of my services and nothing has been paid, promised or offered to me by anyone except Mrs. Reed herself. In fact, my interest in this matter is more personal than professional, since I have known Mrs. Reed some seventeen years—since long before she married Dr. Reed—and my esteem for her womanly character and high moral worth was such that I was more than glad of an opportunity to enlist in her defense against attacks which I was morally certain were as false as they were cowardly. I have had no political help; on the contrary, the principal discouragement I have encountered has been from a few ultra partisans of my own party, who were loath to forego the great political advantage to accrue to the democratic cause from the success of Mr. Grant's unmanly war on this widow.

Which is Going Some.

"You have attempted to prejudice Mrs. Reed's cause by stating that you have been informed that she is a mere stalking house for designing politicians. Having informed you that the charge is false, I now call upon you to name your informant. If you fail to do this the odium of protecting the slanderer of a widow's cause is yours. If you are willing to occupy this position, of an accessory after the fact, the public may easily go a step further and conclude that you are an accessory before the fact, if not the author of the slander.

"Speak up, Mr. Logan, and say who told you this lie.

Wants Answer to These.

"Relating by your signed article bring your own personality and your candidacy for the marshalship into the breach in this fight, I beg to submit to you the following inquiries and respectfully to request a categorical answer to each:

"1. Did you not carry the Greenwood papers, or part of them, to Washington?

"2. Before the Greenwood affidavit was filed, did you not comment upon Greenwood's shrewdness in securing endorsements of his character, or was not such comment made in your presence and hearing?

"3. To what extent are you now bound as maker, endorser, surety or otherwise upon any note, bond or stay of execution or other writing obligatory for Mr. Grant, and to what extent have you been so bound at any time since Mr. Grant became a candidate for the nomination for congress?

"4. Did you not know or have you not good reason to believe, that Mr. B. J. Luther furnished livery to Mr. Grant during his campaign for the nomination, or for election, or both, for which he was never paid in money; and if so what was the amount, extent or value of the livery so furnished? And did you not know, or have you not good reason to believe, that at or about the time Mr. Luther was appointed postmaster at Biltmore, he was endorser, surety or otherwise bount to a considerable amount for an insolvent son of Mr. Grant, and if so, what is your information as to the amount of such obligation?

Will Use Answers.

"Inquiries 1 and 2 go to your fitness to be an officer of justice under the government of the United tates, and the others are designed to show the small worth, from a moral standpoint, of the war against Mrs. Reed upon the ground, as alleged, that she offered to pay money for the privilege of retaining her means of livelihood; in which war you are by your statement formally enlisted.

"I bespeak your care in making answer to these inquiries, as copies of this letter and your reply, if you shall do me the honor to reply, may go to the attorney general of the United States and to any committee of the United States that may happen to be interested.

"You may address me at Asheville

"Yours truly,

"FRANK CARTER."

The letter virtually amounts to a challenge to Mr Logan's fitness to become marshal and some think that his appointment is now made an issue in the Biltmore postoffice contest.

Mr. Carter, when seen yesterday said that he felt very sanguine as to the outcome of his mission to Washington, but preferred not to comment on his interviews with Postmaster General Hitchcock and President Taft in behalf of Mrs. Reed.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1910.

W. E. LOGAN MAKES STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LIST OF QUERIES

Avoids Pertinent Questions and Covers the Ground With General Resume of Things That Are and Were, Says He May Talk in Court.

Replying to Mr. Frank Carter's list of queries published in Sunday's Citizen, Mr. W. E. Logan yesterday issued the following statement anent his part in the Biltmore postoffice row:

"I notice Mr. Carter's communication in The Citizen of 23d inst., in which he says that he has addressed same to me in the shape of a letter. Mr. Carter was in such great haste to get the matter in the papers that he did not give the mails time to bring to me the original, all of which goes to prove that my statement was correct when I said that Mr. Carter seemed to be endeavoring to try his case through the public press.

"I notice that Mr. Carter says that such sums he has received and is to receive as attorney in the Biltmore case are to come from the 'paltry savings of the widow.' Now I understand those 'paltry savings' consist of, according to tax list and public records, a brick house situated in Biltmore for which $3,000 cash was recently offered, a cottage located in South Biltmore, valued at $1,000, and a recent purchase in Asheville of a handsome property at $3,500; so we can see that Mr. Carter's client is abundantly able to employ learned counsel to aid her in her scramble for office. Notwithstanding all of this I notice in The Citizen of some days ago the statement was made as coming from Mrs Reed through a friend that 'Mr. Carter was not being paid by Mrs. Reed and if it came to a show down as to these fees Mr. Logan would be sorry he spoke of the subject.' I submit in view of these conflicting accounts that it is hard to tell where the revenue in the case is coming from. I commend you, Mr. Carter, for your philanthropic acts in taking pity on and having compassion for the widow and orphan, partly because you have 'known her so long and your esteem for her womanly character and high moral worth;' but, by the way, there are many other deserving widows in our community, a large number of whom are in far greater need than this widow, yet I do not recall any public notice wherein you in any way came to their relief, or tendered your valuable services on such generous terms.

"I note that you say that you 'have had no political help,' but on the contrary you have met with discouragement from a few ultra partisans in your own party who were loath to forego the great political advantage to accrue to the democratic cause in this case. It appears to me that you have done the 'ultra partisans' the greatest possible service by your voluminous interviews and writings for the public press. I must confess that you have conducted the case in a commendable manner and more for their interest than your client's, and except for a few slips which 'kinder' give the trick away (which, by the way, was no fault of yours) you would have had a complete case for them. Therefore I think it in order for these 'ultra partisans' to pass the hat and take up a collection for you, provided your philanthropic spirit will allow you to take the filthy lucre.

"Now as to your questions, all of which I regard as irrelevant to your case, and only goes to show that my statement was correct when I said the whole scheme was one to destroy John Grant and not in the real interest of Mrs. Reed. I have this to say—I am sorry that I cannot accommodate you in your frantic efforts to continue to try your case through the public press, but if your case goes to a court of justice, as you have threatened you would do (provided you could not frighten John Grant and others into putting your client back in the Biltmore postoffice) then if I am called upon to answer any legitimate question bearing on your case I will cheerfully and truthfully do so.

"Referring to your threat to turn the gatling guns (?) on me if I failed to 'come across' in accordance with your living, direful results would follow, I have this to say: That my case will be passed upon by men of much larger information and far less prejudice than the people who would threaten others in order to carry their point.

"What I have written or spoken now or hereafter has not been done in the spirit of malice or with the thought or intention of injuring anyone, for all who have been spoken of or thought of, indeed, all who are connected with this case are my neighbors, and I am proud to say I consider many of them my friends, and I trust the pleasant relation will continue.

"The whole matter has appealed to me as a farce and such I am quite sure it will turn out to be.

"I have a clear conscience in all I have done or said in these matters, therefore I have no fear, notwithstanding gatling guns or what man can do unto me.

"W. E. LOGAN."

INVESTIGATION STARTED IN THE BILTMORE POSTOFFICE MUDDLE

Two Confidential Agents of Postmaster General Begin Probing Into Situation Made Interesting by Grant. Congressman Hurries Home From Washington To See His Sick Son. Everybody Keeping Very Quiet.

Two confidential representatives of Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday began an investigation of the Biltmore postoffice matter, and it is reported that they will give a hearing this week in the Asheville postoffice building to all persons who can throw any light on the matter.

These gentlemen have been sent by the postmaster general as the result of the representations made to him by Attorney Frank Carter on behalf of Mrs. F. J. Reed, who charges that she was removed from the Biltmore office on affidavits filed by Congressman Grant charging her with attempting to bribe him to retain her in office. Other matters represented to the postmaster general related to the alleged falsity of the affidavit of Chief Greenwood that Mrs. Reed tried to bribe him, and to the affidavit made by Mr. W. E. Logan that a friend of Mrs. Reed sought to bribe him. The office was given to Mr. B. J. Luther and yesterday Mr. Luther appeared before the officials in his own behalf stating, it is understood, that he was not concerned in the controversy except that he had succeeded Mrs. Reed and claimed that he was making good as postmaster.

Everybody Keeps Mum.

It is impossible to learn from those concerned what transpired in the room when Messrs. Carter and Luther appeared before the investigators since all concerned declined to make any statement and even some who were not present were tongue tied when approached, fearing to incur the wrath of the postoffice department on their friends by talking. It was made clear, however, that the investigators, who by the way, are confidential men of high standing and talent, want to learn all there is to the situation. The postmaster general has heard the political side to the situation; now as a government official he wants to know facts affecting citizens of this county.

It is asserted positively that another and even more secret investigation by secret service officers is being conducted here and has been on several days, the matter closely affecting Congressman Grant. It is said it relates to the charge, made some months ago, that the congressman tried to force Postoffice Inspector Harshberger, who is stationed here, to make untrue representations to get out the postmaster at Tryon.

Grant's Future at Stake.

Congressman Grant arrived from Washington yesterday afternoon and is expected to return there this afternoon. It is stated that he came here to see his son, L. H. Grant, who is seriously ill, and that his trip has no connection with the investigations or political matters. It is generally felt that his political existence is at stake on the result of the investigations and comment is made that the postmaster general and president have deemed Mrs. Reed's charges sufficient to make detailed inquiry.

Close friends of Mr. Grant said they had no hint that any investigation directed against him was on, but it appears that he does not always tell them everything. His most intimate friends here for example did not know he was coming to Asheville and he quietly slipped out of Washington.

Asheville Citizen January 30, 1910

THE SUNDAY CITIZEN, FEBRUARY 27, 1910.

LOGAN WILL BE NAMED MARSHAL; LUTHER'S NOMINATION HELD UP

Congressman Grant Gets Political Patronage but His Appointees Must Fight for Life in Senate. Grant Faction Claims Vindication; Others Say Not.

The nomination of Mr. W. E. Logan of Asheville as United States marshal for the Western district of North Carolina will go to the senate Monday. Only an oversight prevented his being sent in Friday and the senate was not in session yesterday.

With the certainty that Mr. Logan will be named as United States marshal and with the nomination of Mr. R. J. Luther the day before as postmaster of Biltmore, the republican political situation has cleared decidedly. Congressman John G. Grant has achieved the ends he sought, overcoming tangible opposition as well as the semi-hidden influences against him and the disheartening slowness of the national administration to apportion him any patronage. So far as is known the appointment of Miss Jones as postmaster of Fairview, and of Brownlow Jackson at Hendersonville, made last week, represented all that had been furnished Mr. Grant in the way of "pie." The appointment of Major Rollins has a political significance of an entirely different nature, of course.

Friends Crawl Out.

Democrats here are in a degree inclined to congratulate the congressman in getting the ear of the administration, it being a matter of indifference to them largely what republican goes into office. Among republicans, however, there are two opinions expressed. The congressman's friends—and these came crawling out of their caves yesterday to say they were the top notcher Grant men—say he has won out all along the line, that he and Moorehead, etc., are "the people" who have the say at Washington, and the appointment of Luther they hail as complete vindication of the charges made by Mrs. Reed's friends and the naming of Logan as proof that there was nothing in the charge that he tried to coerce Inspector Harshberger to force a postmaster to resign.

Just Had to Be.

But the opposition republicans maintain that there is not an iota of vindication in the appointments. They claim that as no charge whatever was brought against the capable Luther, his selection as postmaster cannot be construed to mean any endorsement by the president of Grant's actions in the matter of Mrs. Reed; that somebody had to be named and why not Luther; that if Luther had made the charge that Mrs. Reed had tried to bribe him the case would have been different but, on the contrary, he made no charge against Mrs. Reed. They say that the naming of Logan has no particular significance because some good sized job had to be given to this section and that Mr. Logan did not charge that Mrs. Reed tried to bribe him, but that it was a friend of hers who offered him money to help her stay in office.

Endorsed Major Rollins.

The appointment of Major Rollins has been certain, apparently, for weeks, despite the fact that Mr. Grant did not endorse him until a day or two ago. This late action on the part of the congressman is interpreted by the anti-Grant people as meaning that he saw that the major would win and that he had better endorse him so as to claim that the major could not have won without him. The Grant people assert that the major's name was not sent to the senate until after Grant endorsed him and that the appointment is to be credited to the congressman. Less interested opinion is that the major would have won regardless of Mr. Grant.

LOGAN, DOCKERY, ADAMS, WINNERS

Taft Says He'll Name Adams to Succeed Holton—Favorable Report on Seawell,

The Gazette-News Bureau,
45 Post Building,
Washington, Feb. 28.

Announcement was made at the White House today that the president will appoint Judge Adams district attorney to succeed Holton. The statement was given to the press by the president's direction.

Claudius Dockery of Raleigh is nominated for United States marshal for the eastern district. Mr. Dockery had the endorsement of Mr. Duncan, national committeeman.

The nomination of W. E. Logan of Asheville to be United States marshal for the Western district of North Carolina was transmitted to the senate this afternoon. The senate judiciary committee favorably reports the nomination of H. F. Seawell of Carthage to be district attorney of the Eastern district.

Asheville Gazette-News February 28, 1910

MR. LOGAN FORWARDS BOND TO DEPARTMENT

The New Marshal Has Indicted no Intention of Making Changes in the Office Force.

W. E. Logan, the newly appointed marshal of the Western District of North Carolina has forwarded his bond to the department at Washington, and is making all arrangements to assume his new duties April 1. The bond is for $30,000, and covers the four-year period of the appointment. Mr. Logan has announced no intention of making any changes in the present office force, and it is thought that practically all, if not all of the deputy marshals will be reappointed.

J. M. Bailey, who has been acting as marshal since the resignation of J. M. Millikan, will resume his duties as chief office deputy. Mr. Logan's commission, now in the hands of Judge J. E. Boyd at Greensboro, will be delivered to him on April 1, when Mr. Logan takes charge of the office.

Asheville Gazette-News March 25. 1910

MR. JARRETT OF MADISON NAMED AS DEPUTY MARSHAL

Was Formerly Deputy Sheriff in Madison County—Succeeds F. W. Young, Resigned.

John Jarrett of Marshall has been appointed by United States Marshal Logan as deputy marshal, to succeed F. W. Young of Bakersville, who resigned recently. The appointment was announced yesterday and became effective at once. The position carries a salary of $1200 per year.

Mr. Young was holding the position of deputy marshal when Mr. Logan was appointed marshal and was reappointed under Mr. Logan. Mr. Jarrett is said to be well qualified for the place, having filled the position of deputy sheriff in Madison.

Asheville Gazette News May 4, 1911

W. ASHEVILLE WANTS COMMISSION GOV'T

CITIZENS DECIDE TO ASK FOR SEPARATE CHARTER

Enthusiastic Meeting at West Asheville Schoolhouse Last Night.—Will Draft Bill Tomorrow.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of West Asheville last night expressed, by a good majority, their desire for incorporation of their town, with commission form of government, and power to levy a property tax, not to exceed twenty-five cents on the dollar. The meeting convened at the West Asheville graded school building, for the purpose of discussing before Representative Gallatin Roberts, the subject of enactment of legislation needed for enforcing the ordinances of the city and carrying on its business. After a motion was passed favoring the incorporation of West Asheville, a committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Roberts at his office at ten o'clock tomorrow morning and draft a bill which will be passed by the next legislature.

When a good crowd had convened at 7:30 W. E. Logan was elected president and J. M. Clark was selected as secretary for the occasion. Mr. Logan asked for discussions by those present and the majority of the men in the hall spoke on the subject of incorporation, a warm discussion being held for some time. Many of those who talked took the position that West Asheville should be incorporated while some argued that the present sanitary regulations were sufficient for a town of that size. None of those present expressed the desire that West Asheville be taken into the city of Asheville as a part of this incorporation.

The sentiment of the meeting, as expressed by the speeches of the different men, was that Wst Asheville has grown to such an extent that an enlargement and improvemant of the present sanitary districts is needed by the citizenship of the town. It was pointed out by H. A. Brown, one of the citizens who went into a full discussion, that it would be only a short time, at the present rate of increase in population, until a charter and incorporation would be absolutely necessary. He asked the question as to whether it would be wiser to wait until West Asheville was taken into this city or act now and secure a town charter of their own.

Natt Atkinson took the position that the results desired could be obtained through alterations in the present sanitary system, which was provided by an act of the last general assembly. A sample bill which he had drawn up, was read to the meeting, in which provisions were made for selection of town officers and securing funds to defray expenses of installing a water and sewerage system.

Representative Gallatin Roberts was called upon to address the meeting and he replied with a brief but appealing argument in favor of incorporation. Mr. Roberts said that he was present in the capacity of an official whose duty it was to carry out the expressed wishes of his constituents and he made the statement that he would bend every effort to secure any legislation which the people of West Asheville should desire. Personally, he said, he could not see the wisdom in waiting any longer in securing a charter for the city. The needs of the citizens of the section seem to demand such action immediately, according to his personal views.

There was considerable opposition to incorporation expressed at one time, on account of the belief that it would result in high city tax. W. E. Logan, who acted as chairman, stated that such would not be the case. Mr. Logan assured those present that he had made investigation as to the cost of the private water system in West Asheville and had had made inquiries as to the cost which would be entailed by securing water lines from the city of Asheville. If anything, there would be a saving to the majority of citizens if this action is taken, he said.

On a motion by H. A. Brown, the meeting voted as favoring the securing of a charter by the city, with power to levy a property tax not exceeding twenty-five cents on the dollar, to make other regulations and to carry out their enforcement. A committee composed of Natt Atkinson, R. M. Wells, H. A. Brown, J. M. Cowan, R. P. Hayes, A. W. Kerr, and J. D. Fenland was appointed to meet tomorrow morning with Representative Gallatin Roberts and draft a bill expressing the wishes of the West Asheville people. The sentiment of the meeting was in favor of commission government and this form will probably be provided for in laying out the bill which will be presented to the general assembly for enactment.

Asheville Citizen January 5, 1913

Hazel Green Mills.

Mr. A. E. Clarke, superintendent of the above excellent mills, located in West Asheville, informs us that new rollers are being added to the mills with purifyers, new cloths, etc., in fact a complete new outfit, making the mills equal to the best in the country. The owner, Mr. W. E. Logan, is determined to equip his mills throughout with the latest and best machinery for the best work. The work of improvement goes steadily on throughout our section.

Asheville Democrat October 24, 1889

West Asheville Officials.

Mayor S. Doak Hall and Aldermen J. D. Penland, W. H. Wright, W. E. Logan and J. R. Reynolds, of West Asheville, were sworn in yesterday afternoon. The remaining alderman, N. Plamondon, was not present. He will take the oath of office this afternoon, and the first meeting of the new board will be held tonight.

Asheville Daily Citizen – May 11, 1892

FOOD CROPS SHOULD BE GROWN

FARMERS CAN NOT AFFORD TO BUY SUCH PRODUCTS.

Over 2,000,000 Pounds of Hay Brought to Asheville Annually from Outside Markets—This Hay Should Be Grown Here.

What should we grow? In successful farming this is a very important question. One thing we should always be certain of, and that is to grow everything that can be grown on the farm that is needed at home for the support of the family or such stock that is kept on the farm. Every farmer should make this a positive rule.

After the home consumption is amply provided for the farmer should make a surplus of such crops as command a ready cash market, which will bring him the greatest returns considering cost of marketing, production, etc. I would not advise the growing of much corn other than an ample amount for home use. Corn is very exhaustive on the soil, beside the clean cultures necessary to the growing of this crop is more likely to cause your land to wash. Where it is possible you should sow your corn land in field peas when you cultivate the last time, thus returning a portion of the vegetable matter necessarily taken away by the clean culture of the corn crop. The peas will shade the ground, preventing the rapid evaporation of moisture, thereby helping the growing crop.

If we would thoroughly subsoil our old worn out land we can again grow good crops. Rotation of crops is another thing that is very essential to successful farming. Do not grow corn on any piece of hill land oftener than every four or five years if you want to keep it fertile. Say you start with a crop of wheat or corn, one year each, and then to grass or clover for two years. If this plan is followed you will be able to keep up the fertility of the land.

Wheat is the main grain crop that should be grown in this section. Our soil is well adapted to the growth of this cereal. Wheat is not so exhaustive on the soil as the corn crop and always brings a remunerative price. I am glad to know that our farmers are turning their attention to this important crop.

Orchard grass, timothy and clover are profitable grass crops in this section, and should be grown largely for home consumption as well as for market.

Clover is a great soil improver, and will grow on most of our soil to great advantage, as many of our farmers know.

There is imported into Buncombe county over two millions of hay annually. This should all be grown here and if our farmers were all doing their duty as farmers there would not be a pound of hay brought here from other markets.

Another crop that should never be overlooked is the field pea. This crop should be grown in abundance for the improvement of the soil and incidentally as a money crop. Since the pea has been recognized as one of the best soil improvers there has sprung up a very great demand for the seed, and of later years they have commanded remunerative prices.

The Asheville market imports large quantities of beans. We should grow this crop. It is not only profitable, but, like the field pea, is very beneficial to the lands.

I need scarcely mention potatoes, as they are almost universally grown, and with the exception of a few seasons, we have had enough to supply the home markets.

In a later article I will try to show our farmers that the trucking business would be profitable to a certain extent in this section.

W. E. LOGAN.

Asheville Register June 9, 1901

W. E. LOGAN.

Mr. W. E. Logan, one of our successful business men, who has been connected with the business enterprises of Asheville for more than 20 years, began life forty-four years ago in the northern part of Buncombe county. After receiving a common school education with a short term at Weaverville College, he engaged quite early in life in the leaf tobacco business; after a few years of successful business in this line he went to Washington, D. C., and engaged in the hotel business, but owing to failing health he had to abandon this project which was proving very profitable at the time. He returned to Asheville in 1889 and bought the R. O. Patterson old burr flour mills in West Asheville, which he remodeled to the roller system, this being the second roller mill in Western North Carolina. In 1891 Mr. Logan consolidated his mills with the Asheville mills, Mr. Logan becoming the vice-president of the new company, which position he has held up to the present time. Mr. Logan takes a great interest in improved farming and has been very successful in renovating old farms, causing two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before. Mr. Logan is an authority on wheat growing and other farm topics. Mr. Logan has been very successful in some real estate transactions in West Asheville, having recently purchased the old Judge Henry estate just west of the French Broad river at Smith's bridge. This farm has been subdivided and placed on the market.

Mr. Logan has been prominently connected with local politics for several years; he was chairman of the Republican executive committee in Buncombe county from 1900 to 1902. While he was chairman Buncombe county was carried for the late Maj. I. M. Moody, Republican candidate for Congress by a majority of over three hundred, this being the second time the county had been carried by the Republicans in many years. Mr. Logan has recently been active in a movement against a continuation of the present federal office holders for a third term; he, together with a large percentage of his party believing that eight years is long enough term for any one to hold these places.

Mr. Logan is a candidate for collector of this, the 5th N. C. District, when Mr. Hackins' present term expires, and has been well endorsed by the business men of Asheville and Western North Carolina as well as by many party friends.

Asheville Gazette News Mid-Winter Edition February 1905

Large Land Transaction Will Help West Asheville

A deal in real estate whose development will be of the greatest importance to West Asheville was completed yesterday through the real estate agency of Hall & Pettland.

Leigh R. Page of Richmond, Va., sold to Brown & Logan for fourteen thousand dollars two hundred acres of land in West Asheville and the purchasers will at once carry out plans looking to the subdivision of the tract and the building of many houses in this rapidly growing suburb of Asheville.

The property is high and rolling, with fine views in all directions, and three county macadam roads pass through it and the mains of the West Asheville Water company need only to be extended through the land. It is the intention of the owners to subdivide the tract into smaller tracts and lots adapted either to residences or fruit or truck farms on a small scale, and houses will be built to suit purchasers.

The opening of this property is expected to add much to the neighborhood, as heretofore it has lain unused.

Asheville Citizen March 11, 1906

MR. LOGAN HAS ASSUMED HIS DUTIES AS MARSHAL

Reappoints All Present Force, Except Reynolds at Wilkesboro.

W. E. Logan yesterday, at Greensboro, assumed the duties of marshal of the Western district of North Carolina. He will attend his first court at Charlotte, beginning Monday. Mr. Logan reappointed all of the present force with the exception of Mr. Reynolds at Wilkesboro, appointing C. H. Hollis. Mr. Hollis, however, is sick, and Mr. Reynolds was continued until Mr. Hollis is able to assume his duties.

Mr. Logan has announced no appointee for the position held by R. S. Ramsey at Asheville, Mr. Ramsey resigning. The office will be continued at Greensboro for a while at least.

Asheville Gazette-News April 2, 1910

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1916.

W. E. LOGAN DIES AS RESULT OF STROKE

Former United States Marshal Leaves Large Family and Funeral Will Be Held Today.

Following an apoplectic stroke sustained late last Friday night as he was entering the door of his home at West Asheville, W. E. Logan died at his home yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Logan was fifty-six years old and was for a number of years United States marshal for the western district of North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife and the following eight children:

Miss Annie, Miss Myrtle, Miss Grace, Miss Irene, Miss Katherine, Carl, Harry and Billy Logan.

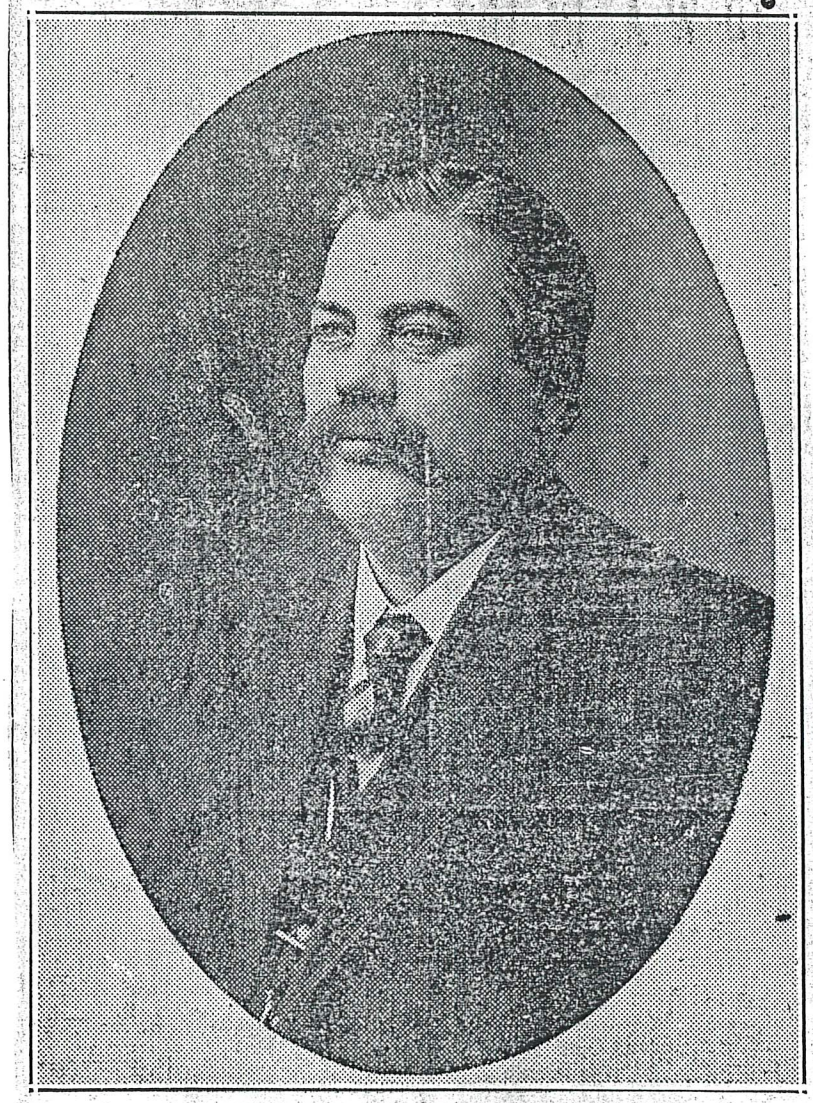
The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the deceased. Rev. H. B. Killian, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, of which Mr. Logan was a member, will conduct the services. Mr. Killian will be assisted by Rev. A. E. Brown, Rev. J. B. Grice, Rev. John Bomar and Rev. William Wamboldt.

The active pall bearers will be W. E. Howard, B. B. Jones, H. A. Wells, C. M. Lineberry, H. A. Brown and W. S. Hyams.

The following will act as honorary pall bearers:

E. B. Atkinson, Willis Collins, Dr. P. G. Buckner, C. A. Raysor, Judge J. D. Murphy and John G. Grant. The interment will be held at West Asheville cemetery.

THE LATE W. E. LOGAN REMEMBERED FOR HIS EARLY ACTIVITIES



The Late W. E. Logan

The above picture will bring fond memories to many West Ashevillians who will remember Mr. Logan's interest and activities in the community. As one of the pioneer citizens, Mr. Logan gave the land for the building that portion of Haywood road leading up the hill from the bridge, and also gave the land for the right-of-way for the street car line along the same route.

An event in the life of the Logan family is tied up with the coming of electric lights to West Asheville in 1910, which came in time for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Logan.

When employees of the Power company learned that the reception on this occasion would be better enjoyed if the current could be brought over by this date, all hands worked extra hard to complete the line in time for the event. The day arrived and the current was here. That afternoon a severe storm broke a line and the men returned after hours to repair it so the light would blaze for the celebration.

Aug. 7 948 Subscriptions $33,000.00 For a New Mission Hospital

WATCH IT GROW

The New Mission Hospital Acknowledges the Following Subscriptions received through Aug. 6th of $10.00 and over and all received Aug. 7th above $5.00. Watch the list grow. Have You Subscribed Yet?

Mrs. Howard M. Baker	$ 1,000.00
Mar. D. C. Waddell	1,000.00
Mrs. Tench Coxe	1,000.00
Mr. Brewster Chapman	1,000.00
Guy Weaver	10.00
J. M. Roberts	15.00
J. A. Sinclair	25.00
Burton & Holt	200.00
N. A. Henck	20.00
Florence A. Bishop	75.00
Citizen Co.	100.00
Gazette-News Co.	100.00
Mrs. J. E. Woodcock	100.00
W. Vance Brown	200.00
Mrs. T. Settle	200.00
Miss G. Belknap	200.00
Mrs. J. J. Brown	200.00
Miss E. Johnston	250.00
S. Lipinsky	250.00
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Henry	500.00
Miss Fanny Patton	500.00
Dr. H. H. Briggs	500.00
C. N. Maxwell	10.00
A. C. Goodman	12.00
Smith's Drug Store	100.00
S. M. Stevens	25.00
J. A. Perry	25.00
Paul H. Ringer	50.00
Dr. and Mrs. Jordan	300.00
D. Ledbetter	20.00
F. Webb Griffith	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lord	25.00
Dr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Greene	100.00
R. P. Hayes	100.00
C. Rankin	50.00
Houston Merriman	40.00
Kate Smith	10.00
Mrs. Robert Johnston	50.00
Mrs. J. A. Baker	25.00
R. W. Hammerslough	10.00
Inland Press	50.00
L. I. Alexander	20.00
Jos C. Bradford	10.00
J. C. Wilbar	10.00
A. R. Johnson & Co	10.00
Mrs. H. J. Cartwright	12.00
Harriet Cushman Wilkie	20.00
Ralph B. Arbogast	10.00
Mrs. C. A. Raysor	10.00
L. M. McCormick	50.00
Allen C. McDonald	10.00
Training School, Mission Hospital	44.00
Ike Swartzberg	15.00
L. H. Pollock	10.00
A. H. Katz	10.00
Nichols Shoe Co.	100.00
L. Blomberg	50.00
M. L. Rock	10.00
Bennie Argantar	10.00
A. B. Bane	10.00
V. Fleishman	10.00
H. L. Finkelstein	50.00
J. M. Zorick	10.00
Harry L. Parker	12.00
Jno. H. Powell	100.00
M. R. Campbell	25.00
A. H. Malone	10.00
K. R. Millard	25.00
Ottis Green/Hardware Co.	50.00
S. J. Woodcock	100.00
J. C. Pritchard	50.00
Mrs. J. C. Pritchard	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rollins	25.00
Julius C. Martin	25.00
M. Lipinsky	20.00
Mrs. H. A. Gudger	15.00
J. E. Bradford	10.00
Lillie B. Lance	15.00
Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Ray	50.00
A. & E. T. R. R. Co.	100.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Camp-	
A. Samuels	20.00
Hugh C. Brown	25.00
A. Blomberg	25.00
Aldha Ira Ruby	10.00
C. R. Fogus	25.00
S. Sternberg & Co.	150.00
Fortune & Roberts	20.00
J. M. Westall	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Honess	25.00
O. G. Shackleton	10.00
Mrs. A. D. Sproat	10.00
S. O. Bradley	20.00
Vonno L. Gudger	10.00
L. B. McBrayer	100.00
R. W. Betts	10.00
H. L. Nettles	10.00
S. J. East	10.00
Sam J. Phillipson	25.00
A. W. Calloway	25.00
M. A. Kelly	50.00
L. A. Merrimon	75.00
Yates & McGuire	100.00
Wm. W. West	10.00
H. Rodwood & Co.	50.00
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W.E. Logan family home, 124 Logan Ave., West Asheville

Photo c. 1901; courtesy Gary Logan

W.E. Logan (1869 – 1916) and Rose Addie Deaver Logan (1865 – 1943)

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W. E. Logan Finds The Atlantic Treacherous

He Went Down to See the Ocean—the Great, Big Atlantic—Forgot All About the Tide and Came Very Near Losing An Auto—It Was Awful.

From St. Augustine comes the pathetic story of how an Asheville man accustomed all his life in his beloved mountains of western North Carolina, thousands of feet above sea level, to view the beauties of nature at will and without hesitation under all conditions, has been tricked in a most treacheous manner by the heartless Atlantic ocean. The victim of this treachery is none other than W. E. Logan, former United States marshal for the western district of North Carolina, who, with his family, has been spending the winter at the Florida home at Citra.

The whole trouble resulted from the fact that Mr. Logan, taking his family out for their first view of the Great Atlantic, forgot all about such an institution as the tide, which everybody knows "waits for no man." Inadvertently, however, Mr. Logan waited for the tide; and it came near costing him an automobile. It did cost him an immense amount of mental anguish.

But let the St. Augustine Evening Record of last Saturday tell the story:

"Treating his family to their first view of the ocean, W. E. Logan of Asheville, N. C., introduced them in a manner that will not be easily effaced from their memory. They motored over on Thursday to South Beach in Mr. Logan's auto at dead low tide. The wide, smooth beach looked very inviting and the machine was driven to the very edge of the water. So impressed were all with the vast expanse of water that they gazed spellbound at the tossing billows. The auto was halted, and the occupants, intent only on the view, did not note the gradual encroachment of the tide. When they became aware of the fact that the water was creeping shorewards they attempted, in slang parlance, to 'beat it,' but discovered that the wheels were sinking in the sand.

"Mr. Logan soon recognized the fact that the machine could not extricate itself under its own power, all efforts at this proving in vain. Another auto party happened along and their proffered assistance was accepted gratefully, and cables were connected, but they snapped as soon as the strain was felt. Meantime the waves rolled in higher and higher and soon covered the greater part of the auto. Mr. Logan, thoroughly alarmed over the prospect of losing his machine, came to town and secured a couple team from the transfer company. The mules pulled heroically, but in vain, and rescue work was then abandoned until the tide fell to dead low level. Carl Logan, driver of the car, then undertook the task and worked the old year out and the new year in. He succeeded in pulling the car out and had it towed to town and it is now undergoing repairs.

"Mr. Logan has a winter home at Citra. He and his family were spending a day in St. Augustine, en route from Citra to Asheville, to place the daughters, Grace and Irene, in school for the winter. Mr. Logan reports the roads this side of Ormond are in very bad condition.

"They passed five cars bogged in the mud of a creek north of Ormond one having a broken wheel. Mr. Logan and family are leaving today for Asheville by rail. He will return next week for the car. The party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Logan, Carl Logan, Misses Grace and Irene Logan."

Asheville Gazette January 8, 1915

W.E. Logan

Photo c. 1880; courtesy Gary Logan

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W.E. Logan home, 124 Logan Ave., West Asheville
Photo c. 1895; courtesy Gary Logan

W.E. Logan family

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W.E. Logan family outing near their place in Citra, Florida
Photo c. 1913-1914; courtesy Gary Logan

SUMMER RESIDENCE
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

WINTER RESIDENCE
CITRA, FLA.

W. E. LOGAN

GROWERS AND SHIPPER OF

FINE ORANGES AND GRAPE FRUIT

PARSON BROWN ORANGES

CITRA, FLA., _____ 191___

Mr
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Lewis B. McBrayer, Jr.

Miss Myrtle L. Logan

E. Cam. Featherston

Letterhead from a Logan family citrus hauling company, and family calling cards
Courtesy Gary Logan

5-25-1916

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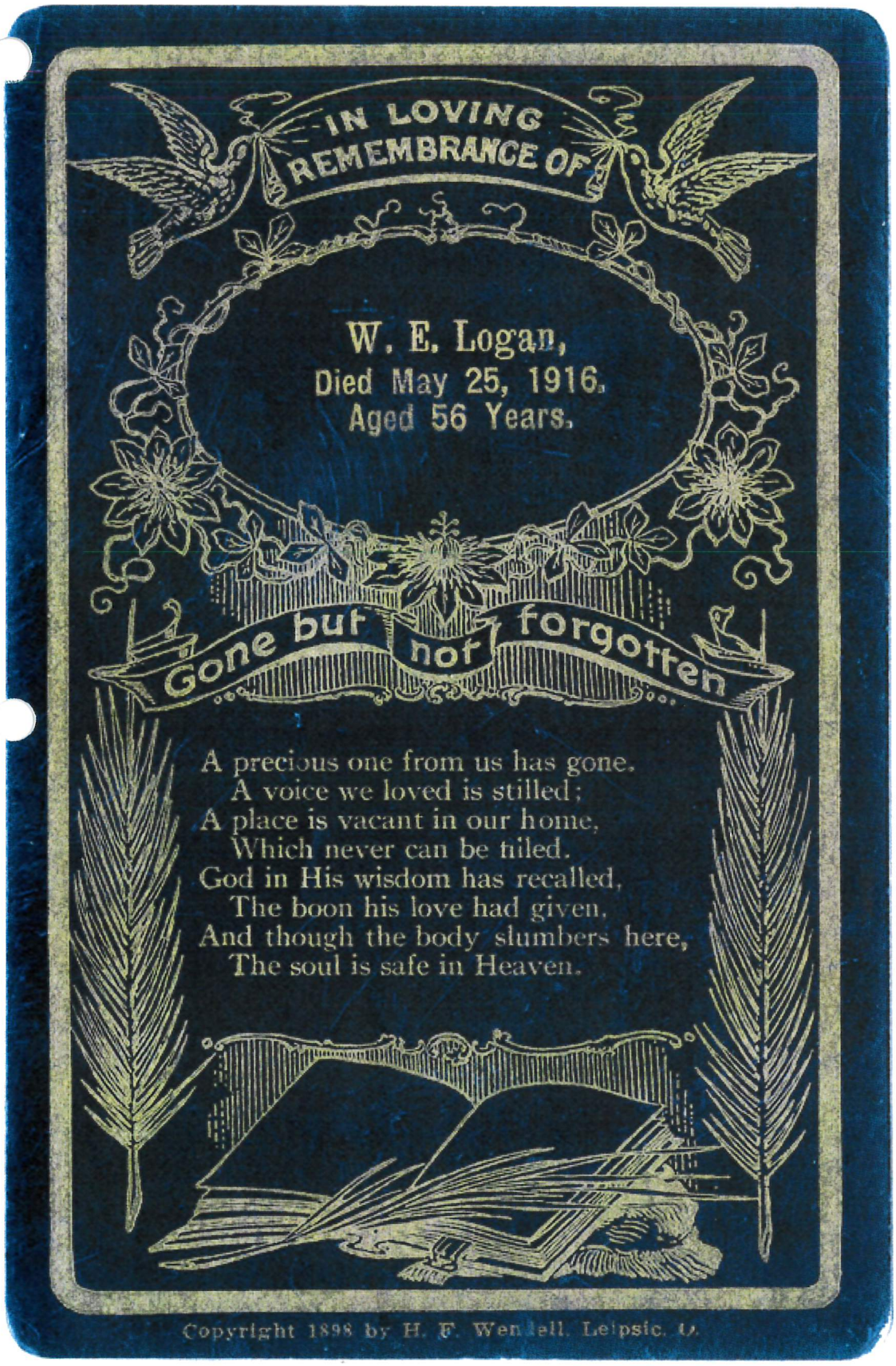
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REMEMBRANCE OF
W. E. Logan,
Died May 25, 1916,
Aged 56 Years.
Gone but not forgotten
A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
God in His wisdom has recalled,
The boon his love had given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.
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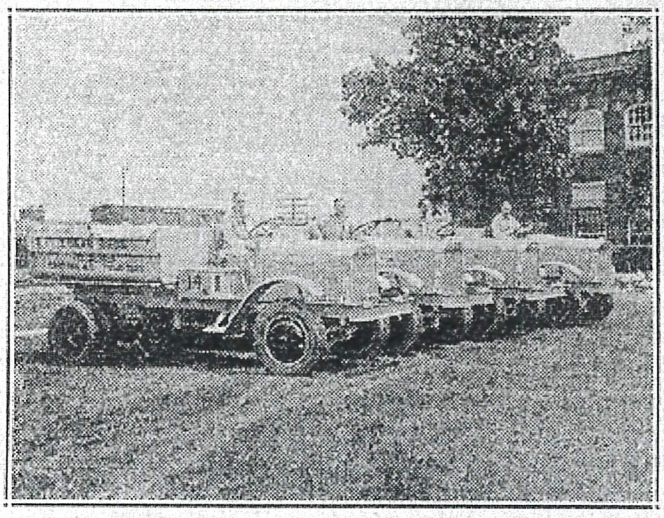
Logan Fleet Arrives



The Logan Brothers truck corps returned to Asheville yesterday after a trip to Highland, Illinois, where they purchased four new truck which will be added to their fleet of trucks used in their rapidly growing trucking business. Left to right: Harry Logan, Carl Holsclaw, William Logan and Carl Logan. Their headquarters are at 202 Haywood Road, West Asheville.

LOGAN BROTHERS BUSINESS GAINS

Four New Trucks Added To Hauling Fleet Of Prominent Firm

The rapid growth of Logan Brothers' business at 202 Haywood road, West Asheville, during the two years they have been in business has compelled them to expand in their truck department to the extent of purchasing four new trucks for their hauling contract business.

Harry Logan, William Logan and Carl Logan, of the firm, and Carl Holsclaw, foreman of the truck crew, have just returned from Highland, Illinois, where they purchased four fine trucks to be placed in use in their contract hauling, including the work of transporting sand, gravel and stone, and other building materials.

The Logan Brothers have been located at 202 Haywood road for the past two years and their business has been steadily expanding. In addition to their hauling contracts, this firm operates a service station at the Haywood road address and has the local agency for India Tires.

Carl M. Logan is manager of the hauling business and Harry R. Logan is manager of the service stations. The four new trucks which were purchased last week in Highland, Ill., and were driven through to Asheville, will be added to their present fleet in the trucking business. The Logan brothers believe that business in Asheville will show a steady increase, due to the extension of the city limits, the increase in interest in Asheville by manufacturers and the general atmosphere of development which has taken hold of the city.

HOSPITAL FILES LEGAL PAPERS

Certificate For Aston Park Institution Is Recorded

Certificate of incorporation for the Aston Park Hospital, Inc., was filed for record yesterday in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court. The

Former Treasurer Of Iredell County Dies

(Special To The Citizen)

STATESVILLE, July 13. — W. R. Sloan, 78, former county treasurer, merchant and business man, who had been connected with Statesville's progress for the past 38 years, died this morning at 9:15 o'clock at his home on East Broad street, his death resulting from an extended illness with uremic poisoning and complications. The funeral service in charge of the pastor, Dr. A. L. Stanford, will be held from Broad Street Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment will follow in Oakwood cemetery.

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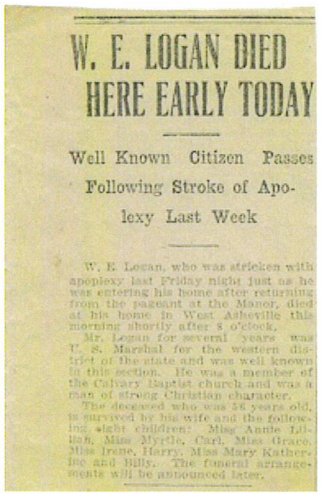
Family History

These are various photos of my direct ancestors. Many are portraits, some are obits, and others represent aspects of their lives (home places, businesses, etc.)

Gary Logan

78 followers, **54** pins



W. E. LOGAN DIED HERE EARLY TODAY

Well Known Citizen Passes Following Stroke of Apoplexy Last Week

W. E. Logan, who was stricken with apoplexy last Friday night just as he was entering his home after returning from the pageant at the Manor, died at his home in West Asheville this morning shortly after 8 o'clock.

Mr. Logan for several years was U. S. Marshal for the western district of the state and was well known in this section. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist church and was a man of strong Christian character.

The deceased who was 56 years old, is survived by his wife and the following eight children: Miss Annie Lillian, Miss Myrtle, Carl, Miss Grace, Miss Irene, Harry, Miss Mary Katherine and Billy. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

William Erwin Logan (1860-1916) death notice. He was a U.S. Marshal (appointed under Taft in 1910), tobacconist, and modest real estate tycoon

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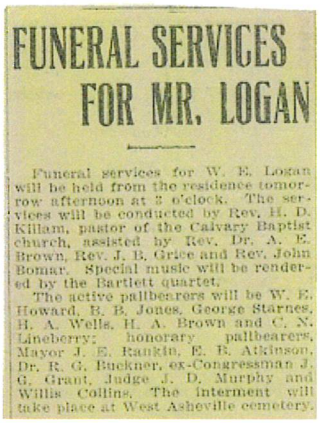

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William Erwin Logan (1860-1916) obituary. West Asheville Cemetery later became Green Hills Cemetery

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William Erwin Logan home, 124 Logan Ave., West Asheville, NC, ca. 1895 (top center of photo)

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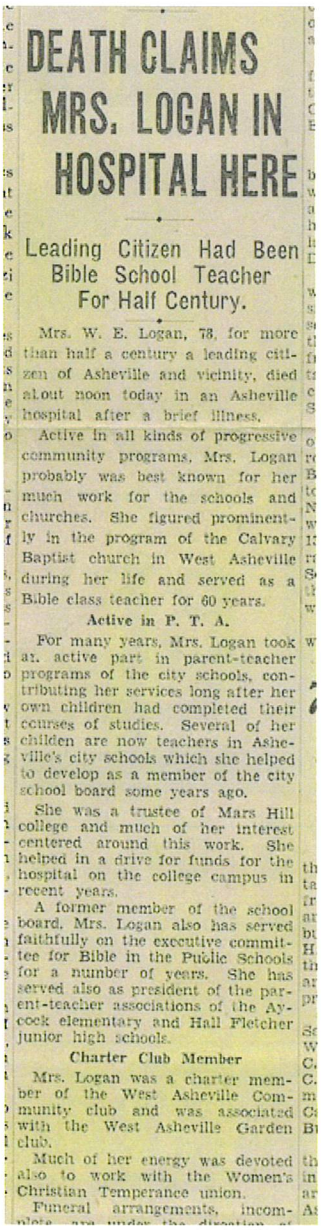

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Active in all kinds of progressive community programs, Mrs. Logan probably was best known for her much work for the schools and churches. She figured prominently in the program of the Calvary Baptist church in West Asheville during her life and served as a Bible class teacher for 60 years.

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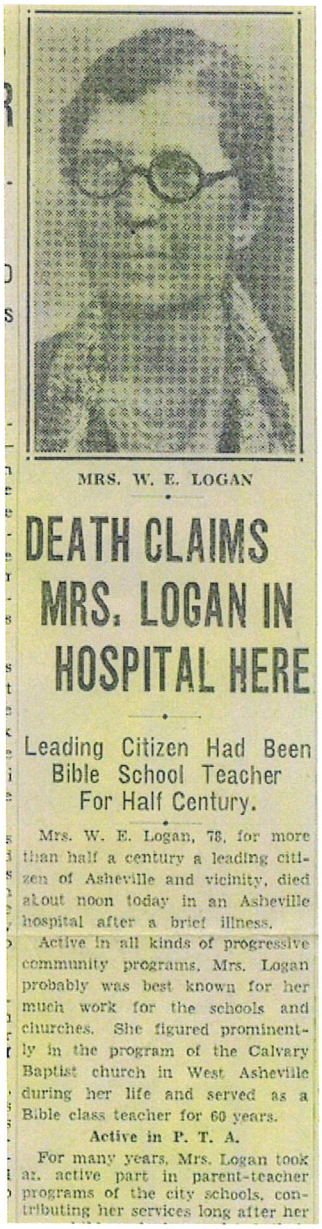
Much of her energy was devoted also to work with the Women's Christian Temperance union.

Funeral arrangements, incom-



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Martha Ann Wall Coleman (1900-1994), ca. 1922

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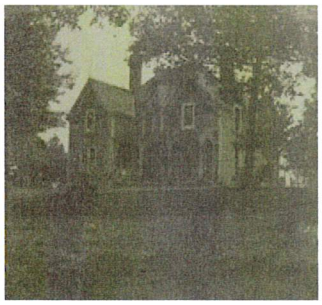

124 Logan Ave., West Asheville, NC (William Erwin Logan home), ca. 1901

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Ann Wright We are contacting you from Pack Memorial Library in Asheville and wanted to know if you would be interested in sharing your scans of 124 Logan home up close and the distant shot? They are wonderful. Also wondering if you have info on Hattie Delano Rollins who lived in the house until she died in 1957? We can send you her obituary if you don't have it. Our email is **packnc@buncombecounty.org** Thanks, Zoe Rhine

William Erwin Logan (1860-1916) & Rose Addie Deaver Logan (1865-1943), ca. 1890

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Alexander Lafayette "Fate" Logan (1834-1910) & second wife, Margaret Buckner Logan, ca. 1890

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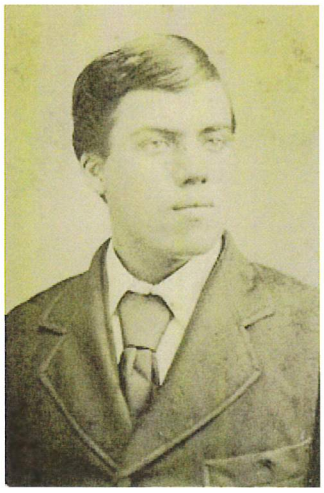

William Erwin Logan (1860-1916), ca. 1876

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William Erwin Logan family, ca. 1897

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Lewis Funeral home.
Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. W. Himes, Mrs. J. L. Lawrence, Miss Grace Logan, Miss Irene Logan and Miss Mary Logan; three sons, Carl M. Logan, Harry R. Lo-

Full obituary for Rose Addie Deaver Logan (1865-1943)

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Rose Addie Deaver Logan (1865-1943), ca. 1885

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William Erwin Logan family, ca. 1910. My granddad, Harry Rollins Logan (1903-1971), is front and center.

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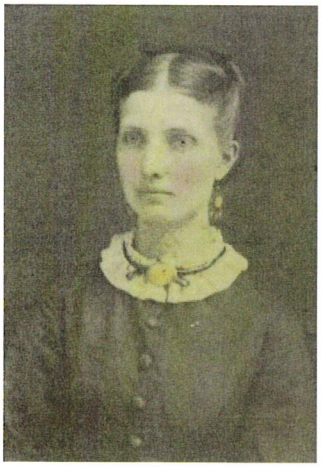

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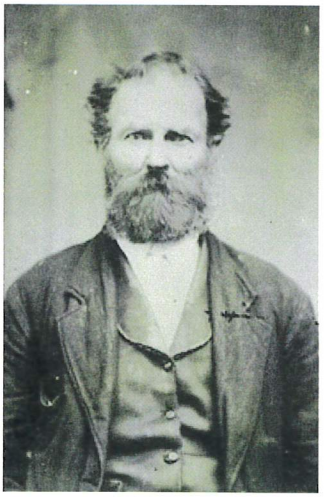

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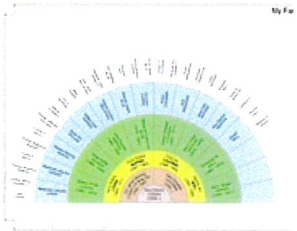

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Jim & Lib Logan, ca. 1952. James Manning Logan (1929-1997) & Mary Elizabeth Coleman Logan (1930-), married 27 Dec 1952.

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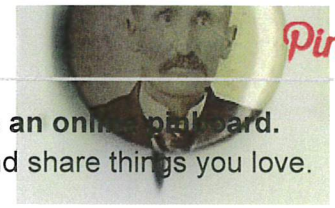

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James Logan, board member of Greenville Habitat for Humanity

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Thomas Shepherd Deaver (1803-1892) & Louarty A. Keith Deaver (1807-1876), ca. 1860, with one of their daughters.

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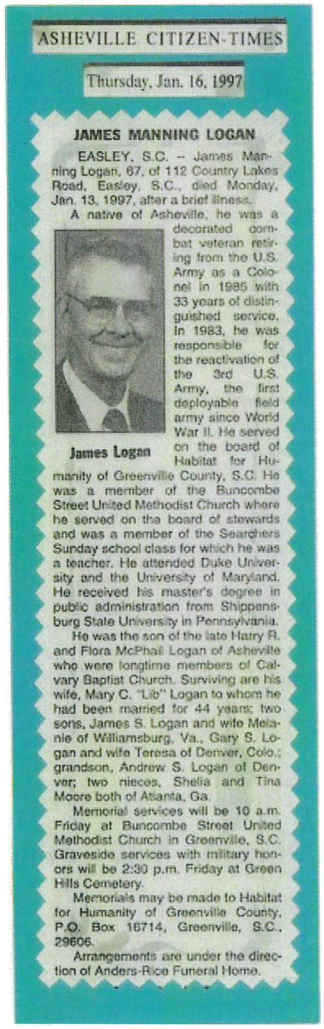

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES

Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997

JAMES MANNING LOGAN

EASLEY, S.C. -- James Manning Logan, 67, of 112 Country Lakes Road, Easley, S.C., died Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, after a brief illness.

A native of Asheville, he was a decorated combat veteran retiring from the U.S. Army as a Colonel in 1985 with 33 years of distinguished service. In 1983, he was responsible for the reactivation of the 3rd U.S. Army, the first deployable field army since World War II. He served on the board of Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County, S.C. He was a member of the Buncombe Street United Methodist Church where he served on the board of stewards and was a member of the Searchers Sunday school class for which he was a teacher. He attended Duke University and the University of Maryland. He received his master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg State University in Pennsylvania.

He was the son of the late Harry R. and Flora McPhail Logan of Asheville who were longtime members of Calvary Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife, Mary C. "Lib" Logan to whom he had been married for 44 years; two sons, James S. Logan and wife Melanie of Williamsburg, Va., Gary S. Logan and wife Teresa of Denver, Colo.; grandson, Andrew S. Logan of Denver; two nieces, Shelia and Tina Moore both of Atlanta, Ga.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church in Greenville, S.C. Graveside services with military honors will be 2:30 p.m. Friday at Green Hills Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County, P.O. Box 16714, Greenville, S.C., 29606.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anders-Rice Funeral Home.

James Logan

Jim Logan obituary

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Mary Louise Watkins Coleman (1872-1963)

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Jim & Lib Logan, ca. 1985. James Manning Logan (1929-1997) & Mary Elizabeth Coleman Logan (1930-)

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William Erwin Logan (1860-1916), ca. 1866, presumably with two of his sisters.

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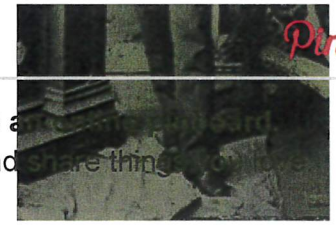

William Erwin Logan (1860-1916), ca. 1880

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Rose Addie Deaver (1865-1943), ca. 1882

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John Franklin McPhail (1866-1952), ca. 1908

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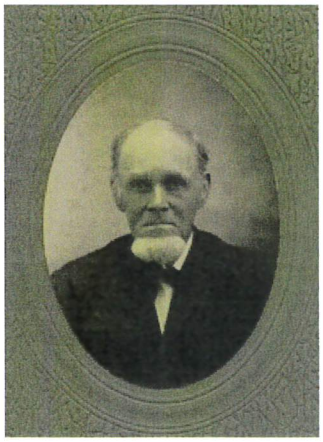

Jesse Felix Watkins (1840-1914), ca. 1900

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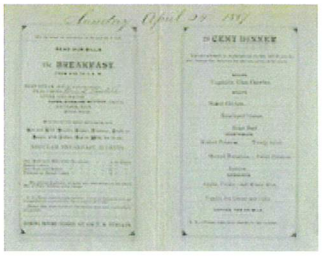

The Logan Café on Tenth St., NW, Washington, D.C., right next to the Petersen home, where Lincoln died, and across from Ford's Theatre. It's still there, presently the Bistro D'oc. Here's the menu from April 1887.

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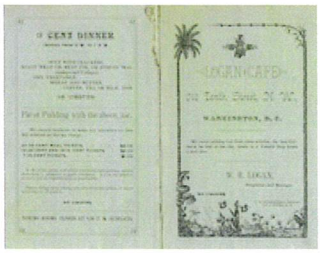

This is the cover of the Logan Café (DC) April 1887 menu. The café and boarding house were located next to the Petersen home where Lincoln died, and directly across from Ford's Theatre.

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Mary Eleanor Newton Watkins (1848-1913), ca. 1904

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Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Coleman Logan (1930-), ca. 1952

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James Manning Logan (1929-1997), ca. 1971, when he commanded the 1/78 Field Artillery, 2nd Armored Division, U.S. Army

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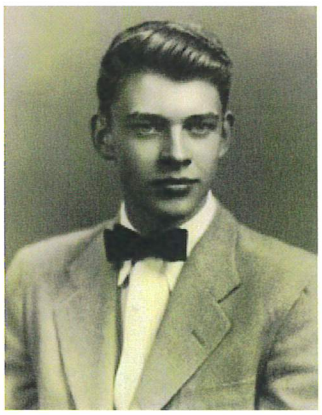

James Manning Logan (1929-1997), ca. 1945/6

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Martha Ann Wall (1900-1994), ca. 1916

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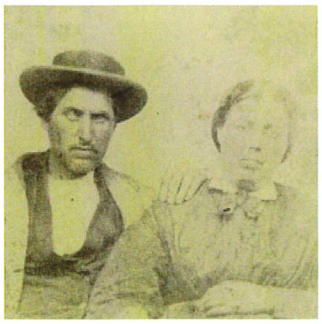

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Alexander Lafayette "Fate" Logan (1834-1910) & Susannah Julia Ann Deaver (1836-1877), ca. 18

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ulia Ann Deaver Logan (1836-1877) with her son, William Erwin Logan (1860-1916), ca. 1862

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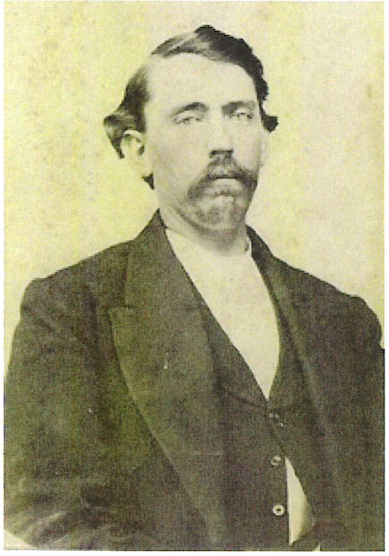
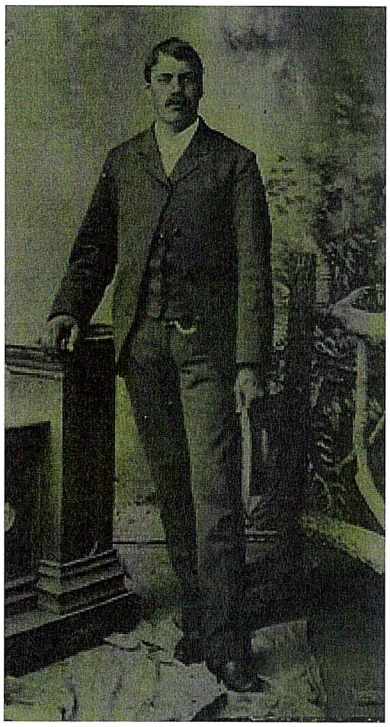




THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1910.

W. E. LOGAN MAKES STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LIST OF QUERIES

Avoids Pertinent Questions and Covers the Ground With General Resume of Things That Are and Were, Says He May Talk in Court.

Replying to Mr. Frank Carter's list of queries published in Sunday's Citizen, Mr. W. E. Logan yesterday issued the following statement about his part in the Biltmore postoffice row:

"I notice Mr. Carter's communication in The Citizen of 23d inst., in which he says that he has addressed same to me in the shape of a letter. Mr. Carter was in such great haste to get the matter in the papers that he did not give the mails time to bring to me the original, all of which goes to prove that my statement was correct when I said that Mr. Carter seemed to be endeavoring to try his case through the public press.

"I notice that Mr. Carter says that such sums he has received and is to receive as attorney in the Biltmore case are to come from the 'paltry savings of the widow.' Now I understand those 'paltry savings' consist of, according to tax list and public records, a brick house situated in Biltmore for which $3,000 cash was recently offered, a cottage located in South Biltmore valued at $1,000, and a recent purchase in Asheville of a handsome property at $3,500; so we can see that Mr. Carter's client is abundantly able to employ learned counsel to aid her in her scramble for office. Notwithstanding all of this I notice in The Citizen of some days ago the statement was made as coming from Mrs. Reed through a friend that Mr. Carter was not being paid by Mrs. Reed and if it came to a show down as to these fees Mr. Logan would be sorry he spoke of the subject.' I submit in view of these conflicting accounts that it is hard to tell where the revenue in the case is coming from. I commend you, Mr. Carter, for your philanthropic acts in taking pity on and having compassion for the widow and orphan, partly because you have 'known her so long and your esteem for her womanly character and high moral worth;' but, by the way, there are many other deserving widows in our community a large number of whom are in far greater need than this widow, yet I do not recall any public notice wherein you in any way came to their relief, or tendered your valuable services on such generous terms.

"I note that you say that you 'have had no political help,' but on the contrary you have met with discouragement from a few ultra partisans in your own party who were loath to forego the great political advantage to accrue to the democratic cause in this case. It appears to me that you have done the 'ultra partisans' the greatest possible service by your voluminous interviews and writings for the public press. I must confess that you have conducted the case in a commendable manner and more to their interest than your client's, and except for a few slips which 'tender' give the trick away (which, by the way, was no fault of yours) you would have had a complete case for them. Therefore I think it in order for these 'ultra partisans' to pass the hat and take up a collection for you, provided your philanthropic spirit will allow you to take the filthy lucre.

"Now as to your questions, all of which I regard as irrelevant to your case, and only goes to show that my statement was correct when I said the whole scheme was one to destroy John Grant and not in the real interest of Mrs. Reed, I have this to say—I am sorry that I cannot accommodate you in your frantic efforts to continue to try your case through the public press, but if your case goes to a court of justice, as you have threatened you would do (provided you could not frighten John Grant and others into putting your client back in the Biltmore postoffice) then if I am called upon to answer any legitimate question bearing on your case I will cheerfully and truthfully do so.

"Referring to your threat to turn the gatling guns (?) on me if I failed to 'come across' in accordance with your living, direful results would follow, I have this to say: That my case will be passed upon by men of much larger information and far less prejudice than the people who would threaten others in order to carry their point.

"What I have written or spoken now or hereafter has not been done in the spirit of malice or with the thought or intention of injuring anyone, for all who have been spoken of or thought of, indeed, all who are connected with this case are my neighbors, and I am proud to say I consider many of them my friends, and I trust the pleasant relation will continue.

"The whole matter has appealed to me as a farce and such I am quite sure it will turn out to be.

"I have a clear conscience in all I have done or said in these matters, therefore I have no fear, notwithstanding gatling guns or what man can do unto me.

"W. E. LOGAN."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1910.

MR. LOGAN RETURNS WITH SMILING FACE

OTHERS SAY HE WILL SURELY BE NAMED AS MARSHAL

Major Rollins Appears a Sure Winner, —Attorney Carter Was to See President Yesterday.

Back from Washington with bright prospects that he will at an early date be named as United States marshal for the Western district of North Carolina is Mr. W. E. Logan, chairman of the republican cogressional committee, the man to whose skill and energy the election of Congressman Grant was largely due.

Mr. Logan came yesterday afternoon from the capital where he has been for two weeks. When seen he was smiling and very cheerful, and expressed himself as very hopeful that his nomination would be sent to the senate in a short time. The fact of his return at this time when a decision is pending is itself pretty good ground for the belief that Mr. Logan at least has a pretty good idea where he is "at," even if the same cannot be said of others from this vicinity now in Washington.

Mr. Logan had little to say and only smiled when asked about the Biltmore postoffice imbroglio and the contest for the Asheville office. He said that he had read the Asheville papers with decided interest lately and intimated that he had read some things which made him laugh a good deal. He said that it was impossible to say when any decision in respect to the marshalship would be announced because at the time a number of the departments were crowded with work and that this was the case with the attorney general's office, which would pass on the qualifications of applicants for the place of marshal. He was inclined to believe, however, that a decision would be made in a week, although he could by no means assert this.

Another gentleman recently back from Washington was much more positive in his declarations on the subject. He said that there was no manner of doubt that Mr. Logan would be named as marshal and that a practical decision to this effect had been made although there would be no formal appointment for several days. He also said that any possible doubt about the re-appointment of Postmaster Rollins had been dispelled by the multitude of highly commendatory letters from patrons of the office asking the appointment.

"I understand that no better recommendations have ever come into the postoffice department," said he.

It was learned that Mrs. Reed's attorney, Frank Carter, had an appointment to meet the president yesterday to present Mrs. Reed's case against Congressman Grant.

FOOD CROPS SHOULD BE GROWN

FARMERS CAN NOT AFFORD TO BUY SUCH PRODUCTS.

Over 2,000,000 Pounds of Hay Brought to Asheville Annually from Outside Markets—This Hay Should Be Grown Here.

What should we grow? In successful farming this is a very important question. One thing we should always be certain of, and that is to grow everything that can be grown on the farm that is needed at home for the support of the family or such stock that is kept on the farm. Every farmer should make this a positive rule.

After the home consumption is amply provided for the farmer should make a surplus of such crops as command a ready cash market, which will bring him the greatest returns considering cost of marketing, production, etc. I would not advise the growing of much corn other than an ample amount for home use. Corn is very exhaustive on the soil, beside the clean cultures necessary to the growing of this crop is more likely to cause your land to wash. Where it is possible you should sow your corn land in field peas when you cultivate the last time, thus returning a portion of the vegetable matter necessarily taken away by the clean culture of the corn crop. The peas will shade the ground, preventing the rapid evaporation of moisture, thereby helping the growing crop.

Wheat is the main grain crop that should be grown in this section. Our soil is well adapted to the growth of this cereal. Wheat is not so exhaustive on the soil as the corn crop and always brings a remunerative price. I am glad to know that our farmers are turning their attention to this important crop.

Orchard grass, timothy and clover are profitable grass crops in this section, and should be grown largely for home consumption as well as for market.

Clover is a great soil improver, and will grow on most of our soil to great advantage, as many of our farmers know.

There is imported into Buncombe county over two millions of hay annually. This should all be grown here and if our farmers were all doing their duty as farmers there would not be a pound of hay brought here from other markets.

Another crop that should never be overlooked is the field pea. This crop should be grown in abundance for the improvement of the soil and incidentally as a money crop. Since the pea has been recognized as one of the best soil improvers there has sprung up a very great demand for the seed, and of later years they have commanded remunerative prices.

The Asheville market imports large quantities of seeds. We should grow this crop. It is not only profitable, but, like the field pea, is very beneficial to the lands.

I need scarcely mention potatoes, as they are almost universally grown, and with the exception of a few seasons, we have had enough to supply the home markets.

In a later article I will try to show our farmers that the trucking business would be profitable to a certain extent in this section.

W. E. LOGAN.

Asheville Register June 9, 1901

DEAL FOR SCHOOL SITE NOT COMPLETE

Negotiations Under Way for Logan Property.

The purchase of the property of Mrs. W. E. Logan in West Asheville by the City of Asheville for school purposes is still hanging fire, although it was learned at the city hall yesterday negotiations are under way for a speedy settlement. It has been recommended by the advisory board that Mrs. Logan be offered $9,000 for the tract.

The property embraces some five acres and is located not far from where the Sulphur Springs road intersects with the Haywood road.

Asheville Citizen December, 1921

LOGAN PROPERTY IS PURCHASED BY CITY

A deal was consummated between Mayor Gallatin Roberts and Mrs. W. E. Logan yesterday whereby the City of Asheville will purchase the Logan property in West Asheville for a school site. The negotiations for the purchase of the site have been under way for several months, the school board and the commissioners having decided it was the most ideal site in the western section of Asheville for the building.

The purchase price is $9,000 and today the city will begin a survey of the property. W. L. Brooker, head of the public schools, believes the property affords an excellent site for the school and has voiced his approval. About five acres are embraced in the tract which is located not far from the point, where Haywood road intersects the Sulphur Springs road.

According to the plans, the structure will be erected on the elevation. Smith and Carrier have been selected as architects to prepare plans and specifications.

Asheville Citizen December 21, 1921

MRS. LOGAN HEADS PARENT-TEACHERS

Is Chosen President of West Asheville School Association—Talk Plans for Year.

Mrs. W. E. Logan was elected president of the Parent-Teacher Association of the West Asheville School, at the first meeting of the new school year, held Wednesday afternoon at the school.

Plans for the year's work, which will be broader in scope than that undertaken last year, were discussed, and definite plans will be evolved at the next meeting.

Other officers elected to serve the present term were Mrs. W. C. Brownson vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Anderson, secretary; and Mrs. J. R. Law treasurer.

Asheville Citizen September 23, 1922

CIVIC GROUP TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Hauk To Honor The Community Club At Home Meeting

A general meeting of the officers and members of the West Asheville Community Club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. C. Hauk, 165 Vermont avenue, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, it has been announced. Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, president, will preside with the other new officers of the club, and a general business and social program has been arranged.

Mrs. W. E. Logan, delegate of the club to the North Carolina Federated Clubs convention which adjourned at Charlotte Friday, will give a report of the meeting, and it is probable that the "Clean-Up Campaign" and other matters of interest to the club will be discussed.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hauk was the model large home in the recent Better Homes Week exhibit sponsored by the Community Club under the supervision of Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. R. H. Officer, and others.

Asheville Citizen May 5, 1929

WEST ASHEVILLE GROUP TO GATHER

Community Club Plans General Program For Tonight

The West Asheville Community club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Hauk, 185 Vermont avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock, for a general business and social program. Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, the president, will preside with the other new members of the club who were elected for the fiscal year at the last meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Logan, delegate from the club to the state convention of the North Carolina Federated Clubs held in Charlotte last week, will report the convention to the meeting and the program includes other features of community interest.

It is probable that the "Clean-up" campaign being sponsored by the club in addition to other city groups, will be given an important place on the program. The campaign was launched in West Asheville Monday morning and due to much successful preliminary work on the part of the club is community-wide in scope. Previously many lawns, gardens, yards, and homes had been beautified and improved through the club's activities and the city officials have been pledged the full co-operation of the community civic organizations.

Asheville Citizen May 8, 1929

BIBLE TEACHER FOR 50 YEARS

Mrs. Logan Estimates 200,000 Have Been In Her Classes

For the last 50 years Mrs. W. E. Logan, of West Asheville, has been teaching Bible classes.

Today she is teaching children of several former pupils who were young men when she was a teacher at the First and West End Baptist churches.

Members of the Berean Bible class of Calvary Baptist church, in West Asheville, recently presented Mrs. Logan with a silver loving cup in appreciation for her work as teacher during the past half century. She now teaches this class. More than 150 persons belong to this class and the average weekly attendance is more than 80.

Mrs. Logan joined the First Baptist church when 14 years old. She was baptized by the Rev. A. C. Dixon. At this church she taught her first Bible class. Later she attended school in Washington, D. C., and while there taught in the Calvary Sunday school.

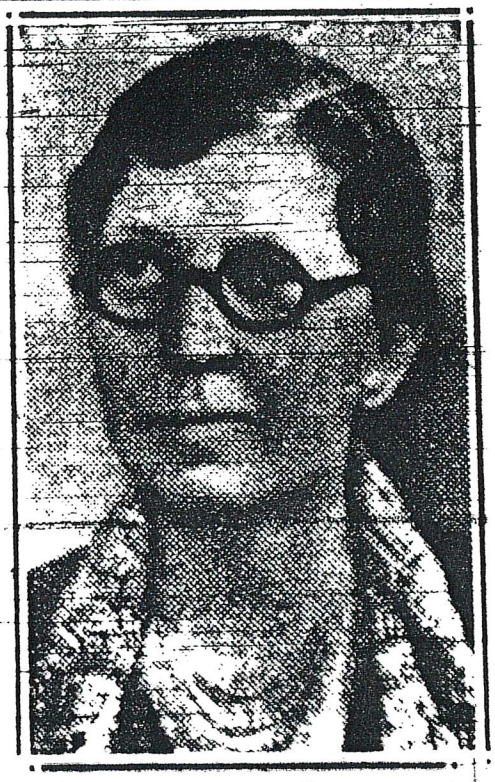
Returning to Asheville Mrs. Logan taught in the West End Sunday school for 13 years. During this time she spent five winters in Florida and taught a Bible class at Citrus, Fla. When the Calvary Baptist Sunday school in West Asheville was organized in 1906 Mrs. Logan started teaching there. She has been teaching the Berean class since 1922.

Mrs. Logan estimates she has taught more than 200,000 persons during her 50 years as teacher. Mrs. Logan takes an active interest in West Asheville church and civic affairs and was on the city school board several years.

The Berean class was organized in May 1921 and since that time has grown to where it is now one of the largest Bible classes in the city. C. B. Anderson is president; C. E. Whitaker, vice president; Clarence Patterson, second vice president; R. E. Currence, third vice president; J. A. Bocook, secretary; A. E. Waters, treasurer; W. M. Dalton, reporter; Miss Eleanor Gaspline, pianist; and O. C. Collins, violinist.

The silver cup was awarded Mrs. Logan at a social given by the class at Mr. Logan's home, 124 Logan avenue.

Taught 200,000



MRS. W. E. LOGAN

Asheville Citizen March 6, 1932

Two Well-Known W. A. Mothers

West Asheville News
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Mrs. George H. Starnes, Sr.

Mrs. W. E. Logan

Many are the grand, sweet mothers in Buncombe County. Elsewhere in this issue is a resume of the lives of several well-known mothers of the county. It is to all mothers of Asheville and Buncombe county that this week's issue of The News is dedicated.

Mrs. W. E. Logan

Fifty years of teaching the Bible, the past ten years being spent teaching one class; such is the record of Mrs. Logan.

Mrs. Logan was Rose Addie Deaver before her marriage in 1885 to W. E. Logan, who has been dead since 1916.

We found Mrs. Logan preparing to attend a meeting of the Missionary Society of Calvary Baptist Church, thinking of the religious affairs of this life. Such devotion would naturally reflect in the lives of her children.

Mrs. Annie L. Himes, her eldest daughter, is organist at Calvary Church and is also superintendent of the primary department of that Sunday School.

Mrs. Myrtle V. Lawrence, a second daughter, is a teacher in the Sunday School.

Carl and Harry Logan are owners of Logan Bros. Motor Company doing business in West Asheville.

Miss Grace Logan, the third daughter, teaches at Aycock School and is in charge of the Training Department of Calvary Church.

Miss Irene Logan teaches school at Eugene Rankin and is superintendent of the Junior department at Calvary Sunday School.

Miss Mary Logan is Supervisor of schools of Avery County with headquarters at Newland, N. C.

William Logan, the third son, is training at an art school in Washington, D. C., he being the only member of the family that has not yet finished his education.

A most remarkable instance of a mother's influence, and a wonderful instance of a mother's enjoyment of her splendid family.

Mrs. Logan makes her home at 124 Logan Avenue, West Asheville.

Mrs. George H. Starnes

Mrs. George Starnes was born at Thorpe, England, emigrated to America at the age of sixteen, and was married on June 1, 1893.

Besides ordinary church work, Mrs. Starnes is becoming interested in poetry and writes some of her own occasionally. Last Sunday when the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church wished to observe the fourteenth anniversary of the pastorate of Mr. Grice at their church, Mrs. Starnes read one of her poems appropriate to the occasion. The poem appears elsewhere in this paper.

Mrs. Starnes makes her home with Bert Starnes, her son, at 851 Haywood Road, West Asheville.

Besides Bert Starnes, who is manager of the Mutual Coal Company, and a prominent club man and civic worker in West Asheville, Mrs. Starnes is the beloved mother of the following:

Miss Mabel Starnes, State B. Y. P. U. worker with headquarters at Raleigh, N. C. ;George W. Starnes, and Charlie Starnes, of the Southeastern Erpress Company; Nane Starnes, theological student at Southwestern Seminary, Dallas, Texas, who expects to become a Baptist minister soon; Glenn Starnes, of the National Cleaners.

"A bustling, active mother of a large, bustling family; a mother whose very mention causes tenderness to flood the faces of her sons, a mother truly."

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HELP LAUNCH DRIVE—Some of the city and community leaders who helped launch West Asheville's second annual beautification campaign are shown above at Rhododendron gardens clubhouse yesterday afternoon. Left to right they are: City Manager Pat M. Burdette, W. E. Ryon, president of the West Asheville (men's) club; Vice-Mayor Lyons Lee, Mrs. W. K. Dalton, president of the West Asheville Community (women's) club and chairman of the inter-club committee in charge of the campaign; Mrs. Harold Glenn, president of the Junior Rhododendron club; and O. V. Himes, a member of the campaign committee for the men's club.

Launch West Asheville Beautification Contest

West Asheville's second annual beautification campaign was launched at a meeting at Rhododendron gardens yesterday afternoon with approximately 50 persons in attendance.

Persons present included representatives of the three civic clubs in that section—the West Asheville Community (women's) club, the Junior Rhododendron club and the West Asheville (men's) club—as well as members of the various garden clubs.

Among those making short talks were Mrs. W. E. Logan, Mrs. C. J. Ebbs, Mrs. Harold Glenn, president of the Junior Rhododendron club; W. E. Ryon, president of the men's club; O. V. Himes, of the men's club Vice-Mayor Lyons Lee, and City Manager Pat M. Burdette. Others also made brief remarks.

The campaign is to promote and encourage interest in the improvement and beautification of West Asheville.

Mrs. Logan expressed thanks to members of the garden clubs and the people of West Asheville generally for co-operating in last year's campaign, and to city officials for their assistance.

Mrs. Ebbs discussed improvement of Haywood road. She pointed out that it is one of the clubs' main projects and one that interests all. Groups join to beautify their own streets, she said, but Haywood road belongs

improvement of the section, and offered the city's co-operation in this year's undertaking.

Mrs. W. K. Dalton, president of the West Asheville Community club and chairman of the inter-club committee in charge of the campaign, presided.

Entry blanks for those wishing to take part in a contest sponsored by the clubs in connection with the campaign are now ready for distribution, Mrs. Dalton said.

As a climax to the campaign a flower show will be held in the fall at which time prizes will be awarded in the contest.

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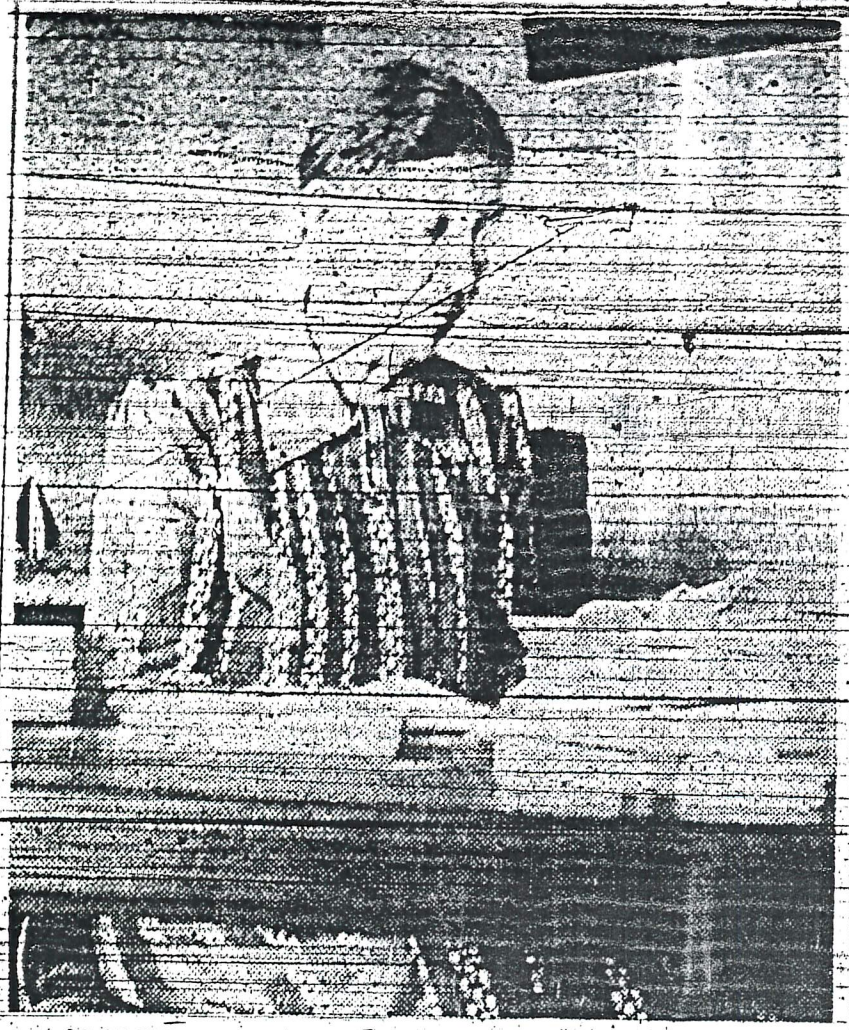

COLLECTS CARDS—Mrs. W. E. Logan, well known church worker of West Asheville, makes a hobby of collecting post cards. She is shown here as she sorts through her cards which come from many lands.

West Asheville Woman Collector Of Post Cards

By ELEANOR B. CHURCH

"Send me cards, not letters," Mrs. W. E. Logan told her family as they set off for the World's Fair in New York city last summer.

"The reason I told them this," she said to me as I sat in her cheery living room before an open fire in her home in West Asheville, talking to her about her post card collection, "was because I wanted to have some post cards for my slowly increasing collection. I always tell them this whenever they go off on trips. And that's the way I've gotten most of my cards.

"I just began my collection because I wanted to save cards. And now its become a very useful possession since I can use it in my Sunday school teaching. And my grown-up daughters use the post cards too over and over in their teaching projects." Her daughter, Miss Irene Logan, teaches first grade in the Eugene Rankin school and another daughter, Miss Grace Logan, teaches primary children in the Hycock school.

Mrs. Logan's collection covers a wide range of subjects and places from Maine to Key West and from several continents in both hemispheres. Missionary friends in the East have sent her mementoes. Her son Carl who was in the last World war sent her many cards from Luxembourg where he was stationed for several weeks. The views of the destruction from World war I resemble current "March of Time" shorts except for the antiquated war uniforms which strange as it may seem look decidedly dated. One wouldn't believe styles in uniforms had changed to such an extent.

The collection consists of nearly a thousand views—both colored and otherwise. There are a host of views of Baptist churches, old and new, in North and South Carolina as a result of Mrs. Logan's interest in church work—she completed 60 years of Sunday school teaching a year ago.

Washington, in 1905 was a curious sight with its streets jammed with horse drawn vehicles. Asheville's old Battery Park hotel was a sight to behold even as recently as 1921 when its old structure was still in existence in the quaint Victorian gingerbread style.

Most of America's world fairs are represented too: St. Louis, the two Chicago fairs and the recent New York one. Views of North Carolina are numerous: mountains and landscapes, waterfalls and lowlands, churches, colleges and hotels.

Palaces, churches, cathedrals, Jewish synagogues, Chinese temples, Baptist meeting houses, cherry blossoms and mountain laurel, rivers and winding roads, the Liberty Bell, Atlantic City in 1911, New York's Battery in 1910, the Washington Monument and the Eiffel tower, the Bok tower and much more of scenic Florida—all these and many more comprise this collection.

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Aycock Past-Presidents Observe 'Founder's Day'

Twenty-three years ago, when Aycock school parent-teacher association was organized, its presidents wore dresses like those worn by past-presidents and officers attending the "Founder' Day" program at the school yesterday. Shown in the picture are, first row, left to right: Mrs. C. H. Ford, secretary; Mrs. E. L. Winslow, first vice-president; Mrs. G. Gibbs, president of the Aycock P. T. A. in 1939-1940; Mrs. T. J. Zimmerman, this year's president; back row, left to right, Mrs. Albert Leath, president in 1937 and 1939; Mrs. W. E. Logan, first president of the association in 1923, and Mrs. H. B. Carter, president of the association from 1935 to 1937. Mrs. Henry Atkins, another past president who attended the meeting yesterday, was not present when the picture was made.

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MRS. W. E. LOGAN

Oct. 5-1943

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. LOGAN IN HOSPITAL HERE

Leading Citizen Had Been Bible School Teacher For Half Century.

Mrs. W. E. Logan, 78, for more than half a century a leading citizen of Asheville and vicinity, died about noon today in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness.

Active in all kinds of progressive community programs, Mrs. Logan probably was best known for her much work for the schools and churches. She figured prominently in the program of the Calvary Baptist church in West Asheville during her life and served as a Bible class teacher for 60 years.

Active in P. T. A.

For many years, Mrs. Logan took an active part in parent-teacher programs of the city schools, contributing her services long after her own children had completed their courses of studies. Several of her children are now teachers in Asheville's city schools which she helped to develop as a member of the city school board some years ago.

She was a trustee of Mars Hill college and much of her interest centered around this work. She helped in a drive for funds for the hospital on the college campus in recent years.

A former member of the school board, Mrs. Logan also has served faithfully on the executive committee for Bible in the Public Schools for a number of years. She has served also as president of the parent-teacher associations of the Aycock elementary and Hall Fletcher junior high schools.

Charter Club Member

Mrs. Logan was a charter member of the West Asheville Community club and was associated with the West Asheville Garden club.

Much of her energy was devoted also to work with the Women's Christian Temperance union.

Funeral arrangements, incomplete, are under the direction of Lewis Funeral home.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. O. V. Himes, Mrs. J. L. Lawrence, Miss Grace Logan, Miss Irene Logan and Miss Mary Logan; three sons, Carl M. Logan, Harry R. Logan and William B. Logan, all of Asheville; and four grandchildren.

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. LOGAN WILL BE AT CALVARY CHURCH

Oct. 5 1943

Last rites for Mrs. W. E. Logan, 78, of 124 Logan avenue, who died yesterday in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at Calvary Baptist church. The Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor, and Dr. R. L. Moore, president emeritus of Mars Hill college, will officiate.

The body will lie in state at the church from 2:30 to 3 o'clock. Burial will be in Green Hills cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, L. N. Connor, J. E. Divelbiss, Jr., George Pennell, George H. Starnes and Don C. Young.

The guard of honor will be: J. Hamp Brown, J. W. Case, C. V. Chandler, R. E. Currence, Fred C. Ingle, Ellis C. Jones, T. Melvin Meadows, Allen Mitchell, G. G. Morgan, L. T. New, Carter Parham and Harry W. Wilson.

The Woman's Missionary society and the Sodalitan class of the church will be in charge of the flowers.

Music for the service will be by the full vested choir of Calvary Baptist church with Mrs. C. I. Poore, church organist, playing the organ and Mrs. Glenn Starnes, musical director, conducting.

For more than half a century a leading citizen of Asheville and vicinity, Mrs. Logan was probably best known for her work for the schools and churches. She was an active church worker at Calvary Baptist church, West Asheville, serving as Bible class teacher for 60 years. At the time of her death she was teacher of the Sodalitan class at the church. A member of the Women's Missionary society, she had served as president and in other capacities.

Mrs. Logan was born July 4, 1865, near Mars Hill. She was a trustee of Mars Hill college and much of her interest centered around this work. She helped in a drive for funds for the hospital on the college campus in recent years.

A former member of the school board, Mrs. Logan also served faithfully on the executive committee for Bible in the Public Schools for a number of years. For many years she took an active part in parent-teacher programs of the city schools, contributing her services long after her own children had completed their courses of study. Several of her children are teachers in Asheville's city schools. She served as president of the parent-teacher associations of the Aycock elementary school and Hall Fletcher junior high school.

Mrs. Logan was a charter member of the West Asheville Community club and was associated with the West Asheville Garden club. Much of her energy was devoted also to work with the Women's Christian Temperance union.

Mrs. Logan is survived by five daughters, Mrs. O. V. Himes, Mrs. J. L. Lawrence, Miss Grace Logan, Miss Irene Logan, and Miss Mary Logan; three sons, Carl M. Logan, William B. Logan and Harry R. Logan, all of Asheville; a cousin, Miss Hattie D. Rollins, who has made her home with Mrs. Logan for more than 20 years, and four grandchildren.

Also surviving are three nieces and nephews, as follows: Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium, N. C., Lt. Col. Reuben MacBrayer, in overseas service, and Lewis B. MacBrayer of St. Louis, Mo.

Lewis Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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WEST ASHEVILLE

"DEDICATED TO A STRONGER COMMUNITY SPIRIT"

ASHEVILLE, N. C. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1943

MRS. W. E. LOGAN

MRS. W. E. LOGAN FUNERAL LAST SUN.

Funeral services for Mrs. W. E. Logan, 78, of 124 Logan avenue, who died Friday in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness, were conducted Sunday at Calvary Baptist church. The Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor, and Dr. R. L. Moore, president-emeritus of Mars Hill college, officiated.

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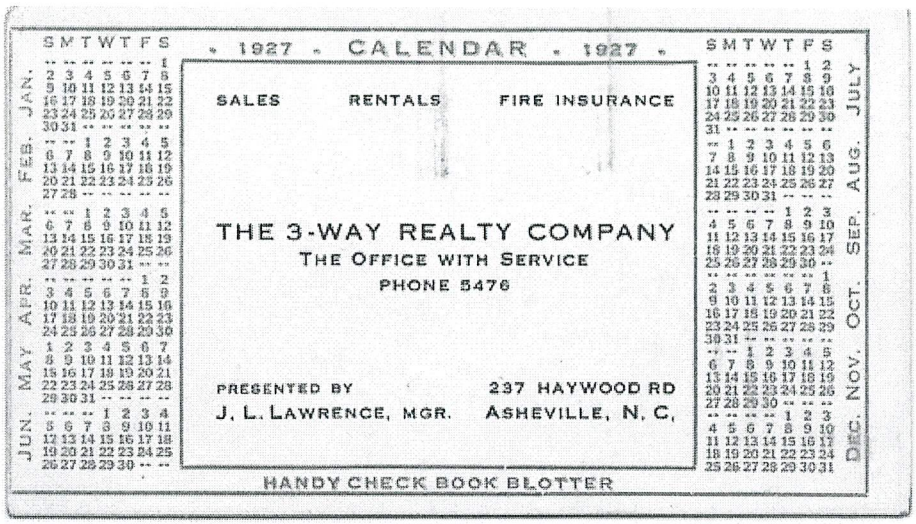
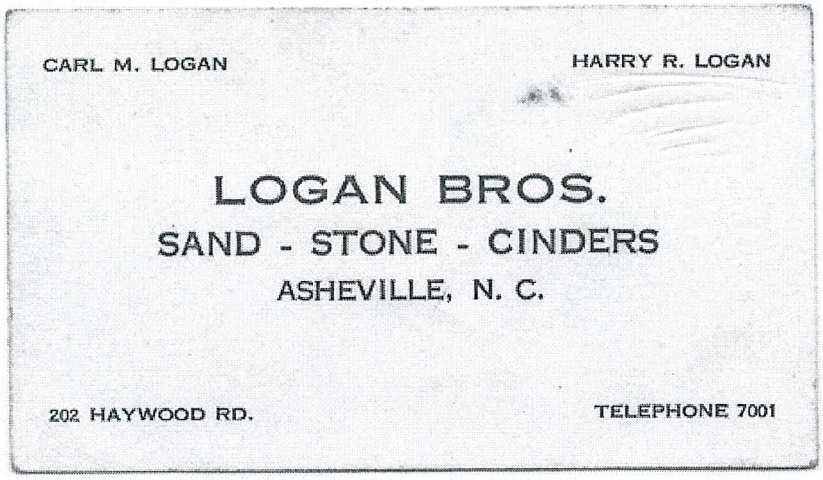
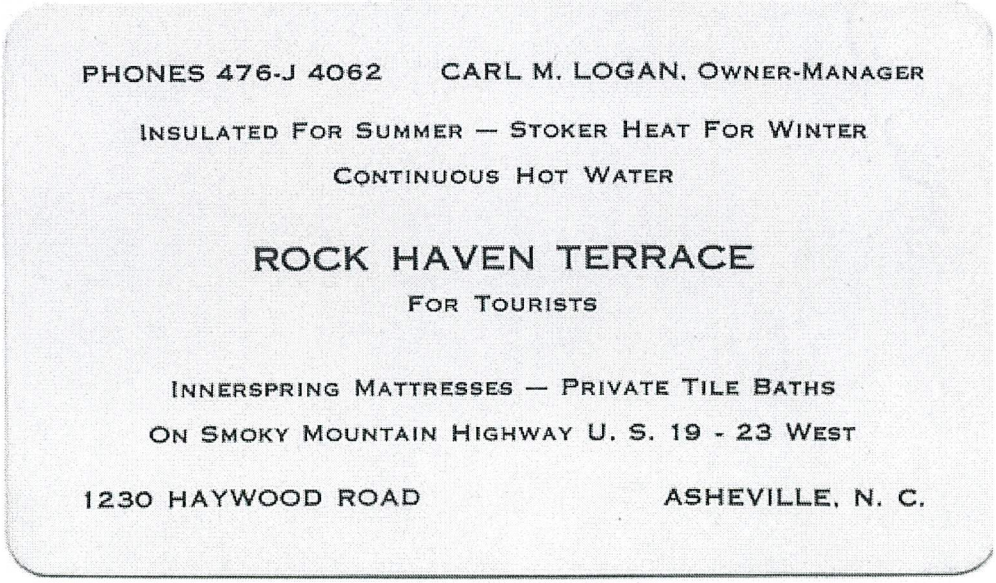
The Woman's Missionary society and the Sodalitan class of the church were in charge of flowers. Music was furnished by the choir of the church.

For more than half a century, Mrs. Logan had been prominent in the work of the community.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. O. V. Himes, Mrs. J. L. Lawrence, Miss Grace Logan, Miss Irene Logan and Miss Mary Logan; three sons, Carl M. Logan, William B. Logan and Harry R. Logan, all of Asheville; a cousin Miss Hattie D. Rollins, who has made her home with Mrs. Logan for more than 20 years; four grandchildren; one niece, Mrs. P. P. McCain, Sanatorium, and two nephews, Lt. Col. Reuben McBrayer in overseas service and Lewis B. MacBrayer, St. Louis, Mo.







Three business cards from the family, 1920s and 1930s

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"DEDICATED TO THE UPBUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"

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Education In Toys To Be Feature Of Children's Week

THE CHARACTERISTICS AND INTERESTS OF THE YOUNG CHILD are being featured in the activities of Children's Week December 2-9. Members of the Asheville Association for Childhood Education assisted by the Parent-Teacher association, the Asheville Junior League and the American Association of University Women are giving a series of lectures, radio broadcasts, a play and toy exhibits this week to instruct parents in constructive entertainment. (1) Children in The Child Garden nursery school are shown with Miss Irene Logan, former president of the A. C. E. and secretary of the state organization. They are, left to Dorothy Ann Logan, Teddy Jackson, Miss Logan, Britt and Joy Ann Warren. They are using toys appro for children of approximately four years.

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LYMAN, THEODORE BENEDICT

by Grady L. E. Carroll, 1991

27 NOV. 1815–13 DEC. 1893

tps://archive.org/stream/cu31924006802015#page/n213 mode/2up/search/lyman)Theodore Benedict Lyman, **Episcopal** (/religion/episcopal-church)bishop of North Carolina, was born at Brighton, Mass., the son of Asa Lyman (1777–1836), Congregational clergyman, educator, and bookseller, and Mary Benedict Lyman; both were of distinguished New England families. His brother was a priest in the Roman Catholic church. After graduation in 1837 from **Hamilton College** (http://www.hamilton.edu/index.cfm) in New York, Lyman entered the General Theological Seminary in New York City to prepare for the ministry. He was graduated in 1840, and on 20 September of that year, at Christ Church, Baltimore, he was ordained a deacon by the Right Reverend **William Rollinson Whittingham** (http://www2.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/w/Whittingham,William_Rollinson.html). On 19 Dec. 1841 he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Whittingham.

From 1841 to 1850 Lyman was rector at St. John's Church in Hagerstown, Md., where he assisted in founding the College of St. James. From 1850 to 1860 he was rector at Trinity Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. For a decade he and his family lived in Europe, ere he established a church outside the Vatican; he traveled extensively in Europe and the Orient. In 1870 he accepted a call,

arranged in part by tourists in Rome, to the rectorship of Trinity Church in San Francisco.

Portrait of Theodore Benedict Lyman, Fourth Bishop of North Carolina. From Marshall De Lancey Haywood's *Lives of the Bishops of North Carolina,* p. 207, published 1910 by Alfred Williams & Company, Raleigh, North Carolina. Presented on Archive.org.

On 30 May 1873 at the diocesan convention in Fayetteville, N.C., Lyman was elected assistant bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina; on 11 Dec. 1873 consecration services were held at **Christ Church** (/christ-episcopal-church), Raleigh, the first such ceremony in the diocese. Following the selection of Raleigh as his official residence, he built a house at North and Wilmington streets, where he housed his collection of art works. His summer home, Buena Vista, was in Hillsborough. The family became members of the **Church of the Good Shepherd** (http://www.cgs-raleigh.org/history) on Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, which had been founded in 1874 and to which he left a legacy in his will for the construction of a new sanctuary. At the death of Bishop **Thomas Atkinson** (/biography/atkinson-thomas) on 4 Jan. 1881, Lyman succeeded to the bishopric of North Carolina (fourth of North Carolina and one hundred and third in succession of the American episcopacy). In 1883 the Diocese of East Carolina was formed from the Diocese of North Carolina, with Alfred Augustin Watson, whom Lyman had consecrated, elected first bishop.

Lyman attended several Lambeth conferences in England and traveled in Europe. In 1886 he was selected as successor to the Right Reverend Abram Newkirk Little-john to supervise American Episcopal churches on the Continent. He was the recipient of honorary degrees from Hamilton College (D.C.L.), the College of Saint James (D.D.), and **The University of North Carolina** (/university-north-carolina-chapel-hi) (LL.D.).

Bishop Lyman was married twice. On 24 June 1845 he married Anna Margaret Albert, and they had six children: Albert Benedict, M.D., Frances Augusta, William Whittingham, Theodore Benedict, Augustus Julian, and Anna Cornelia Roma. Anna Lyman died on 13 Apr. 1889. On 6 Feb. 1893 he married Susan Boone Robertson. After his death at age seventy-eight, he was interred in **Oakwood Cemetery** (/oakwood-cemetery), Raleigh; in 1914 he was reinterred in the sanctuary of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and a stone marks the location. On display in the Parish House of Christ Church, Raleigh, are portraits of all the Episcopal bishops of North Carolina. Lyman was succeeded by **Joseph Blount Cheshire** (/biography/cheshire-joseph-blount-jr) (1850–1932), whom he consecrated.

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Subjects:

Tahkeeostee Farm and Bishop Theodore Benedict Lyman

Bishop Theodore B. Lyman was born in Brighton, Massachusetts on November 27, 1815, the son of Asa Lyman, a Congregational minister, and of Mary Benedict, his wife.

In 1837 Theodore Lyman graduated from Hamilton College in Clinton, NY; he then entered the General Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1840. He was ordained in Baltimore, Maryland on September 20, 1840 and elevated to the priesthood in Hagerstown, Maryland, on December 19,1841. On June 24, 1845, Lyman married Miss Anna Margaret Albert. In 1850 he became rector of Trinity Church in Pittsburg, PA.

In May 1860, following his wife's inheritance of a large sum on the death of her father, Lyman and his family (which now included four sons and one daughter) sailed for Europe, where they would remain for the ensuing ten years. During his time abroad, Lyman founded the Episcopal Church of St. Paul in Rome. The family traveled extensively, journeying to Sardinia, Egypt, Mt. Sinai, Jerusalem, Constantinople, and Russia, among other locales.

Upon his return to the United States in the summer of 1870, Lyman accepted the rectorship of the important Trinity Church in San Francisco. On May 30, 1873, the Convention of the (Episcopal)Diocese of North Carolina elected Lyman Assistant Bishop of the diocese. In 1881, Lyman became Bishop Of North Carolina. In 1883 the Diocese of East Carolina, covering the eastern third of the state, was created; Lyman remained Bishop of central and western North Carolina.

Throughout his service in North Carolina, Lyman traveled the diocese extensively, visiting most parishes at least once a year. Lyman's colleague, Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, who succeeded Lyman as Bishop of North Carolina, described Lyman's enthusiasm for Western North Carolina: *"He was keenly alive to the natural beauties of the this part of the State; its invigorating atmosphere seemed like a stimulating cordial to his spirits; its forest-clad mountains had an irresistible fascination for him; he felt that he should like to settle down to enjoy the charm of each peaceful valley in a permanent home among them."* (In *The Carolina Churchman*, February, 1911)

In September of 1882, Bishop Lyman, together with W. R. Cox and R.H. Battle, Jr. purchased an acre of land on the West Bank of the French Broad River from Ephraim Clayton, who sold it to them for $1.00, "*to encourage religion, morality, and education*"; the deed reserves to Clayton and his heirs the right to use "*the road to the Chapel located on said piece of land*". The property is described as lying north of Smith Mill Creek, between the Paint Rock and Duck Town branches of the WNC RR.

The 1883-84 "*City Directory and Gazeteer*" for Asheville (Davison) lists "St. Andrew's Episcopal Chapel" at "Silver Springs". Silver Springs was on the west bank of the French Broad, adjacent to Smith's Bridge. Theodore Lyman is listed both as a resident of Asheville, on Haywood St., and as an "Asheville Farmer" with 170 acres in the 1883-84 city directory. An article in the Buffalo Courier January 16, 1890, about the Biltmore Estate, contains this paragraph: "*Further up the river* (from the estate) *is Mr. Theodore B. Lyman's park, called Tahkeeostee Farm. Mr. Lyman's picturesque cottage lies nestled in a hollow on the sunny side of the hill, forming a striking contrast to the grandeur of its stately neighbor, which is to crown the crest of the mountain whose base rests upon the opposite shore.*"

According to NCSU's "**Biographical Dictionary of North Carolina Architects and Builders**", architects Frank Niernsee and A. Gamewell Lamotte designed a "Swiss Chalet and Chapel" for Theodore B. Lyman. This was reported in the *Manufacturers' Record* of March 3, 1893, and in *The Churchman*, April 22, 1893. The 1896-97 city directory lists him as living in West Asheville. That directory would have been prepared in 1895, approximately a year after Lyman's death in December of 1893.

The Buffalo Courier Jan. 16, 1890 Pg. 4

A VANDERBILT FAD

The Youngest Brother Building a Palace in the Wilderness

Creating a Baronial Estate in the Mountains of North Carolina – Artificial Lakes – Artificial Forests – Great Grandeur and Enormous Expense

It was with a view of ascertaining what is really being done that the correspondent galloped down Main Street to the Asheville Junction, two miles south of the city. Here the Western North Carolina Railroad crosses the Swannanoa, which runs in a westerly direction and empties into the French Broad. In the vast triangle formed by the intersection of these rivers lies the 6,000 acres which form this Vanderbilt property.

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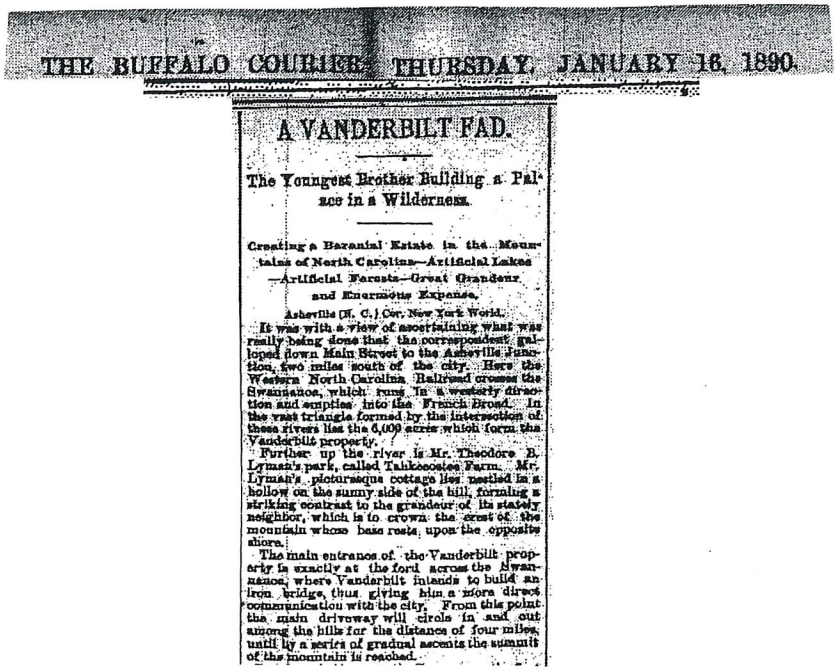

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From "The Churchman", April 22, 1893 p. 569 (Google Books)

"The services of Messrs. Niernesee & LaMotte, Columbia, SC, architects, have been engaged by the Rt. Rev. Theo. B. Lyman, Bishop of North Carolina, to design and furnish drawings for a Swiss chalet to be erected in the mountains of western North Carolina. The same firm is also designing a handsome chapel for the same place."

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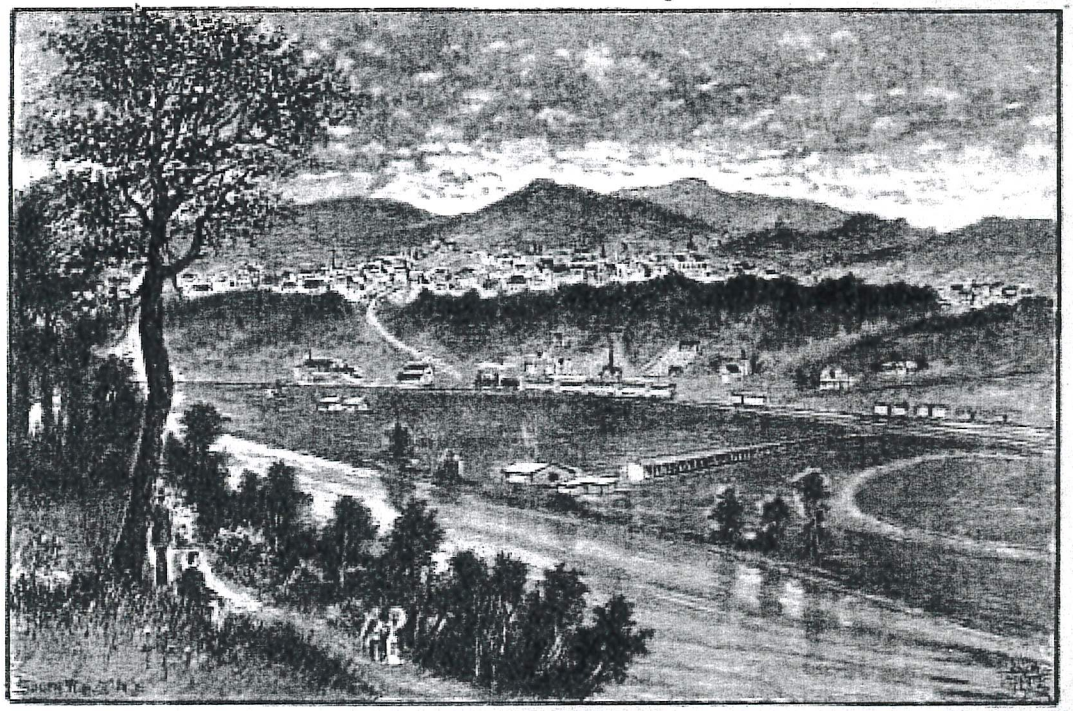

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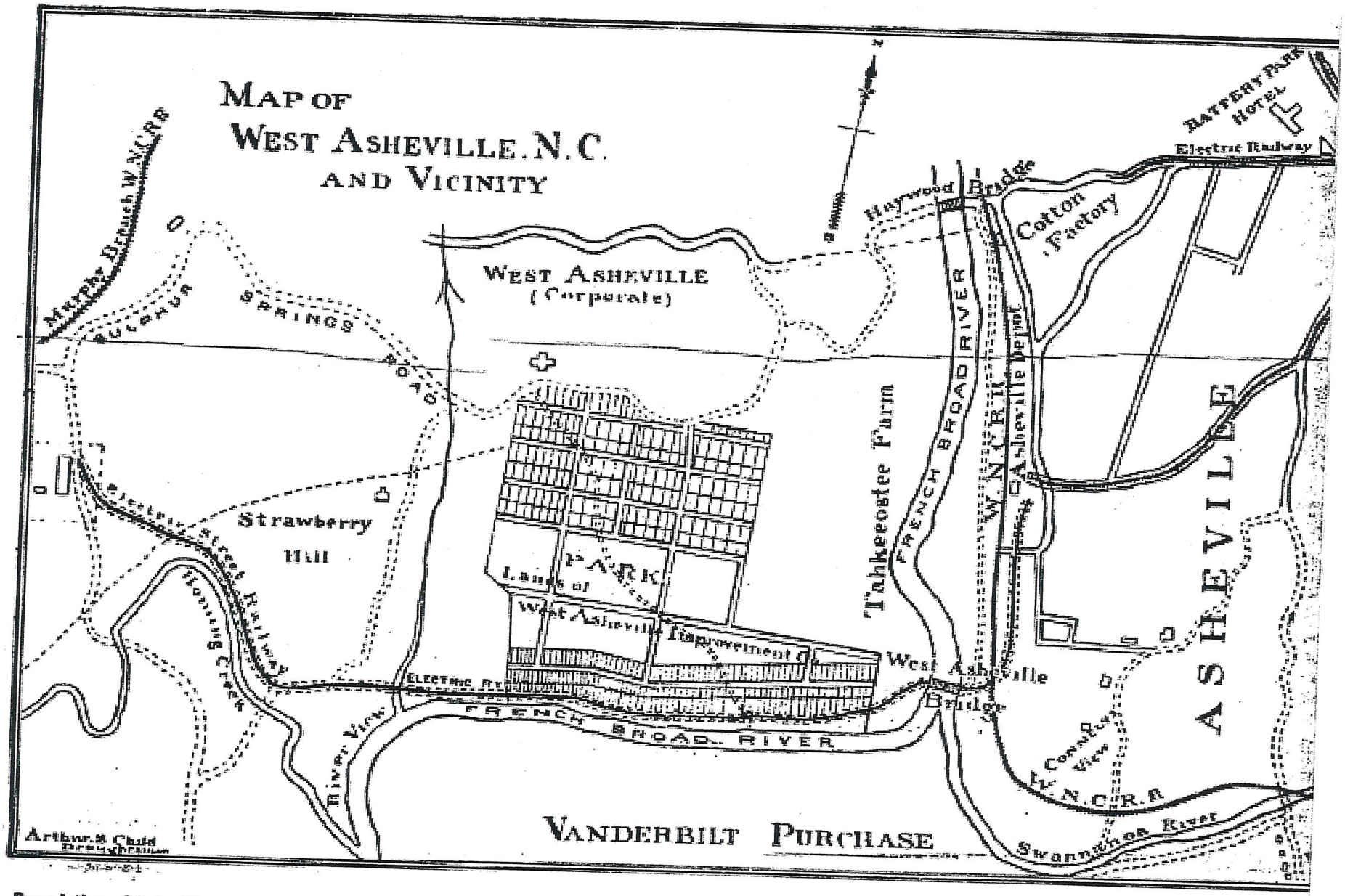

Description of Asheville and West Asheville, which was a separate town, in County Homes, a magazine published in Asheville by the Tomlinson brothers, in h
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State of North Carolina
Buncombe County

This indenture made on the 21st day of September 1882 between Ephraim Clayton of said county and state of the one Part and T. B. Lyman, W.R. Cox, and R.H. Battle Jr., Trustees of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church of North Carolina of the other Part, witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid and to encourage religion, morality, and education, the said Ephraim Clayton has given, granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, and sell unto the said T. B. Lyman, W.R. Cox, and R. H. Battle Jr., Trustees aforesaid and their successors in office, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the state and county aforesaid on the west side of the French Broad River below Silver Spring and just north of Smith Mill Creek and between the Paint Rock and Duck Town branch of the Western North Carolina RR –

Beginning at a stake on the Leicester Road where the Paint Creek branch of the WNCRR crosses said road and runs West 22 poles to a stake, then north 34 degrees East 90 to a -? Pine – thence N 82 degrees East -?- poles to an oak stump, thence South 27 degrees E 10 poles and 10 -?- along said Paint Rock Branch to the beginning corner containing one acre more or less –

To have and to hold together with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the said T.B. Lyman, W.R. Cox, and R.H. Battle Jr., Trustees of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church of North Carolina as aforesaid and their successors in office in fee simple, absolutely and forever free and discharged of and all encumbrances whatever, in trust for the use and benefit of the said diocese of the Episcopal Church of NC, provided only that the said Ephraim Clayton, his heirs and assigns, shall have the free use of the road to the Chapel located on said piece of land hereby conveyed, and right of way across the same by said road as long as said road shall be a private way.

In testimony whereof the said Party of the first part now consents to set his hand and seal this day,

THIS INDENTURE, MADE THIS THE 28TH DAY OF February A.D. 1907 by and between **Albert L. Cox and Francis A. Cox** of the County of Edgecombe and state of North Carolina Parties of the first part, and **Mrs. Rose A. Logan,** wife of W.E. Logan of the County of Buncombe and state of North Carolina, Party of the second part witnesseth:

That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand Three hundred and twelve and 25/100's Dollars
to them in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have given, granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, convey, and confirm unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns forever . . . . . .
a certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina in West Asheville adjoining the lands of T.B. Lyman Brown and Logan Mrs. Sarah A. Deaver and others and bounded and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on a stake 84.5 ft. N. 86 degrees 15' from the old Black Oak now from the NE corner of the Lyman's Tract and the SE corner of the J L Henry "Silver Springs" tract
From Brown and Logan---thence with this linen 86 degrees15' 1287 ft crossing a branch to the eastern margin of the Haywood Road; -----with said margin of said Road S 27 degrees 30"W
2815 ft to a stake N 18 degrees 30' & 15 ft from the NW corner of Mrs. S.D. Peterson's ? store house, thence with her line and Mrs. Sarah Deaver's line S 60 degrees 30'& recrossing the branch 182 ft to a small double poplar, the northern one forked, thence with Mrs. Sarah Deaver's line N 74 degrees & 330 ft to a stake on top of the ridge, thence with her line and line of Mrs. Rose A. Logan S 33 degrees 30' & 6006 ft to a stake, thence with the Deaver line N 47 degrees & 403 ft to a Spanish Oak stump and stake, thence with the Deaver line S 29 degrees & 198 ft to a stake T.B. Lyman's corner thence with his line N 52 degrees & 214.5 ft to stake 10 feet North of a branch, thence N 20 degrees & 174.2 feet recrossing the branch to the beginning containing 12.322 acres **exclusive of the Road to Tahkeeostee Farm** and valued at one hundred and eighty seven dollars and fifty cents per acre making the consideration Two thousand and three hundred and twelve dollars and twenty-five cents.
This tract of land is a portion or part of the land property allotted to the said Albert L. Cox and Francis A. Cox by special proceedings recorded in minute book of special proceedings No. 5 at page 351 etsey. of the Superior Court in the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina.

Orville Duncan MacAlpine, pediatrician (1949)

"Mac" MacAlpine was born and raised on a Michigan farm. His premedical education was at Columbia Junior College, Tacoma Park, Maryland. He obtained his medical degree in 1940 from the College of Medical Evangelists, now Loma Linda Medical School, in California.

After a year of internship in Michigan at Saginaw Hospital, MacAlpine entered the military. He served as an assistant regimental surgeon with the 70th Infantry Division with thirteen months in the European Theater. He was on duty at the 1st General Hospital in Paris on June 6, 1945—VE Day—and August 14, 1945—VJ Day. While in Germany, he visited Hitler's Berlin bunker and bombed-out headquarters. MacAlpine appropriated a sliver of wood from the remains of *Der Führer*'s desk—now a family treasure. He later attended the trials of the Nazi war leaders in Nuremberg.

When discharged in 1946, MacAlpine resumed his training with a year in infectious diseases at Herman Kiefer Hospital in Detroit and two years in pediatrics at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

Like classmate Don Vollmer, Mac MacAlpine heard of the beauty of Asheville from Jack Powell. While seeking a place to practice, MacAlpine visited and met Louis Waller, another Loma Linda Medical School graduate. Both MacAlpine and Vollmer arrived here to begin practice on January 1, 1949.

MacAlpine opened an office in the City Building but soon moved to West Asheville, where most of the Seventh-day Adventist physicians were located.

An exceptionally competent and devoted practitioner, MacAlpine earned the loyalty and affection of a large number of Asheville and West Asheville families.

MacAlpine retired in 1982 at age 70. He died after a short illness at age 90.

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■ GUEST COMMENTARY

MacAlpine: One physician's remarkable contribution

LARRY ROSENBERG

By Larry Rosenberg

On Sunday, Nov. 11 2001, a memorial service was held at Foster Seventh Day Adventist Church for Dr. Orville MacAlpine, M.D. who had passed at the age of 89 on Nov. 3 2001, after serving the medical community for over 40 years in Asheville.

Dr. MacAlpine arrived in Asheville in 1949 after completing his pediatric training at Loma Linda City in 1948. Dr. MacAlpine had assumed the practice of Dr. John Ward, one of the earlier pediatricians in Asheville, and practiced out of the old Memorial Mission Hospital which is now the Parkway Office building, up until the new hospital was built, which we know today as Mission St. Joseph.

Dr. MacAlpine, like many of the physicians of his day, initially practiced out of what was known as the City/County building up at the courthouse, though he moved his practice to Haywood Road in the mid 1950s. Dr. MacAlpine made many house calls in his day as well as relying on mothers to be able to express what they thought was the matter with their child. Dr. MacAlpine was like many of the doctor's of his generation. He grew up in rural Michigan, taught school initially in a one room schoolhouse in Michigan, then decided he did not want to remain a teacher.

He had an opportunity on scholarship to go to college at Columbia College in Tocoma Park, Md., and complete his pre-medical studies. He was married to Mrs. Leone Duffy-MacAlpine and they moved from Maryland to Loma Linda, Calif., where he studied medicine and graduated in 1940.

Dr. MacAlpine practiced for one year after completing his internship though like many of the physicians of his day he was called to service during the World War II and was an attending general medical officer during the Battle of the Bulge.

Dr. MacAlpine made many house calls, just as many other pediatricians in Asheville such as Drs. MacGuffin, Mary Helen McConnell and Larry Metcalf.

In those days the pediatricians made their own house calls unless they were out of town. Dr. MacAlpine on many occasions said that you can tell a lot about a child by making house calls as to what is going on in the house with them. He also made the commment that mothers know what is causing a child to be sick if you listen to the mother. Dr. MacAlpine was well aware of the social influences on children as well as what the expectations of parents are for their children.

He was an advocate of children not being around second hand smoke and was an advocate against smoking in the home. He was concerned about the advent of allergies that children so often have in closed quarters around parents who smoke and the many allergens that are in the home environment.

In his gentle way he knew how to soothe children as well as comfort a distraught mother and be a good listener to an impatient father.

Dr. MacAlpine leaves us with fond memories of a devoted physician, devoted husband to his wife Leone, and father to his sons, James Edward and Robert Thomas MacAlpine, as well as his grandchildren Jill and Trent MacAlpine.

He leaves us, his patients, with fond memories of a gentle man who was devoted to the practice of medicine and the care of children.

Larry Rosenberg, M.D. is a physician in family practice. He is an Asheville native and resident.

Four Rotarians are honored

Times Reports

Four members of the Rotary Club of West Asheville have received the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

They are Balfour Brookshire, B. Allan Culberson Jr., Dr. Orville MacAlpine and Walter Tipton.

The awards were presented by District 767 District Gov. S.C. "Mark" Markanda, of Matthews.

The four received the awards at a spring ladies night dinner at Asheville Country Club.

The award is named for Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905 in Chicago. Rotary International provide scholarships for study in foreign countries for U.S. students and brings students from other countries to the U.S. for study.

The four local Rotarians were honored for their work in behalf of Rotary International.

In 1985, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International provided 945 scholarships to students and professionals, so they could pursue their educational goals in countries other than their own.

Last year, Rotary International began a "stop polio by 2005" program as part of the Rotary Foundation. This 20-year project will use $6 million each year for a "polio-plus" program, which will immunize all the children of the world by 2005. A Rotary International immunization task force and area operational committees have been put to work.

The program has innoculated more than 50,000 children in Panama and 12 million in Mexico in January 1986. Another team was back in Mexico in March 1986 to innoculate additional Mexican children. Teams have been sent to other countries around the world with reports coming in to Rotary International in Evanston, Ill.

As the work is completed, Paul Harris Fellow Awards are supported by donations from members of Rotary Clubs, by projects conducted by each club and donations from the Rotarians receiving the award.

Bishop Paul Hardin, who serves as counsel for church and public relations at Givens Estates' United Methodist Retirement Community, was speaker at the dinner.

FILE PHOTO

Babe, left, and Jane Maloy talk about the good old days at Babe's drive-in restaurant in this 1997 photo. Babe Maloy died Wednesday.

Restaurateur Babe Maloy dies at 85

By Barbara Blake
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — For 25 years, in the 1950s, '60s and early '70s, the happening places in Asheville were in a triangle on Tunnel Road near the eastern end of the Beaucatcher Tunnel.

Wink's, Buck's and Babe Maloy's, in that order. The coolest drive-ins in town.

Soon after sunset on Friday and Saturday nights, Asheville's young cruisers would migrate en masse to the city's main commercial drag, first hitting Wink's and Buck's on the west side of Tunnel Road, then crossing over to the east side to visit Babe's, legendary for its chipped ham sandwiches, Fat Boy burgers and fried chicken served with rolls and a sweet jug of honey.

As the kids in their Chevys, Fords and GTOs made their sojourn up and down this neon mecca, through the tunnel and back again, Babe Maloy would be inside his restaurant, smiling benevolently at his youthful customers as they revved their motors, wolfed down onion rings and paid court to their dates.

Babe Maloy loved those kids. He loved their mischievous innocence, their passion for cruising and life in general. And he loved having a hand in making memories during a time when breaking the speed limit or sneaking a bottle of beer was a horrific infraction, and Coke was a drink, not a drug.

Babe Maloy died unexpectedly of heart failure Wednesday morning at the age of 85, at home with his wife, Jane, and son, Dennis, near the strip of Tunnel Road where his legendary drive-in was the scene of so many memories in the making.

Please see BABE on B2

BABE: Businessman played role in Tunnel Road growth

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Although his own short-term memory had suffered in recent years, his son said, Maloy never forgot the years when Babe's was one of the crown jewels of Tunnel Road.

"The drive-in was his baby," Dennis Maloy said Wednesday evening. "He just loved all the kids who came ... all the customers were like family to him, and he was so appreciative of the community for all the support they gave him. It was a magical time."

"I never met him, but he sure left me with some good memories," said Donna Oakes, who spent some of her dating years at Babe's with her future husband, whom she married in 1970. "Everybody would be out on Saturday night, and you'd just drive around and see which of your friends were there, and we'd eat onion rings and Fat Boys. Those were good times."

The owners of the three drive-ins in the triangle were close — "Buck" Buchanan, the Winkenwerder family, which owned Wink's, and Maloy, whose actual name was George C. Maloy, but nobody ever knew it.

"Back in those days, businessmen weren't jealous of each other, trying to run each other out of business — they wanted to help each other," Dennis Maloy said. "And they (Buchanan and the Winkenwerders) were a lot of support to him, a lot of help."

After opening the original Babe's on Tunnel Road 50 years ago next month, Maloy went on to become a successful restaurateur, opening Babe's stores in Knoxville and Charlotte and other restaurants in Wilmington, Del., and Savannah and Augusta, Ga.

But the Babe's on Tunnel Road was the special one, his son said.

"Dad always used to say if he had a nickel for every pound of rubber in the parking lot from kids scratching off, he'd be a millionaire," Dennis Maloy said, smiling through his tears. "He loved all those kids, and the families that would come all the way from Tennessee to eat chicken in the rough and rolls and honey."

Babe Maloy's ashes will be scattered along Tunnel Road where so many memories were made.

"Dad couldn't remember a lot in the last year, and he would get frustrated that he couldn't remember words," his son said. "But he always remembered those days ... he always remembered Tunnel Road. That was his spot. That was his baby."

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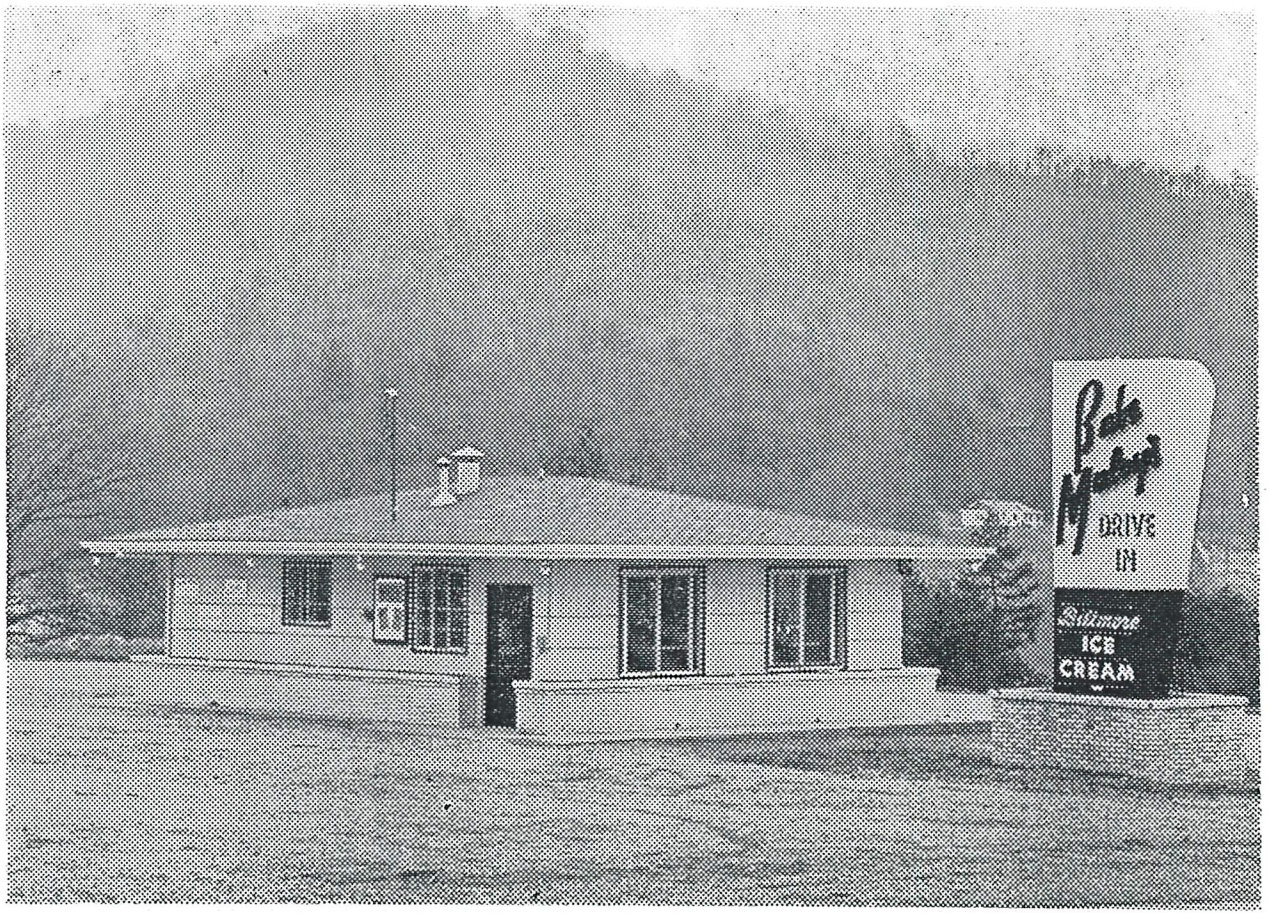

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BROTHERS MEET IN GERMANY—Pvt. Conrad Maney, left, Warrant Officer Howard Maney, center, and Pfc. Donald Maney, right, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hughie L. Maney of 108 Pennsylvania avenue, met recently while serving in Germany. Warrant Officer Maney entered service with the National Guard in 1940, and is serving with a field artillery unit of the 30th division. Pfc. Maney entered service in February, 1943, and is serving with an air forces radar unit. Pvt. Maney, who entered service in June, 1943, is serving with a field artillery unit. Two other brothers are in service: T. Sgt. Gilbert Maney, a war prisoner of the Germans, and Sgt. Forrest Maney, with a military police unit at Fort Jackson, S. C. Warrant Officer Maney's wife resides at 41 Central street, and Pfc. Maney's wife resides in West Asheville. The others are single..

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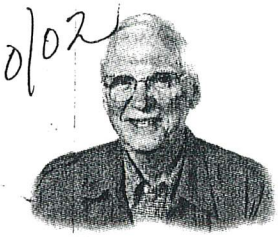

BOB TERRELL
columnist

Brothers enjoy reunion near end of war

Maney Bros.

"My God, what are you doing over here?" Howard Maney asked his kid brother, Conrad. This was in March of 1945 and Conrad had just walked into an old house near Magdeburg, Germany, where Howard was quartered by the Army. Magdeburg was under heavy fire from the U.S. Army, which was trying to seize it.

Five of the Maney brothers of Asheville were in service — Howard, a warrant officer in the Army's 30th Division Field Artillery; Gilbert, a staff sergeant aerial gunner in the Army Air Forces; Forrest, a sergeant in an Army MP battalion; Donald, a private first class radar operator in the 82nd Airborne; and Conrad, a private in the 70th Field Artillery. Another brother, Carleton, was too young to go to war.

Conrad's unit had just crossed the Rhine as the Battle of the Bulge was winding down and was swinging around to the Ruhr Pocket where 150,000 German soldiers were cut off. (All later surrendered.) The Army had pulled Conrad's batallion off the line and moved it to the rear near Magdeburg. Near Conrad's unit, a building was being used for supply, and one day he saw a truck parked there with markings of the 113th field artillery. The driver told him the 113th was about five miles down the road. The driver knew Conrad's brother Howard and said he was at the base.

Conrad asked for permission to go and see his brother, and his commanding officer made his command car and driver available, and in that smart fashion, Conrad made his way to Howard's company, found the house where his brother was quartered and walked in.

After they had talked a minute, Howard said, "Come on, I want to show you something."

They walked down to a German schoolhouse where the 113th had set up a radar operation, and as they approached the school Conrad saw another brother, Donald, later an Asheville police officer, coming down the street. Howard knew Donald was there but surprised Conrad.

What a reunion the brothers had! Conrad, who was 19, had not seen Howard, 24, in three years, nor Donald, 21, in two years. They sat at a fountain in the small square of the town and talked for six hours, the time Conrad had been granted by his commander.

Howard and Donald drove him back to base about twilight with shells exploding in Magdeburg and some coming near the road they were driving.

"I thought," Conrad said, "that if one of those shells hit our jeep that our mother would get three sad letters from the government at the same time."

But they made it back.

Conrad did not see Donald again until the war was over, but he went to a USO show in a small town nearby and found Howard seated near him.

None of the Maney boys were wounded or hurt during the war. On Gilbert's first mission over Germany as a gunner on a B-17, his plane was shot down and crash landed in a bay. Gilbert was unscathed and the crew survived. A French fishing boat picked them up and turned them over to the Germans. Gilbert spent two years in Stalag 13, a German POW camp.

Forrest Maney, whose MP battalion herded German prisoners here in the States, had been a star blocking back on those great 1941 and '42 football teams at Asheville High.

Forrest and Gilbert are now deceased, and the other four brothers are still alive and kicking.

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—USAF Photo

MRS. MARY E. MANEY displays the Air Force Commendation Medal presented her in ceremonies by Col. Gene H. Tibbets, right, commander of Langley AFB, Va. Mrs. Maney accepted the medal posthumously awarded her husband, Major William H. Maney, son of Mrs. R. J. Warner of 33 Herron Ave., for outstanding and meritorious service as wing air installation officer at Bentwaters Royal Air Force Station, England, from Jan. 1, 1956, to Jan. 1, 1958. Also at the ceremonies were Mrs. Maney's children, Margaret E., left, Mary R. and Benjamin H. Maney.

CALVIN MARSHALL
. . . Dies At 68

Former City Vice Mayor Calvin Marshall, 68, Dies

Former Asheville Vice Mayor Calvin William Marshall, a West Asheville businessman who served two terms on City Council from 1971-75, died Tuesday morning at an Asheville hospital. He was 68. A-C

The former councilman had entered St. Joseph's Hospital a little more than a week ago.

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A spokesman for Groce Funeral Home, which is in charge of arrangements, said private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to the Oxford Orphanage at Oxford, to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Greenville, S.C., or to Eliada Home in Asheville.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Marshall owned and operated Marshall's Amoco Station on Haywood Road, located across the street from his home at 586 Haywood Road.

He had operated the station continuously since 1937 except for a two-year period during World War II when he served with the United States Army in Washington, D.C.

It was not unusual to see the vice mayor pumping gas at the station while he served on City Council.

Long active in civic and community affairs, Marshall was interested in the revitalization of downtown Asheville and in improvements to the city's water system.

As his business grew, Marshall also became president of Marshall's Fuel Oil and Service Co., the Amoco distributor for Buncombe and Madison counties.

Educated in Pennsylvania public schools, he also attended Kiskiminitas Springs Prep School and Culver Military Academy. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Asheville Moose Lodge, the American Legion, the Forty and Eight Club and West Asheville Masonic Lodge No. 665. He was a shriner and member of the Scottish and York Rites and the BPOE.

He was also a member of the board of directors of the Appalachian Savings and Loan Association.

Surviving are the wife, Janet Aileen Hoerr Marshall, to whom he was married in 1935; a son, Calvin John Marshall of Asheville; two daughters, Aileen Kay Hoyle of Asheville and Susan A. Nance of Charlotte; a sister, Betty Jane Mize of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

He was the son of the late Calvin Clifford and Vera Ruth Welch Marshall.

Calvin W. Marshall

A friend of Calvin W. Marshall paid him the ultimate tribute Wednesday: "He was a wonderful human being."

Memories and stories supported the tribute. It was recalled that during a recent winter, Marshall saw ducks frozen in a pond he had had constructured near Amboy Road. "Marshall could have bought every duck in Buncombe County," the friend said, "but he went to their rescue."

During his long and successful business and political careers, Marshall went to the rescue of many human beings, too. He helped dozens of people get started in business. And when citizens came to City Council or called him late at night with complaints, Marshall was never too busy or sleepy to hear callers out and seek a remedy. A-C 7/13/78

While Marshall was vice mayor, an elderly woman came before City Council with a grievance. She asked that all the "senior neighbors" stand. Marshall, who was sitting with council, stood up, too. The vignette demonstrated that he considered himself one of the people, and that is a sterling quality in a public man.

Marshall, who died Tuesday, will be remembered also for keeping faith in himself and in his community. Through lean years and good years, he remained confident.

This man who built businesses, helped govern a city, provided counsel to so many, and who rescued ducks will not be forgotten.

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A-B Queen

Lynda Reighard, right, was crowned Asheville-Biltmore College Homecoming Queen by Sandy Mastin, the 1966 Queen, at ceremonies Friday night at the A-B Homecoming basketball game with Maryville College. Miss Reighard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Evans Reighard of 17 Hibriten Dr., is a senior majoring in psychology.

Sandy Mastin - Ormond Ave.

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Miss Matney Is Leader In Vance School Activities

Teacher Of 6B Grade Closely Identified With Community Life.

MISS GRACE DEW MATNEY

Miss Grace Dew Matney, teacher of 6B grade at Vance school in West Asheville, is a native of western North Carolina, being born in Watauga county.

She is the daughter of the Rev. W. C. Matney, now of Canton, Methodist minister, and with her family lived in many different places so her education was gained in number of schools. She graduated from the high school of Athens, Tenn., and later from the University of Chattanooga, at Chattanooga, Tenn. She also attended the East Tennessee Teachers' college at Johnson City, Tenn., and the Asheville Normal school.

Her first experience in teaching was at Canton. Later she taught in the schools of Winston-Salem. Being offered a teaching position in Oklahoma and anxious to broaden her experience, Miss Matney taught for a year in Oklahoma.

She came to Asheville to teach eight years ago. The year she was a teacher in the Asheville schools she taught the 6th grade of the Murray school. The next year she was transferred to the Aycock school where she taught the 6th grade again.

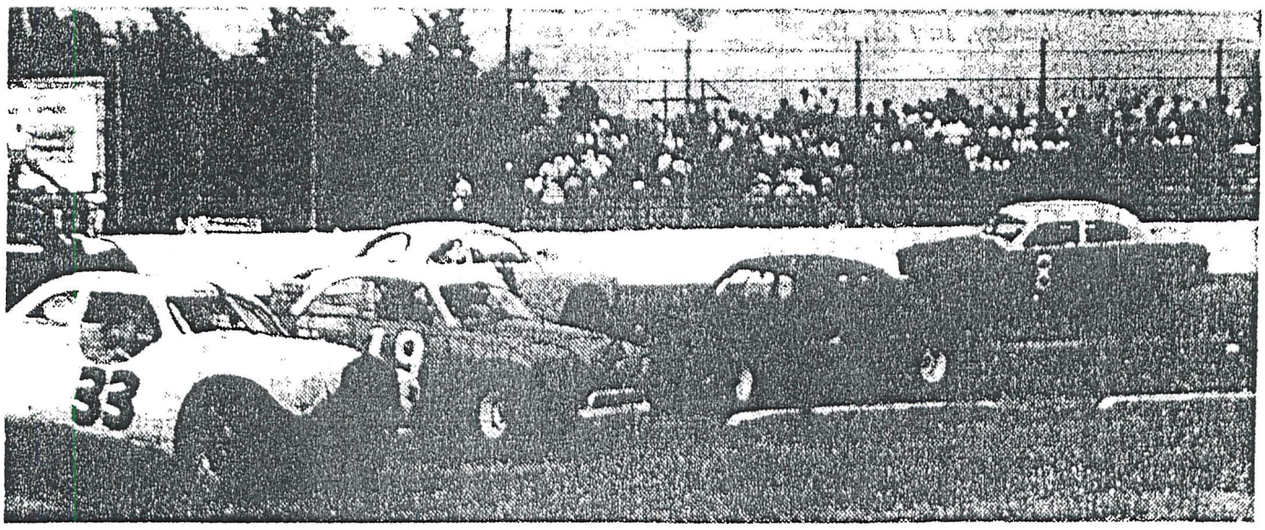
Since the Vance school has been built Miss Matney has taught the 6th grade there. During the six years she has taught at Vance school Miss Matney has become closely identified with the school and community life. When a program is to be given, or a club organized, Miss Matney is the teacher at Vance who is called upon to do the work of perfecting the organization. Her help is sought if a band is to be organized, or if an operetta is to be given. During the past six years she has been in charge of dozens of extra curricular activities.

Last year Miss Matney was advisor and director of the Vance student honor society. The club is open only to students making an average of A or more. The honor club has not been organized yet for this season. Miss Matney is director of athletics for girls at the Vance school. She has had charge of the Girl Reserve work at the school for several years.

Miss Matney is much interested in teaching the individual pupil. For the best development of boys and girls opportunity to do the things they like to do and do well should be offered them, she says. Opportunities to excel at music, athletics, acting, or club work should be given students as well as opportunity to excel in the more conventional studies, she believes.

Miss Matney takes an active part in the North Carolina Teachers' association, and in the Parent Teacher organization at Vance school. She makes her home at 83 Westwood place, West Asheville, with her sister Mrs. C. A. Hawkins. She spends her week ends at Canton, with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Matney.

Bruce Emory Research



—J. P. Brady Photo

SLIDING THROUGH TURN—Although these cars appear to be standing still, they're very much in motion, sliding through the fourth turn at the New Asheville Speedway Sunday afternoon to avoid a wreck that developed before them. No. 33 is Tom Mitchell of Brevard, winner of the hobby race. No. 19 is Alvin Brown who was running second at the time. Tommy Brown is in No. 3 and Bruce Austin in No. 8. Seventeen cars jammed into the pileup, some backward (as the one just behind Alvin Brown's car), some broadside, and some head-on, but all drivers controled their machines and only Bud Bishop's was damaged. It was the one that started the commotion by bouncing off the concrete wall.

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Plemmons Is Winner!

Dickie, Banjo Outrun Earnhardt In Race At New Asheville Track

By BOB TERRELL
Citizen Sports Editor

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It finally happened!

Gritting their teeth, stomping their gas pedals and shooting through traffic like cab drivers in New York, Dickie Plemmons and Banjo Matthews outran Ralph Earnhardt at the New Asheville Speedway before 2,500 spectators Sunday afternoon.

Dickie won the race—his first victory here since opening night of this season—and he was the happiest man in town for doing so. Banjo roared home in second place, several feet ahead of Earnhardt, who had started the race in quest of his 10th straight win on the 1.3-mile speedway.

"They just outran me—flat out," said Earnhardt after the race. "I was getting everything my car had to offer, but I couldn't do it."

The day's biggest surprise came when Asheville's Bob Pressley, who has been running faster and faster each week, put his late-model sportsman Ford on the pole, qualifying faster than Dickie, Banjo, Earnhardt and the rest.

For 12 laps Pressley led the field, but on the 13th, Dickie trapped him in traffic and roared into the lead. Banjo and Earnhardt also streamed by Pressley right on Dickie's tail, and that's the way they ran the rest of the race—one, two, three, four—although Banjo did some smooth jockeying trying to get by Plemmons. Dickie, however, stayed on it all the way and rolled home in front.

"I was running this race for Mr. Moore," said Banjo, referring to Howard Moore, who is still recovering in an Asheville hospital from a broken arm and leg he received when hit by a car in the pits last Sunday. Moore owns the car Banjo drove, the one usually driven by Harold Moore, son of the injured man.

And Banjo really ran. Plemmons, Banjo and Earnhardt were coming off the fourth turn like three rocks from a slingshot and turning the track at terrific speed.

At the start of the race Pressley took the lead, Earnhardt was second, Plemmons fell in third and Banjo fourth. On the second lap, however, Dickie and Banjo roared around Earnhardt and from there on it was a bumper to bumper battle among the leaders.

At the end of the race the first four sportsman cars and first three hobby cars were checked by NASCAR Steward Roby Combs for legality and all engines met with track specifications.

The hobby race produced a thriller. Tom Mitchell of Brevard won the race after a close duel with Alvin Brown of Asheville.

On the 16th lap of the race, the hobby drivers proved their skill in handling their machines. Bud Bishop of Brevard and Wade Hensley of Asheville bumped in the fourth turn and next thing they knew Bishop banged into the concrete wall and rebounded broadside onto the track.

There were 17 cars running in the race at the time and every last one of them came piling in. No one got through. But Bishop's was the only car damaged as the other drivers dodged and ducked and brought their racers to a standstill without major mishap.

After that wreck, Alvin Brown, running second, made several attempts to regain the lead, but he spun out of contention in the first turn as a result and settled for a fourth place finish.

Harry Coates of Enka ran second to Mitchell and Hensley came in third.

SPORTSMAN FEATURE

Pos.	Driver, Hometown	Car No.
1	Dickie Plemmons, Asheville	18
2	Banjo Matthews, Asheville	38
3	Ralph Earnhardt, Kannapolis	V8
4	Bob Pressley, Asheville	54
5	Ned Seitzer, Claremont	7
6	Roy Trantham, Asheville	6
7	Pee Wee Griffin, Asheville	32
8	Jack Ingram, Asheville	11
9	Jack Brittain, Icard	42
10	Jack Sprinkle, Asheville	92
11	Clarence Ogle, Swannanoa	48
12	Charles Ollis, Arden	00
13	John Allison, Black Mountain	45
14	Maurice Robinson, Weaverville	5
15	Charles Lowe, Waynesville	91
16	Gene Black, Arden	82
17	Jack Rogers, Greenville, S. C.	73
18	Carl Maynor, Asheville	U

HOBBY FEATURE

1	Tommy Mitchell, Brevard	33
2	Harry Coates, Enka	18
3	Wade Hensley, Asheville	11
4	Alvin Brown, Asheville	19
5	Tommy Brown, Black Mountain	3
6	George Miller, Asheville	10
7	Charlie Morgan, Enka	1
8	Reeves Reeves, Waynesville	14
9	Fred Parker, Brevard	88
10	Max Ledbetter, Franklin	21
11	Bruce Austin, Asheville	8
12	Bill Davis, Asheville	00
13	James Rice, Barnardsville	44
14	Gerald Slepp, Asheville	20
15	Bud Bishop, Brevard	53
16	Allen Silver, Marshall	47
17	Bud Harrison, Asheville	28
18	Sherman Collins, Marshall	7

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RETIRING TEACHER, Mrs. Ada Mauney, was honored by friends and co-workers. Robert K. Phillips, principal of Hall Fletcher Junior High School, left, and Supt. of Asheville Schools W. P. Griffin, look at a certificate noting Mrs. Mauney's 35 years of service to this system. She taught one year at Newton Elementary before joining the staff of Hall Fletcher in 1937, where she has taught since. She also taught a number of years in the summer Demonstration School of what was the Asheville Teachers College, where she received her B.S. degree in education. (Staff Photo)

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THE ASHEVILLE TIMES MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1942

Defense Stamps That Perform Double Duty

Members of the West Asheville Methodist church are being patriotic and at the same time trying to pay off their $50,000 debt. Throughou the Sunday school, children and adults are contributing defense stamps, to be converted into defense bonds and used towards payment of the church debt. The above picture shows a group representing classes of the junior department, which yesterday presented at morning service the first completed $5 book of 10-cent stamps. This is one of the methods devised by the 9,000 club which was organized by Dr. J. B. Anderson to raise $9,000 a year until the debt is retired. Shown here, in a scene depicting the completion of the first book of stamps, are the following Seated, Troy Collins, Rae Smith, Martha Jean Moore, Mrs. Henry C. Sprinkle, wife of the pastor; standing: Glenn May, Maxine Clontz, Norman Ingle, Dr. Sprinkle, the pastor; Barbara Patterson, Laura Heise and Bo Dawson.

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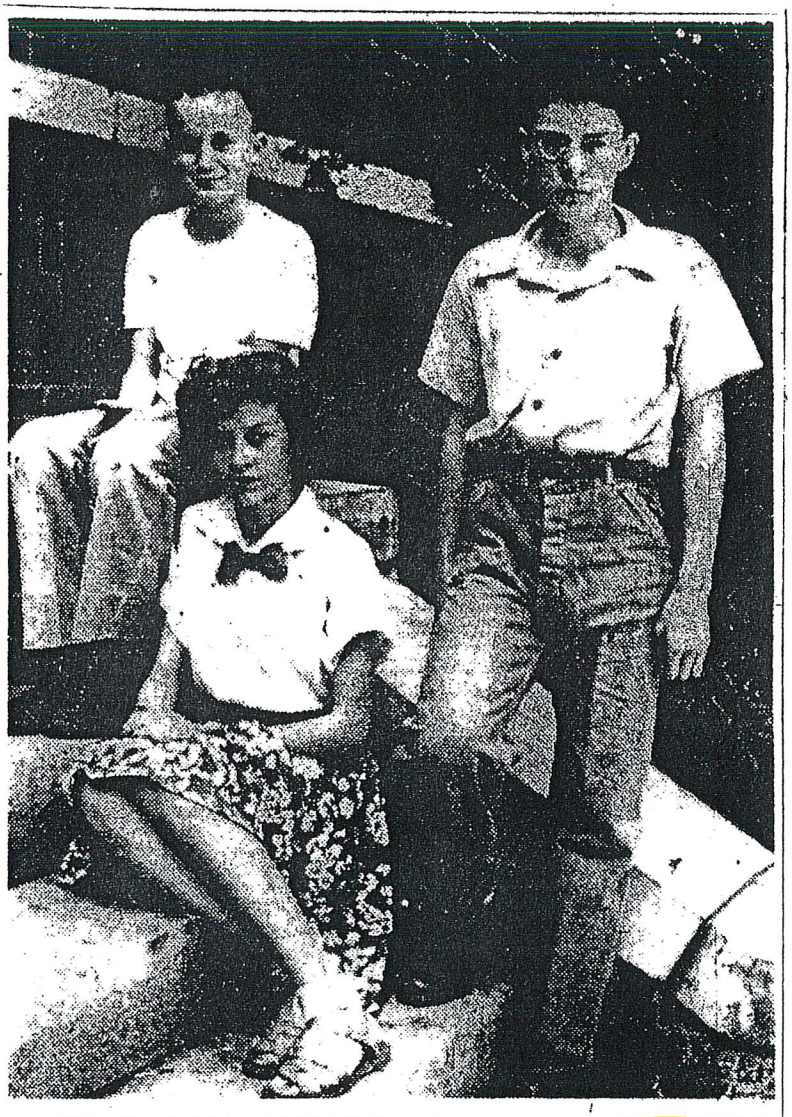

HEAD HALL FLETCHER STUDENTS—Glenn May, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. May of 179 Brucemont circle, was named president of the student body at Hall Fletcher junior high school this morning. Sammy Fain, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fain of 72 Brownwood avenue, was elected vice-president, and Nell Bannister, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bannister of 256 Brevard road, was elected secretary.

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Community Life Centers About Organized Groups

West Asheville Folks Combine Efforts In Unity Plan

By GLENN W. NAVES

The people of West Asheville believe in organization.

And, incidentally, they believe in co-operation, and that a combination of these two elements is essential to community growth and progress.

Consequently, they have embodied the two in a number of well organized community groups, each of which is varied in policy and purpose so as to conform with the needs of everybody from the business man down to the boys and girls who are going to school and training themselves to be future citizens.

Beginning several years ago, public spirited citizens of the community grouped themselves in the belief that business, religion, social work, education and community government can best be conducted when each is thoroughly organized. And these organizations have grown with the progressive expansion of that section until each is a valuable asset, something which just as essential in a sense as the streets, schools and churches are because many of these benefits have been obtained through the efforts of one or more of the organizations.

Club Is Oldest

The largest and oldest of these groups are the West Asheville club, the West Asheville Community club and the West Asheville Merchants Association.

The former was organized in November, 1925 with S. D. Hall as president. Other presidents have been: Don C. Young, 1926, Hugh Sowers, 1927 and H. B. Posey, whose term will expire in November of this year. Both Mr. Posey and Mr. Sowers are bankers, the former being cashier of the Bank of West Asheville and the latter connected with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Young is representative No. 1 from Buncombe county in the General Assembly. G. G. Morgan was elected the first secretary and after his resignation was succeeded by Bert Starnes, who has served in that capacity since.

The club's membership of around 75, includes business and professional men of every calling—lawyers, bankers, ministers, physicians, merchants, public officials, and even one fire chief, a mayor and a few "politicians." The fire chief is A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, the mayor, Gallatin Roberts and the "politicians" include Mr. Young, who is also among Asheville's best known attorneys.

The club has since its organization shown a deep interest in the upbuilding and progress of the community, and at present has on schedule a number of plans in that direction.

Community Club

Shortly after the West Asheville club was formed the ladies of the community decided that they should also have a similar organization so the West Asheville Community club was formed.

The club has its musical and literary de[illegible] which have separate meetings and give programs in which the members participate. One of the most popular of these features is the monthly musical program, usually held at the home of a member. Local talent is used and a visiting artist entertains with vocal or instrumental numbers, or perhaps lectures on some interesting phase of music study. Each month the program is planned under the supervision of a selected member and is arranged so as to provide variety and an opportunity for each member to exercise their talent.

In many other ways the club takes an active part in the social, and church and educational life of the community, and has a large and active membership, many of whom are charter members.

Merchants Group

The West Asheville Merchants Association was organized in January, 1926 with a charter membership of 13 business men. The organization has since grown to 60 members, including practically every business concern in the community.

In accordance with tentative plans this organization has continued to function as a mutual benefit group for business men and citizens, and has accomplished much in the expansion of the business interests of West Asheville.

J. R. Mills, who died about two years ago, was the first president. Other officers elected, at the initial meeting who are still serving are O. J. Judd, vice president and V. F. Brown, secretary. John May succeeded Mr. Mills as president.

Other Organizations

Other groups pprovide the essential organization element for the people, of the comunity.

Young people's organizations include two troops of the Boy Scouts of America; the Junior Music club; the Business Girls' Circle; the Young Men of the Presbyterian church, and others.

One of the Scout troops has been organized at the Methodist church and is sponsored by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, and others, Troop 5 of the Presbyterian church is under the leadership of Jimmy Haley, patrol leader and F. Bonnotte, Scoutmaster.

The Junior Music club was organized by Mrs. A. X. Blanchard and has since grown from eight to eighty members. The group was formed so as to give the children of the community with musical talent an opportunity to benefit from study and contact with each other, and to maintain their interest in music. The club is known as one of the most active in West Asheville.

Other organizations are the Calvary Baptist church orchestra and male [illegible] the Junior choir of the Methodist church; Business Girls' Circle, Woman's Auxiliary, Men of the Church and Young Men of the Church, of the Presbyterian church, the Woman's Missionary groups of the community churches, the B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor organizations, the Mitchell Avenue Home club, the Friendship club, the Parent Teacher Association of Hall Fletcher, Aycock, Eugene Rankin, and Vance schools, the Sunday school groups and others.

Fraternal organizations include the West Asheville chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Locke Craig Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Red Men, Moose, Odd Fellows and the A. F. and A. M. Masonic

Antis Announce Candidates For 7 Council Posts

Angel, Sullivan, Cathey, May, Wright, Morgan, Brown On Ticket

HEADQUARTERS TO BE OPENED TODAY

Plan To Wage Vigorous Fight Against Present Council Members

Names of seven candidates who will seek nomination to city council posts on the anti-organization ticket in the April 18 Democratic primary, were announced last night by leaders of that political group.

The slate, completed at a meeting of "anti" leaders yesterday afternoon, is composed of:

J. O. Angel, manager of Pearce-Young-Angel company; W. B. Cathey, realtor; Wesley W. Brown, building contractor; Edwin N. Wright, attorney; John B. May, merchant; G. Gordon Morgan, secretary of the French Broad laundry, Inc.; and J. H. Sullivan, Southern Railway engineer.

Charles M. Britt, broker, was named campaign manager, and plans were made to open headquarters in the Jackson building today.

Plan Vigorous Campaign

Spokesmen for the group said the ticket was chosen after long and careful consideration, and indicated a vigorous campaign will be conducted between now and the primary two weeks hence.

They pointed out that the candidates they will support represent a cross-section of business and professional leaders and also come from widely scattered sections of the city. Two are from West Asheville and the other five reside in areas of the city east of the French Broad river.

Announcement of the ticket dispelled earlier predictions by some political observers that the anti-organization group would not enter the race, and assured a heated campaign before the primary on April 18.

The organization ticket, brought out more than two weeks ago, is composed of the present councilmen: J. E. Divelbiss, Jr., Howard Etheridge, Eugene Carland, O. E. Starnes, Carl Bamford, Mayor Holmes Bryson and Vice-Mayor L. Lyons Lee.

Sketches Of Candidates

Brief biographical sketches of the anti-organization candidates follow:

W. B. Cathey was born at Candler and has resided in Asheville for the past 23 years. He is district manager of Cody Realty and Mortgage company and a past president of the Asheville Real Estate board. He is chairman of the board of stewards of the West Asheville Wesleyan Methodist church and chairman of the building committee of the Wesleyan Methodist church for the western district of the North Carolina diocese. He resides at 97 St. Dunstan's road.

Edward N. Wright, of 24 Farrwood road, was born in Asheville and has been practicing law here for more than 20 years. He is a trustee of the First Baptist church and a member of the American Legion. At one time he was chairman of the city school board and is at present a trustee of the Y. W. C. A. He was educated at Wake Forest college and at Harvard university.

Wesley W. Brown, of 26 White Fawn drive, is secretary of the Asheville Lions club and past commander of both the Kiffin Rockwell American Legion post and the local post of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War. He is an Elk and a member of the First Christian church. Mr. Brown has resided in Asheville for the past 16 years.

Angel Is Native Carolinian

James O. Angel, of 121 Edwin place, is a native North Carolinian and for the past ten years has been manager of Pearce-Young-Angel wholesale fruit and produce dealers. He is a Kiwanian, member of the board of stewards of Central Methodist church and past grand counselor of the United Commercial Travelers in North and South Carolina. He also is a 32nd degree Mason.

John B. May, operator of May's market in West Asheville, resides at 179 Brucemont circle. He is a native of Asheville, a member of the West Asheville Methodist church, the West Asheville Masonic lodge, American Legion, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is president of the Mutual Distributing company and also one of its organizers; a director of the Associated Grocers stores and a member of the International Typographical union. Mr. May has resided in West Asheville for the past 15 years.

G. Gordon Morgan, of 26 Richmond avenue, has been a resident of Asheville for the past 23 years. He received his education at Candler high school, Mars Hill college and Emanuel Business college here. Mr. Morgan has been employed by Northup McDuffie hardware company and the Southern Coal company. For the past ten years he has been secretary of the French Broad laundry in West Asheville. He is vice-president of the West Asheville club and a member of Calvary Baptist church.

Veteran Engineer

J. H. Sullivan, of 218 South French Broad avenue, is a veteran Southern railway engineer. He has been in the employ of the company for 50 years and came to Asheville from Rowan county in 1896. He is secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and chairman of the general adjustment committee of that organization. He belongs to the Masonic order and is a Shriner. He also is a member of Haywood Street Methodist church.

This year will mark the first time since 1935 a council ticket has been opposed. In the 1935 election the Independents offered a ticket but were defeated in the primary. In 1937 there was no opposition.

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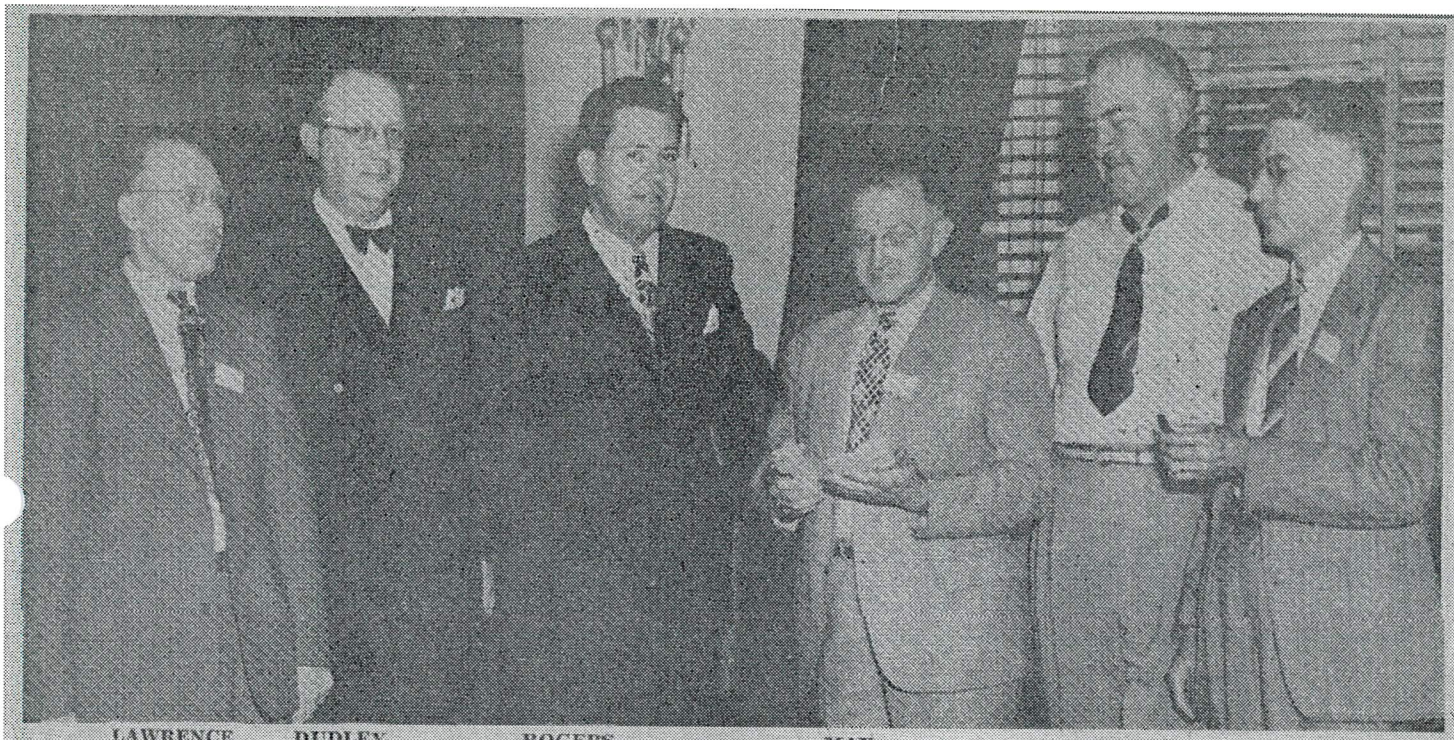

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FISHBURNE HORTON HYLDBURG

MICHAEL MAY THOMAS ATKINS

APPLY FOR CHARTER—Members of the temporary West Asheville youth center committee have applied for a charter as a non-profit corporation to purchase a lot and build a center. The Rev. W. G. Thomas is chairman of the committee. He is shown with Judge Shelby E. Horton, Carl A. Hyldburg, W. E. Michael Jr., John B. May, Harry T. Atkins and Frank B. Fishburne.

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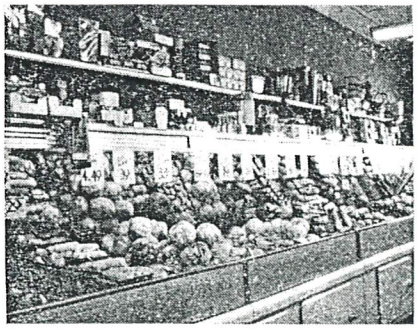

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Frank Leppert attends the NCFDA Management Seminar at Chapel Hill every year, feeling it is very important.

"It brings out the things you ought to do," he explained, "An example in our case is that one seminar emphasized the delegating of authority. We followed this idea and it was a good thing we did because it was important to us when my late brother-in-law, Morris May, who operated one of our other stores. Stoney Knob Super Market, passed away suddenly with a heart attack.

Frank and Nancy Leppert have one daughter, Nancy Ellen, who is the mother of their three grandsons, Frank, aged eight, Bryan, aged five, and Phillip Morris, aged one.

Asked what, in his opinion, is the chief problem facing the food retailer of today, Leppert replied,

"Trying to make a profit. Since the wage and hour law, we have to pay the minimum, whether the employee is worth it or not. The new safety law (OSHA) is quite a problem, too."

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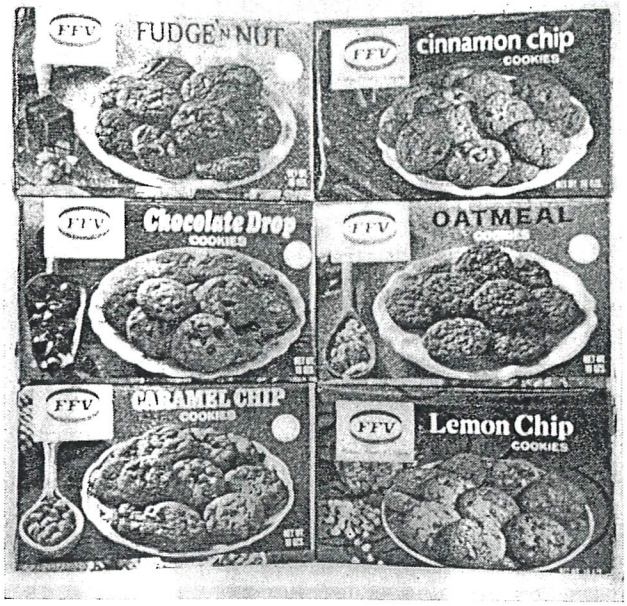

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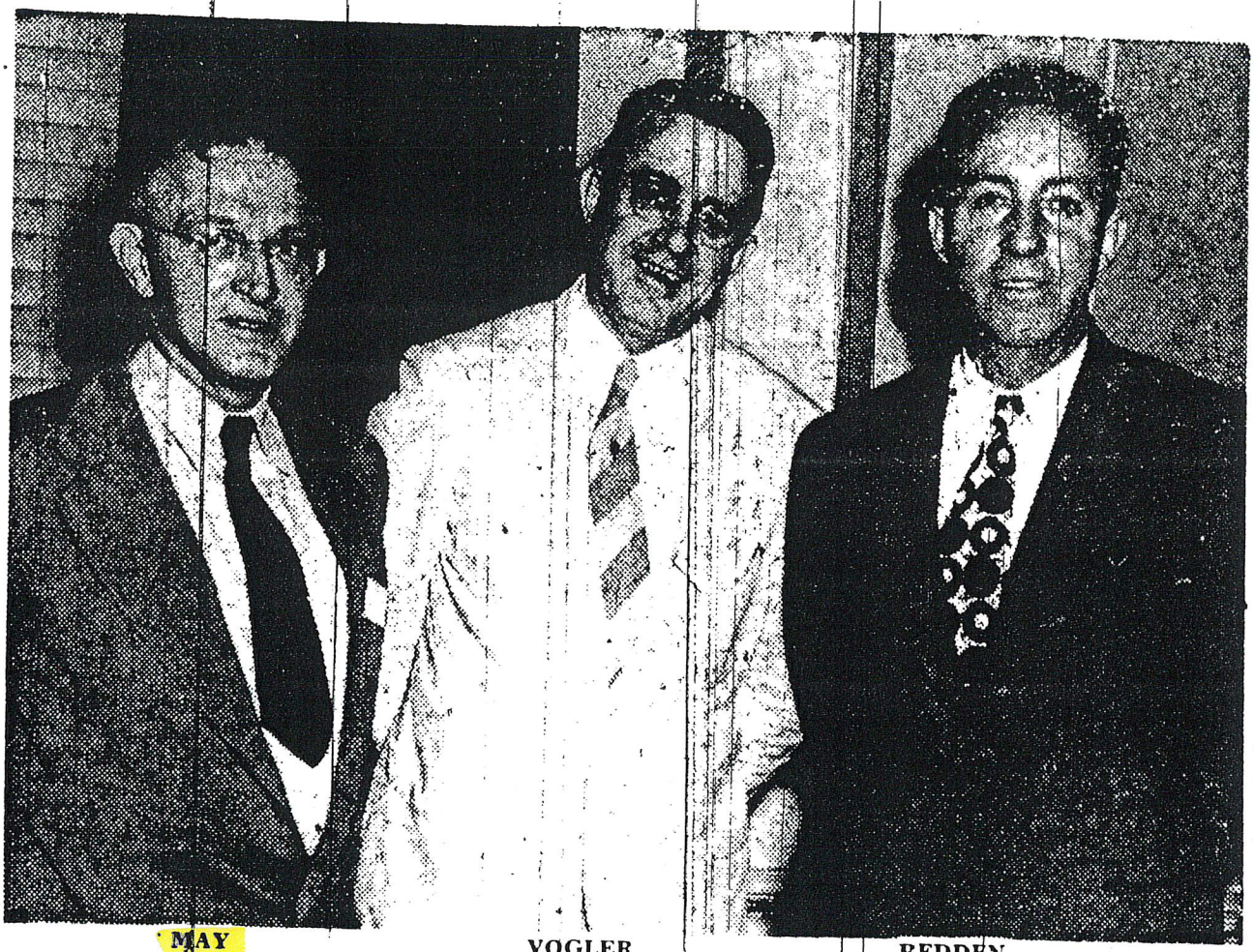

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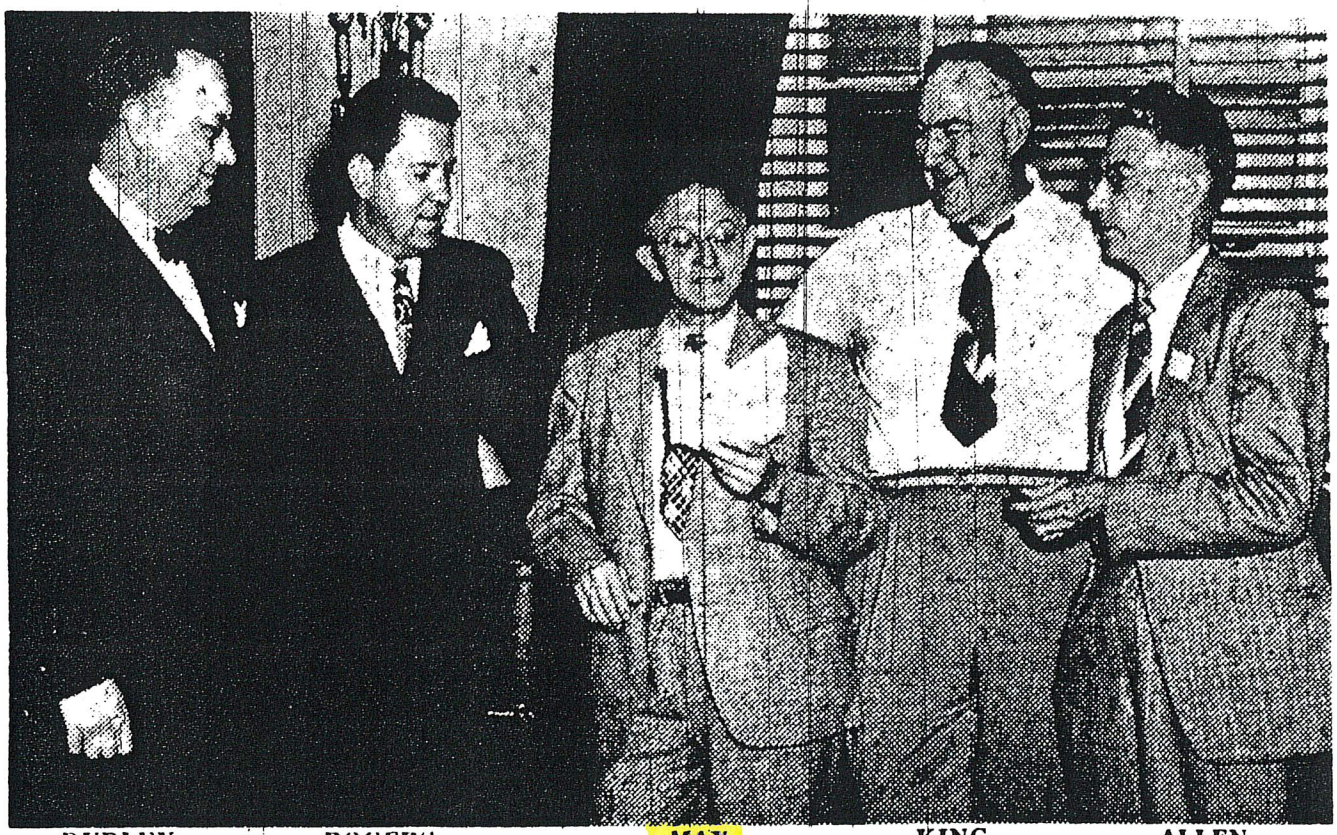

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SHOWN ABOVE is Hugh B. Stapleton, father of first Buncombe County Baby born in 1951, as he appeared on the WISE Baby Program. Participating Merchants shown in the picture are W. E. Michael—Cobbles Department Store, Irving Kassack—Pollock's, Joe Cooper—Field's, Max Crohn—Middlemount Flower Shop, John Ehle—Imperial Life Ins. Co., Richard E. Young—Eckerd's, Charles Dunwody Jr.—Ralph Bell Jewelers, J. Nick Davis—Asheville Laundry, Burke Harlan—Sterchi's, Charles Berryman—Berryman's Ambulance Service. Absent when the photo was made—B. J. Koontz—Biltmore Dairy Farms, and John B. May—May's Market. Seated at the right is Harold Moon, Program Director of WISE.

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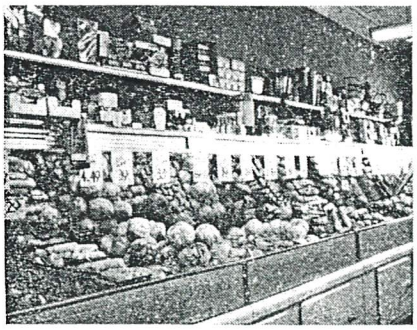

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Frank Leppert is president of the Lions Club of West Asheville, vice president of the Heart Association of Buncombe County, on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Asheville, on the Board for the Civic Arts Council, and the Board of Better Business Bureau of the Greater Asheville Area. As mentioned before, he is currently on the Board of Directors of NCFDA. He has been twice president of the West Asheville Business Association, and is a member of St. George's Episcopal Church.

Frank Leppert attends the NCFDA Management Seminar at Chapel Hill every year, feeling it is very important.

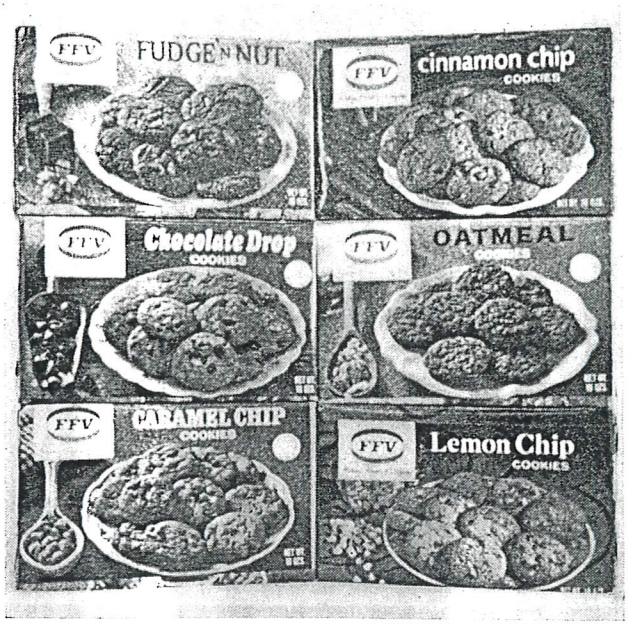
"It brings out the things you ought to do," he explained, "An example in our case is that one seminar emphasized the delegating of authority. We followed this idea and it was a good thing we did because it was important to us when my late brother-in-law, Morris May, who operated one of our other stores. Stoney Knob Super Market, passed away suddenly with a heart attack.

Frank and Nancy Leppert have one daughter, Nancy Ellen, who is the mother of their three grandsons, Frank, aged eight, Bryan, aged five, and Phillip Morris, aged one.

Asked what, in his opinion, is the chief problem facing the food retailer of today, Leppert replied,

"Trying to make a profit. Since the wage and hour law, we have to pay the minimum, whether the employee is worth it or not. The new safety law (OSHA) is quite a problem, too."

THE CAROLINA FOOD DEALER SALUTES THE MAY FAMILY, CONGRATULATES THEM ON THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE MADE TO THE FOOD INDUSTRY AND WISHES MR. AND MRS. FRANK T. LEPPERT, JR. CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.



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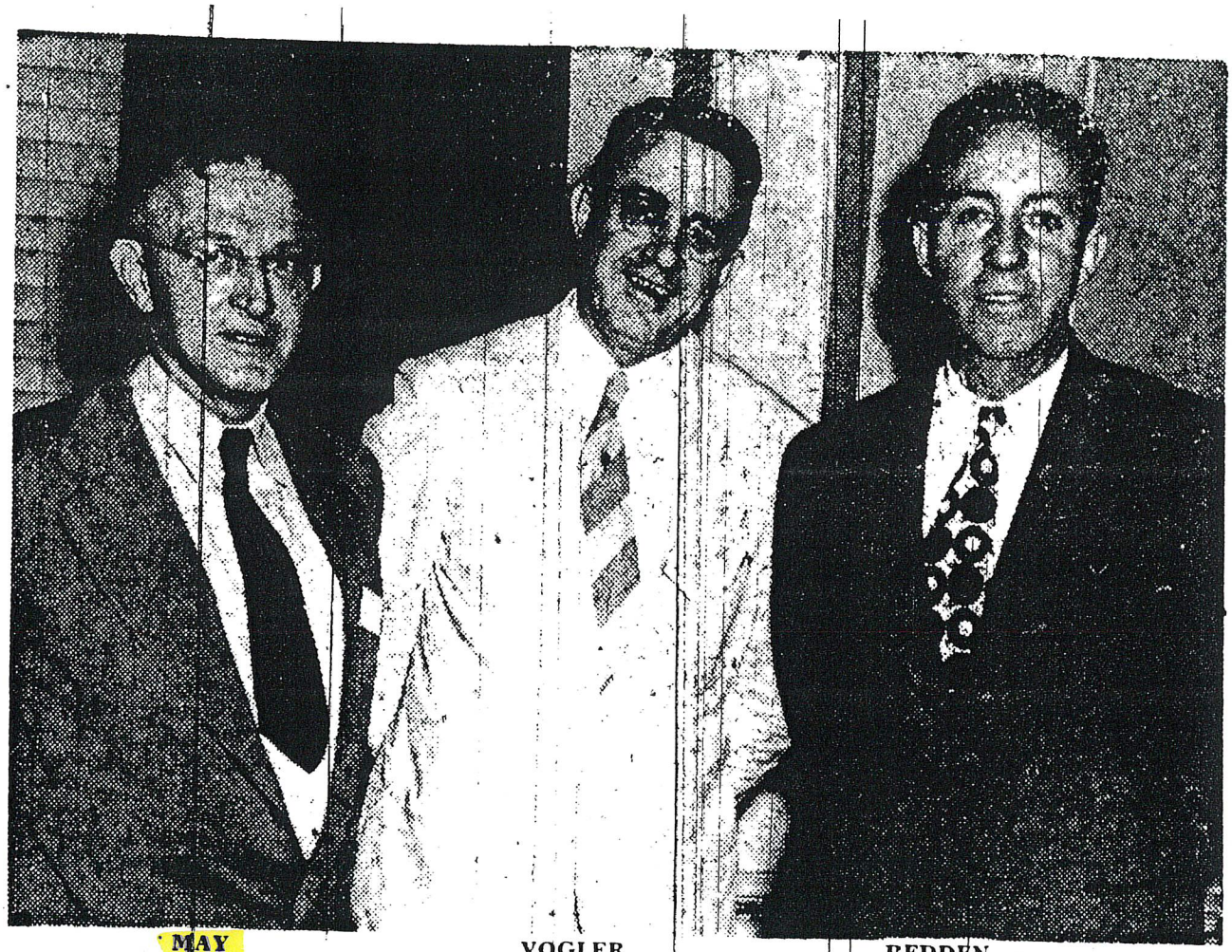

MAY VOGLER REDDEN

LEADERS ON FOOD DEALERS PROGRAM — Monroe M. Redden, 12th district representative, was principal speaker today before the North Carolina Food Dealers' association at George Vanderbilt hotel. With Mr. Redden are James B. Vogler, secretary, who introduced him, and John B. May, retiring president.

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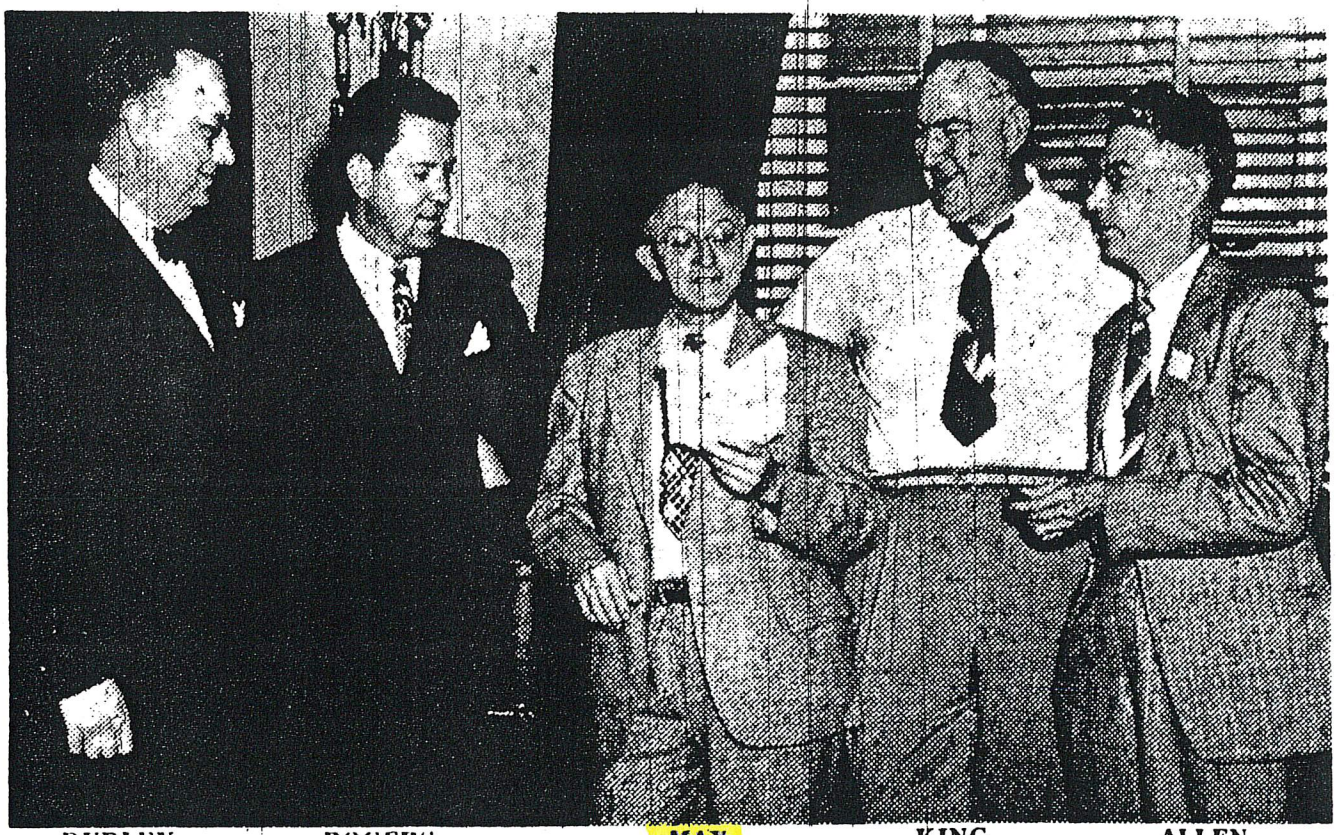

DUDLEY ROGERS MAY KING ALLEN

LEADERS OF FOOD DEALERS' GROUP—This picture was made yesterday at the George Vanderbilt hotel as the North Carolina Food Dealers' association got down to business on the second day of the three-day convention. Leaders shown in the picture, are: Charles Dudley, secretary of the Charlotte Merchants association; Watson Rogers, president of the National Food Brokers association of Washington, D. C.; John B. May of Asheville, president of the NCFDA; Jennings King of Charlotte, Carolinas manager for the California Packing corporation, and J. LeRoy Allen, of Raleigh, association director.

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FATHER OF FIRST 1951 BUNCOMBE COUNTY BABY RECEIVES GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS THROUGH WISE PROGRAM.

SHOWN ABOVE is Hugh B. Stapleton, father of first Buncombe County Baby born in 1951, as he appeared on the WISE Baby Program. Participating Merchants shown in the picture are W. E. Michael—Cobbles Department Store, Irving Kassack—Pollock's, Joe Cooper—Field's, Max Crohn—Middlemount Flower Shop, John Ehle—Imperial Life Ins. Co., Richard E. Young—Eckerd's, Charles Dunwody Jr.—Ralph Bell Jewelers, J. Nick Davis—Asheville Laundry, Burke Harlan—Sterchi's, Charles Berryman—Berryman's Ambulance Service. Absent when the photo was made—H. J. Koontz—Biltmore Dairy Farms, and John B. May—May's Market. Seated at the right is Harold Moon, Program Director of WISE.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1929

LOCAL GIRL IS HIGHLY HONORED

Excellent Record Made At Mars Hill By Madeline May

Miss Madeline May of 197 Brucemont Circle has returned to her home in West Asheville after graduating from Mars Hill College where she made an enviable record in scholastic and literary circles during her school years. Miss May was signally honored by her class mates by being elected, the president of the senior class.

The Asheville girl has captured numerous honors in several intercollegiate debates and maintained an "A" grade in all her studies while at the Baptist institution. She plans to enter Meredith College at Raleigh where she will be an applicant for a B. A. degree. She studied associate arts while at the Madison county school.

In addition to being the president of the 1929 senior class Miss May also earned the following honors:

Intercollegiate debater, 1927, 1928 1929; vice president and secretary of non pareil literary society; secretary, Scribleris Club, 1928-29; secretary of her freshman class; anniversary Marshall, 1929; commencement Marshall, 1927; associate editor college annual, 1928; associate editor college newspaper, 1927; officer in Sunday school association, 1928-29; officer in B. Y. P. U. society, 1927-28-29; officer in Buncombe county club, member Y. W. A. council; and officer in International Relations Club.

Earns Honors

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[2]Louis Burgin McBrayer, physician, medical administrator, and pioneer in the fight against tuberculosis, was born near Wolf Top Mountain in Buncombe County [3], the only child of Adolphus and Lou A. Case McBrayer. He attended Venable School (later Montford School) and Newton Academy, both in Asheville, and Judson College in Hendersonville. In 1889 he received an M.D. degree from Louisville Medical College (now the University of Louisville).

Returning to North Carolina, McBrayer was in general practice in Asheville until 1914. During this period he was elected coroner of Buncombe County for three terms (1901–7) and health officer of Asheville (1910–14). Under his leadership, Asheville set up a model Health Department with a laboratory to curb typhoid. McBrayer was also a surgeon at Asheville's Mission Hospital (1904–14) as well as a surgeon for the Southern Railway [4](1910–14). From 1908 to 1914 he served as president of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

On 2 Apr. 1914 McBrayer moved to Sanatorium (now McCain) to become superintendent of North Carolina's Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis and chief of the Bureau of Tuberculosis of the State Board of Health. He held both positions until 1924, when he moved to Southern Pines. In 1915 he organized the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and was managing director from 1915 to 1937. He was president of the North Carolina State Medical Society [5] in 1915 and of the Southern Conference on Tuberculosis in 1924–25. In 1921 he became secretary of the Medical Society and served until 1937. McBrayer edited the society's annual *Transactions* from 1918 to 1937 as well as the section on North Carolina in *Southern Medicine and Surgery* (1920). He was one of the incorporators of the Hospital Savings Association as a Blue Cross plan in 1935.

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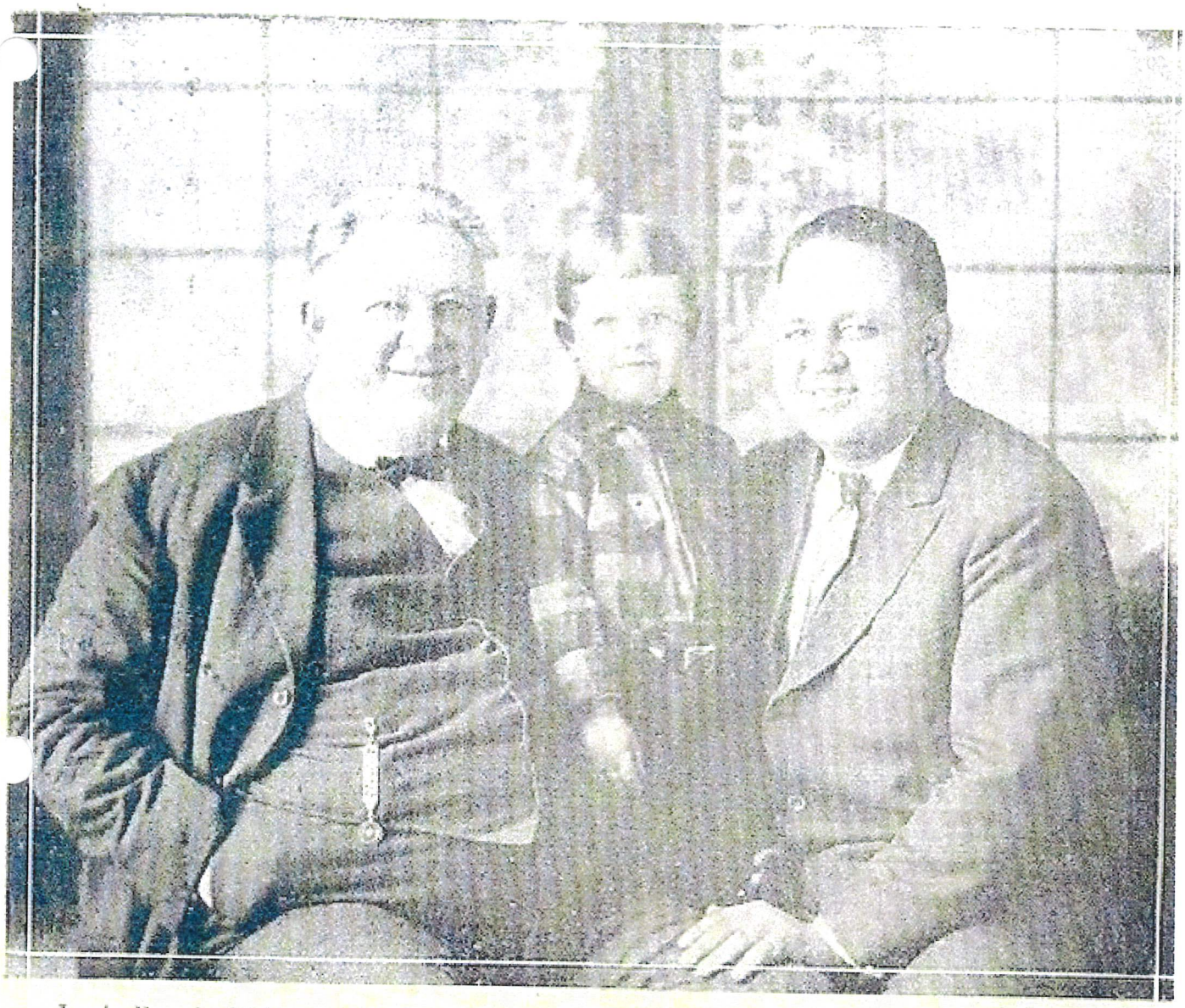
Gentlemen from W.E. Logan's croquet party at his home, 124 Logan Ave., West Asheville, NC, ca. 1895. W.E. Logan (1860-1916) is on the far left. Lewis Burgin McBrayer (1869-1920), W.E.'s brother-in-law, is on the far right.



Louis Burgin McBrayer I., Louis Burgin McBrayer II., Louis Burgin McBrayer III., Southern Pines, N. C.

Lillian Codelia "Cordie" Deaver McBrayer (1868 – 1920 or 21)
Wife of Dr. L.B. McBrayer, married July 20, 1890

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Dr. Louis B. McBrayer, Leader In War on Tuberculosis, Dies

Former Head of State Association and Secretary of State Medical Society Passes at 69

Funeral services for Dr. Louis Burgin McBrayer, former Executive Director of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and for many years Secretary of the North Carolina Medical Society, were held in Bethesda Church, Aberdeen last Saturday afternoon. Dr. McBrayer passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. P. McCain, at Sanatorium, early last Friday morning following a long illness of pernicious anaemia.

Services were conducted by the Rev. J. Fred Stinson of the Southern Pines Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Caswell of the Presbyterian Church of Raeford. Surviving members of the Sandhills Sixteen, of which Dr. McBrayer was a member, sang. The church was filled to overflowing with friends and associates of one who had played a prominent part in the upbuilding of this section of the state, as well as in medicine. The medical fraternity was represented by more than 100 physicians from this and other states, and delegations were present from various organizations, including the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, the U. S. Highway No. 1 Association, in all of which Dr. McBrayer was active during his lifetime.

Dr. McBrayer was born in Buncombe county, December 27, 1868, the son of Adolphus and Lou Case McBrayer. He attended Newton Academy, Asheville; Judson College, Hendersonville and received his M. D. from the University of Louisville, Ky., in 1890. He held his first public office as Coroner of Buncombe county in 1901. He was surgeon for ten years on the staff of Mission Hospital, Asheville, and was a surgeon for the Southern Railway. He organized and built the Asheville model city health department which attracted attention throughout the nation; designed and put into use the first sanitary service closets ever built, later adopted throughout the United States. By proper sanitation and hygiene he reduced the typhoid rate of Asheville from 150 with 15 deaths annually, to 15 cases and no deaths. He organized the first medical milk commission in the South in charge of certified milk. He was first president of the North Carolina Public Health Association. In 1903 he was Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving as Grand Representative to the Soverign Grand Lodge for six years. He organized the Rebekah branch of the Odd Fellows in North Carolina.

From 1914 to 1924 he was superintendent of the North Carolina State Sanatorium at Montrose and was chief of the Bureau of Tuberculosis of the State Board of Health, organ-

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Dies in 70th Year

DR. LOUIS B. McBRAYER

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izing the State for its fight against tuberculosis, continuing this work as managing-director until 1937. He founded the training school for nurses at the State Sanitorium, serving as dean for ten years. He was first vice-president of the State Medical Society in 1906; president of the State Board of Medical Examiners from 1908 to 1914; president of the Medical Society of the state in 1915; secretary-treasurer from 1921 to 1937, and was a charter member of the Southern Conference of Tuberculosis and a former president. He was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. McBrayer came to Southern Pines in 1924 and took a keen interest in the development of the town and the Sandhills resort area. He served two terms as president of the Chamber of Commerce and was a director until 1936. He was president of the Sandhills Fruit Growers Association and also served two terms of president of the U. S. Highway No. 1 Association.

He was married to Miss Lillian Cordelia Deaver, Asheville, who died at the State Sanatorium in 1921. He is survived by two sons, Dr. Reuben A. McBrayer, Summit, N. J. and Louis Burgin McBrayer, Jr., Greensboro, and a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Louise McCain, wife of Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the State Sanatorium.

Flowers left for Lewis McBrayer

A Talented ManDr. LEWIS BURGIN McBRAYERThere is a continuing question about the spelling of his first name. The article here spells it "Lewis." The genealogy book written by him and his cousin, Mrs. C. R. Whitaker, uses the spelling "Louis" for him, his son and his grandson as shown in the caption of the picture below taken from the book. Adding to the confusion is the WW I Registration Card found on Ancestry.com for his son with the name written in his hand as "Lewis BurginMcBrayer, Jr.." So maybe we should just refer to him as Dr. L. B. McBrayer as it is most commonly found.In Defiance - Volume 18, Number 4 - Page 8 Dr. Lewis Burgin McBrayer; A Big Man and His Big Work Head of State's Campaign Against Tuberculosis – What He Has Done and What May BeExpected of Him.A big man insufficiently motivated furnishes cause for inexpressible sadness, and a big idea running looseoften smashes scores of small men who through ignorance or perversity seek to block its progress; but couplethe two and history is made, lives and souls are saved and the world made a better and cleaner habitation foreven the small fry by the work of the leader and his principle. The physical health of mankind sub-divides intomany causes large enough to demand the highest self-sacrifice, the intensest zeal and most finished workmanship; but among the many ills which flesh should not be heir to tuberculosis has probably the most horror for the greatest number. North Carolina's fight against tb's dread disease has at times lagged for one cause and another, but largely because it was waiting for a big man to jump into the breach, close up the ranks, boss the job and deliver a prolonged consistent attack on the enemy's stronghold.That time has passed: the fight, God willing. is henceforth to be a winning one The overburdened State Department of Health has found the leader for the anti-tuberculosis forces; arid Dr. Lewis Burgin McBrayer of Asheville eminently fit, has elected to give himself to the ideal.That the people of the State may come to a realization of what manner of man Doctor McBrayer is, and why the prophecy is made that he will show results. The Observer undertakes to give an estimate of him, what he has done, how and why he has done it and why the people have a right to expect effectiveness from their champion.Doctor McBrayer is primarily a winner; and he wins because he fights for principle - for others, not self-aggrandizement. To those familiar with his work as city health officer of Asheville he needs no introduction as a capable workman who delivers the goods. Asheville has a national reputation as a sanitary town and a death rate especially low, in spite of the fact it is a resort patronized by tubercular patients. He was elected health officer in 1900. The job, as others, came to him unsolicited and he at first refused to accept. Themayor insisting, after considering the public need, he agreed to take up the work AS CITY HEALTH OFFICER.Once entered upon his duties,his time, his talents and his energies were given unsparingly. In the fouryears he was in charge he saw develop—rather. he developed - in every detail the most complete health department in the South, and a department perhaps nearer perfection than any in the United States. This is proven by the records at Asheville, the common testimony of health workers from all over the country and by the death rate from all diseases The city's appropriation for the department was increased $10,000 a year during his term of service, and just as he was leaving all the machinery had been arranged for the levying of a special tax for the collection of all kinds of refuse, trash and garbage. To this tax, which has since been levied, there was no objection made by the citizens.While at the head of Asheville health department Doctor McBrayer established The Asheville Health Bulletin the first city health bulletin in the United States to be admitted to the mails as second-class matter.This not only helped Asheville, but served as a model to cities throughout the Nation.KNOWS TUBERCULOSIS.At Asheville his work brought him into contact with tuberculosis, especially the public health side of it, as he would probably have never been able to see it in any other town in the country. The laws of Asheville are the most progressive and advanced in dealing with this plague of any city in the United States and his partin getting them enacted was no small one.Early in this year the State Board of Health turned to this man who had shown himself especially fitted towage a consistent and effective fight on behalf of the health of the public and asked him to take charge of theState Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Quite promptly he refused the offer ----State tasks are often thankless and arenever well enough paid to appeal financially to a private citizen of the doctor's capabilities. Secretary Rankin, however, kept urging and Doctor McBrayer finally seeing the matter in the light of a duty imposed on him by his religion of service, consented to undertake the task, which was made larger— and therefor, more to his liking —by the decision of the State Board of Health to combine with the sanatorium and make of it the dynamo to furnish the generating current for the fight of North Carolina against tuberculosis.NOT A MONEY JOB.Fortunately, he is not dependent solely upon his salary for a living, as he had accumulated sufficient meansto provide for his family; but

there is nothing in his past life of service which justify the belief that be wouldhave refused such a splendid chance for yeomanly work if he had been a poor man. He could well have felt thatthe impress left by him on Asheville was one that could not die and would be of lasting good not only to hisown city, but through it, to the whole of mankind.In Defiance - Volume 18, Number 4 - Page 9The work on behalf of the State enlarges his field of usefulness and the call to arms was thereforeimperative. At this time in his life, his going to the sanatorium really means that he has devoted the ripeexperience and trained talent of the best days of his life to service to his own people.MANY-SIDED MAN.But, effective as Doctor McBrayer is and as devoted as is his service, the idea must not be entertained thathe is merely a physician, with the physician's interests alone. Calling him a big man was the use of nomisnomer; and the big man must always have many interests.Born in Buncombe County December 27, 1869, a son of the late Adolphus McBrayer, he is of Scotch-Irishdescent, and his mother, Laura A. Case was one of the prominent pioneer families of the section. First attending the public schools and later private institutions, he finished his literary training at Judson College,Hendersonville, while the late Dr. J.B. Boone was its president. The Summer after he was 18 years of age hebegan the study of medicine, first reading under Dr. J. A. Burroughs, and then going to Louisville Medical College, from which he graduated in February, 1890, barely 21 years of age, but third in a class of 103, although the first and second honor men and many others had had a year more time in the school than he.FAMILY OF ABILITY.Shortly after graduation be married Miss Cordie Deaver of Asheville, daughter of R. M. and Sarah A. Deaver.Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McBrayer: Reuben, 22 years of age and an A. B. of Wake ForestCollege, now in his Junior year of medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Miss Sadie, aged 19, a Junior of the State Normal College, and Lewis McBrayer, 13, now a high school junior.Before the Board at Examiners the year after his graduation. Doctor McBrayer took a high stand, and in the November election was chosen as county coroner, an office which the Asheville lawyers said he magnified.He held this office for six years, refusing to accept a fourth term.From the outset he took a prominent part In the county medical soclety, as president inaugurated its annual banquet, and in 1905 was elected the president of the State Medical Society, in 1906 at Charlotte theState society elected him orator and his oration at Morehead City the following year at once placed him in the front rank of the public speakers of the State. In 1908 he was elected a member of the State Board of Examinerswhich office he held until that June.In June 1911, he was selected as the first president of the State HealthOfficers Association and his executive ability and far-sightedness played an important part in the success andhigh state of efficiency which that organization attained.PRESIDENT STATE SOCIETY.At present he is president of the State Medical Society, has been for four years a member of the committeeon public policy and legislation of the State society and also serves on a like committee of the examiners.Believing in his profession as a means of serving his fellow men, he takes an active interest in anything thatmakes for progress in medicine. When he left Asheville he was vice president of the Mission of the GoodSamaritan, a member of Associated Charities, of the county and city boards of health. on the staff of the Mission Hospital, consulting surgeon for the Southern Railway, a director of the State School for the Feeble-Minded, director of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service and health officer for the city.Always busy, he liked his work and people, the members of his own profession esteemed him and so didthe public.MEMBER OF BAPTIST CHURCH.While Doctor McBrayer's religion is essentially a belief in service, he has long been an active and consistentmember of the Baptist Church, making his profession of faith and being baptized at the age of 11 years. InAsheville he was at one time superintendent of the West End Baptist Sunday school. and when Governor Craigleft Asheville became substitute teacher of the First Church Baraca class. He holds membership in severalfraternal orders, but has been most active, as an Odd Fellow. In 1900 he became grand warden of the GrandLodge and in 1903 grand master, For about nine years he has been a trustee of the Odd Fellow's Orphans Home. He took hold of the Patriachs' Militant branch in this State, threw life into it, early became its head and now is (text missing in original document printing)POLITICS.Having been in public life so constantly, Doctor McBrayer could never have escaped activity in politics, but this has been characterized by high ideals. The people have always known where to place him, for he has always been found fighting for what he thought right. He believes that politics is all-pervading having its placein fraternal organizations, medical societies, bar and press associations and Church, as well as in nominatingconventions. It Is therefore the duty of man, in his view, to take a strong, honorable stand in politics of all kinds.After the convention which nominated J. M, Gudger, Jr., for Congress in 1900 and in which the doctor hadcharge of the Gudger forces, one of his friends remarked that Doctor McBrayer was equally at home at abanquet, a. prayer meeting or a political convention.As a writer and speaker he has won recognition. Easy and fluent on the floor, he also writes brilliantly andIn Defiance - Volume 18, Number 4 - Page 10 scientifically. He is a contributing editor of The State Health Bulletin and has written many contributions for State papers.WILL DELIVER GOODS.In fact, Dr. L. B McBrayer doesn't know how many things he can do. He's done everything he ever set outto do and so much that he hasn't had time to try more different things. Temporary defeat does not discouragehim and he can't understand failure. Believing that right will prevail, he first of all picks out the right courseand to this he sticks so tenaciously that he cannot be shaken loose. He has been momentarily balked of his object now and then, but he has never been licked.. He has gone

into the State-wide crusade against tuberculosis with the same old spirit, has made a wonderfully good beginning under difficulties that would bring dismay to most men and is still on the job. believing in his work living his religion and not in the least frightened by the size of his task.It the job licks him (and who can believe it will?) there will have been a fight that will make the wholecountry sit up and take notice. There's no way to down a big man who is a practical idealist. (CHARLOTTE DAILY OBSERVER - North Carolina - Sunday, 27 September 1914 - page 25 - GenealogyBank.com)While this article was 'buried" on page 25 out of 28 total, it was a longer article than the lead article on page 1 headlined "Germans Make Gains; Both Sides Continue Hard Fight." Dr. McBrayer shared his page with a number of articles and two advertisements. One ad was an Automobile Directory listing the following cars: Buick, ChaseMotor Truck, Ford (a touring car cost $595), Hudson, Hupmobile, Saxon, Briscoe and Overland.Dr. McBrayer was also a poet. In my personal collection of McBrayer memorabilia, there is a small 32 page booklet, "The Doctor's There - A Note of Appreciation" which was distributed by the G. W. Carnrick Company of NewYork and London. While the booklet is not dated, it is believed to have been in the latter part of the 1910's. Thefirst 21 pages are devoted to poems and stories about doctors. The rest is advertising for Carnrick's products, most of which are glandular products such as desiccated brain, spinal cord, liver and thyroid.On page 2 is Dr. McBrayer's poem.One of the products advertised in the booklet is "Kinazyme," a rational therapeutic adjuvant to the ordinaryhygienic measures used in the treatment of tuberculosis. It was composed of thyroid, pituitary, spleen, pancreas and liver with calcium tablets. One of the doctors promoting its use was "the superintendent of a large publicsanitarium" who uses it in the treatment of tuberculosis. But I'm sure you can all make a good guess who that was!The Doctor's ThereWhen in the cottage blessed with Love's sweet storeA babe is born and o'er the rustic doorIs hung the crown of motherhood, and fairIs all within—the Doctor's there.When 'neath the pall of mystic Death's weird spellA mother' heart is broken by the knellOf all that's dear, and on the stairNo baby feet—the Doctor's there.When virtue flees and breath of ruthless lustEats into the soul as does the gnawing rust,When no one else with her the shame will share,With mother's touch—the Doctor's there.Where blossoms Life's sweet Bud at blush of day,Where breath of withered rose at eve-tide steals awayOn the South wind—in joy and care,An uncrowned king—the Doctor's there.L B. McBrayer, M. D., Asheville, N. C.In Defiance - Volume 18, Number 4 - Page 11
- Mel and Carole

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ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE N. C.
Thursday, November 5, 1953

Grace Devine Is Bride Of A. W. McCabe

Miss Grace M. Devine, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh P. Devine of Asheville, became the bride of Arthur William McCabe, North Platte, Neb., son of Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas McCabe of North Platte, Saturday morning in St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis J. Bour, pastor, conducted the service. White chrysanthemums were used in the decorations, and a program was presented by Mrs. Dorothy Peeke, organist, and James Flynn, vocalist.

The bride was given in marriage by J. D. Brown. She wore a royal blue silk gabardine suit, matching hat and a white orchid.

Mrs. Vance O. Ayers, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a beige gabardine suit with brown accessories and a white rose corsage.

Vance O. Ayers, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man. Ushers were Claude Pless and William E. Wilson, brother-in-law of the bride.

A wedding breakfast followed in the Grove Room, Battery Park Hotel.

The couple left for a trip north and upon returning will reside at 48 Grove Street. Mrs. McCabe attended St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines. Mr. McCabe was graduated from St. Mary College, St. Mary, Kan.

— Juanita Wilson Photo

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR WILLIAM McCABE

BRANNON McCABE MRS. McCABE RAUCHWERGER

ATTENDING SEMINAR—Four Asheville persons are attending a two-week National Security Seminar at Donaldson Air Force Base in Greenville, S. C. Lt. Col. J. L. Brannon and Lt. Col. S. M. Rauchwerger are reserve officers, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCabe represent Civil Defense. The seminar is designed to acquaint civilians and reserve officers with the nation's military and economic strength and weaknesses. It is conducted by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

M. L. McCall Is Improving His Circulation Service

Hustler Will Give Race To Winner Is Belief Of His Friends

M. L. McCall, 75 Logan Avenue, West Asheville, has been with The Citizen only a short time, but during his brief connection he has established a record for improved collections and is showing a steady increase.

McCall handles The Citizen route to the right of Haywood and between the Bridge and the end of the car line. McCall came to The Citizen from the Southern Railway and his many friends who are still with the railroad company are eager to see eager to see him succeed in his new field as shown by the number who have already favored him with their subscriptions.

McCall says he is in The Citizen contest to determine the Best All-Round carrier to win one of the better prizes and judging from the showing he has already made, some of the other fellows are going to have to hustle to be ahead of him when the final count is made.

Merits are given to the men for good service, improved collections, advance payments by both old and new subscribers, increases, new start orders, reporting on time, good delivery service, etc., while demerits are scored agains them for stop orders, poor collections, deceases, repoting late and for poor deliveries.

Hustler

M. L. McCall, who handles The Citizen between the West Asheville bridge and the end of the car line to the right of Haywood road and makes a good job of it. He is out to win in The Citizen Carrier contest.

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THE SUNDAY CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

NEWS OF WEST ASHEVILLE

Citizen Bureau, 729½ Haywood Road
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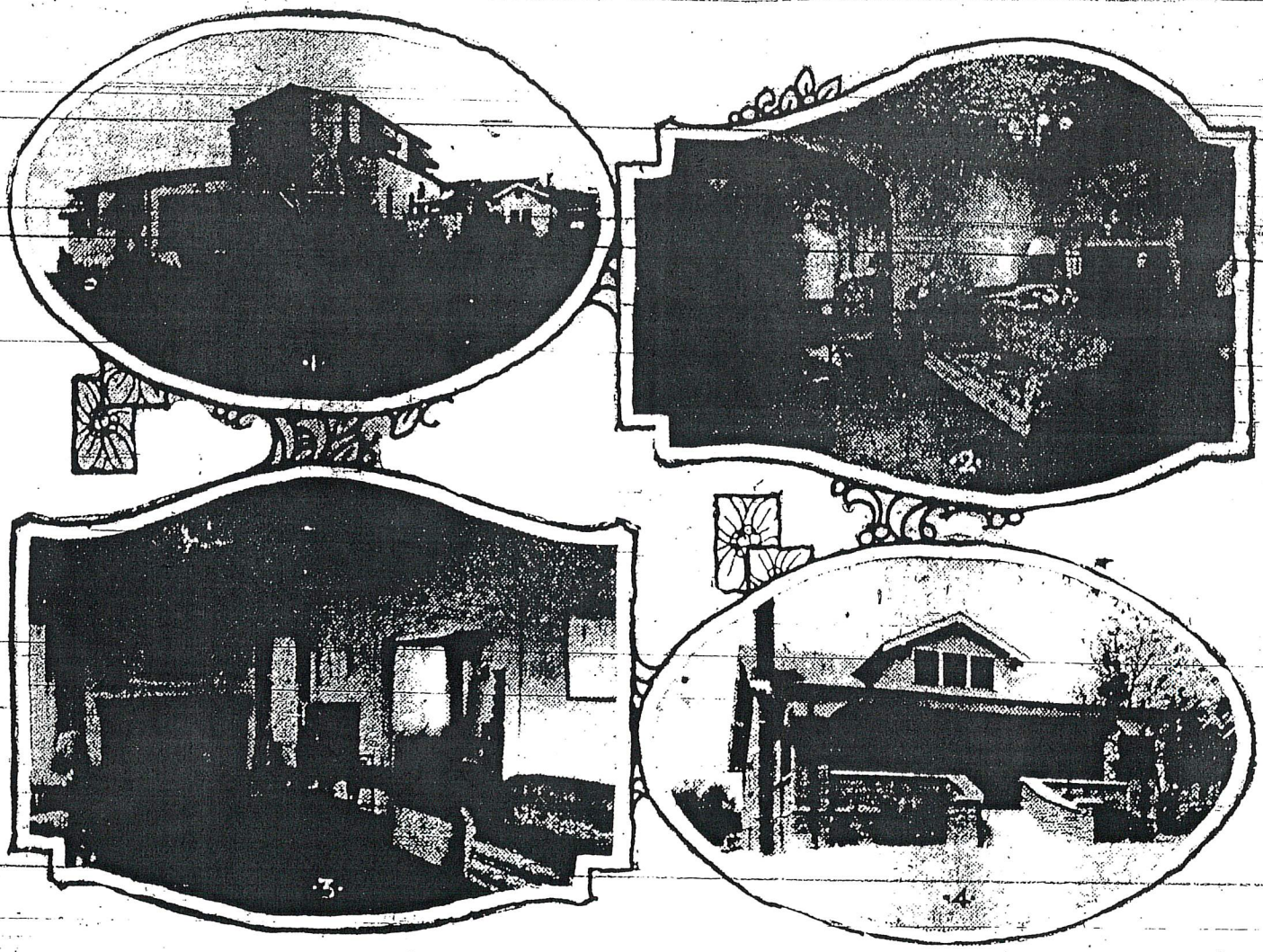
West Asheville's Two Model Homes



Above are the two model homes selected by the West Asheville Community Club for the community exhibition during Better Homes Week, beginning tomorrow and ending April 26. At the top is the beautiful Spanish type stucco residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hauk, 165 Vermont Avenue, the model large home. The spacious living room with its arched entrance is shown at the left. Lower right is the model small home, the property of Misses Fannie B. and DeKtta McCoy, which is located at 25 Clinton Avenue. The well-lighted and cozy living room with its modern furnishings and interior decorating, planned by the Community Club, is shown at the left. —Staff Photo by Michael

Asheville Citizen April 21, 1929

Organization Sponsors Model Home Exhibition

West Asheville Plans Varied Program For Civic Event

With the opening at noon of the first of two model homes planned for the community exhibition, the Better Homes Week campaign was launched in West Asheville yesterday by the West Asheville Community club and other organizations.

Co-sponsors of the campaign and community program for the event include schools, churches and a large group of citizens enthused with civic pride.

The model small home, a brick bungalow located at 25 Clinton avenue, the property of the Misses Fannie and DeEtta McCoy, has been furnished and decorated along modern lines, with landscape work done by a competent designer. At the opening a large number of people were present, and viewed the beautiful and well arranged interior decorations and furniture. During Better Homes Week, April 20-28, the home will be in charge of a hostess committee headed by Mrs. Raymond H. Omcer, chairman of the Model Homes committee of the Community Club.

Interior Decoration

Interior decorating was in charge of C. W. Marshall, of Denton and company, who recently came to Asheville from Daytona Beach, Fla. Mr. Marshall is known as one of the most competent interior decorators in the South, having assisted in beautifying the interiors of some of its finest homes. In addition to a number of the largest and costliest homes in Miami, he did interior decorating work in the Daytona Beach homes of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., J. E. Delaney, lumber king, Albert Brumley, of the New York stock exchange, and others. The interior decorating of the beautiful Daytona Beach Golf and Country club home and the Halifax district hospital was also handled by him.

The furniture for the model home was furnished by the West Asheville branch of Sterchi Brothers. This is the fourth home the concern has furnished in Asheville in connection with community events.

Mrs. W. C. Brownson, former president of the Community Club, and well-known landscape artist, supervised the landscape planning for the home. Mrs. Brownson is noted for her interest in this work, and her beautiful planning of the grounds at Aycock school on Haywood road has been commended by citizens and civic groups of the community.

Model Large Home

The model large home which will be open on the final two days of Better Homes Week, is located at 165 Vermont avenue, and is the property of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hauk. One of the most beautiful homes in West Asheville, its selection as the model large home was influenced by the ideal arrangement of the furnishings and interior decorating which made it suitable for exhibition purposes.

While on exhibition the home will be in charge of Mrs. Hauk and a committee composed of members of the Community Club.

Prize Awards

A number of prizes will be awarded in connection with the campaign. These prizes have been donated by West Asheville merchants and will be on exhibition at the model small home until the final evening when they will be given to winners in contests to be conducted. The contests pertain to the improvement of homes and grounds and merchants donating awards include the Carolina Power and Light company, Sterchi Brothers, Barker's department store, I. M. Teague, Shelder's Pharmacy, and D. L. Moyde, manager of the Southern Hardware corporation.

Judges appointed for the contests are the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church, Mrs. W. C. Brownson and Mrs. C. B. Anderson.

Clean-up Campaign

In connection with Better Homes Week, the city-wide "Clean-up Campaign" planned by civic organizations and citizens of Asheville, is being promoted in every section of West Asheville. Residents are being urged to clean up unsightly grounds and premises, and where needed to repaint homes and other buildings. As a result of the efforts made in this direction many improvements are now being made. A number of homes have been repaired and painted, and lawns and shrubbery given attention, lending a more beautiful atmosphere to the community.

The West Asheville "clean-up" program will be directed by a group of organized workers, cooperating with the civic organizations and city officials. Plans are being made to assist home owners in planning improvements and promoting their interest in a better and more beautiful community.

Hundreds of people are expected to visit the two model homes during the exhibition week, and their inclusion in the plans of the club for Better Homes Week has attracted community-wide interest and commendation.

Asheville Citizen April 21, 1929

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1919.

YOUNG BOY MISSING SINCE EARLY SATURDAY

Whether Raymond McFallin Has Met With Foul Play Still Speculative. No Trace of the Boy.

Raymond McFallin, a 14 year old boy and brother-in-law to E. W. Collins, 113 Westwood place, failed to return home Sunday morning from the depot where he works at night, and whether the lad has met with foul play, or whether he has run away from his home, is a matter of speculation. Efforts Sunday and all day yesterday failed to reveal any trace of his whereabouts.

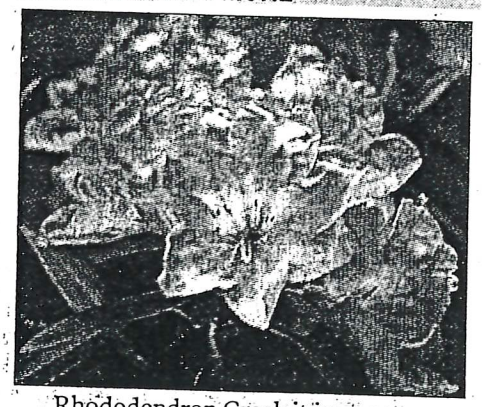
The last time he was seen was Sunday morning about 10:30 o'clock at Brown's crossing, and no trace of where he went from there has been found.

He wore light riding pants, leather leggins, a brown coat and black cap, when he left the station Sunday morning. The boy has black hair and weighs about 105 pounds. Any person knowing anything about where the boy has gone and whether he has been abducted are asked to communicate with police headquarters or E. W. Collins, 113 Westwood place.

OUT THERE

News and briefs from around the region

NAMELESS NO MORE



Rhododendron Creek it is.

Twelve-year-old Henry McGuire of West Asheville won a contest to name a creek that runs through his community. Henry did several interviews with long-time West Asheville residents who remember the old Rhododendron Park that was near the confluence of the unnamed creek and Hominy Creek at the Aston Park Health Center.

The Asheville Greenway Commission wants to put a greenway along the creek, which runs along Sand Hill Road south of Wachovia Bank on Haywood Road, through the West Asheville Park, crossing Shelburne Road and into Hominy Creek.

Asheville City Council will adopt the name "Rhododendron Creek" on Tuesday. The city will then forward the decision to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names for official recognition and adoption.

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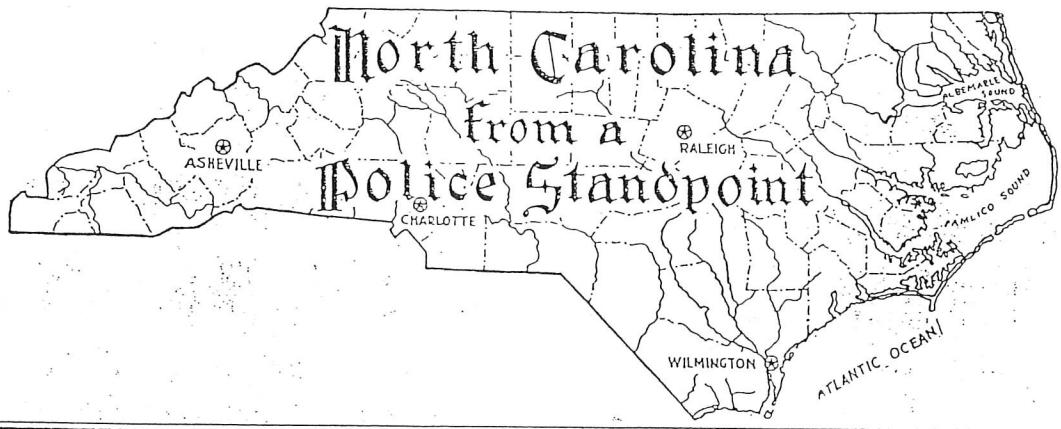

JAMES L. McHONE
Patrolman
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

James L. McHone born February 18th, 1875 in Madison County, North Carolina, where he enjoyed the peaceful, tranquil existence of a farmer.

For thirty-five years he was a resident of his native County and like all farmers arose with the lark, went out with the early birds and CAUGHT the worms.

You have heard the old saying about "taking the man out of the country but not being able to take the country out of the man?"

Well Officer McHone doesn't want the country out of him—he knows that's where he gained his valuable knowledge and he knows as does every one else most men that amount to any thing are products of the country or small towns.

There aren't any hay seeds on him and never were, he thought the ground and not himself the proper place for them.

Did you ever see a neater or handsomer officer?

6 feet 2½ inches tall and 245 pounds heavy.

Officer McHone came with the department in 1920 and likes it because he finds it interesting.

He likes it for another reason—he likes to serve the public and the public likes to have him because he is courteous and efficient.

He still has the trait of the farmer—he would rather think or listen than talk—at least he doesn't like to talk of himself which makes it difficult to give him a fair write-up.

He resides at No. 57 Nevada Avenue.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1934

Family Stairsteps -- 7 Children In 10 Years

Ten years of married life have brought the Rev. and Mrs. Paul McIntyre, of Deaver's View, the seven children with whom they are pictured above. Mr. McIntyre was only 20 years of age and his wife 16 when they met in her home city of Cincinnati and were married. Mr. McIntyre, an evangelist in the Wesleyan M. E. church, and his family came to Deaver's View from Fletcher, N. C., last September. He is a native of Asheville and has relatives living here. Reading from left to right, members of the family are: Mr. McIntyre, 30, and Stanley Lee McIntyre, 9 months; Mrs. McIntyre, 26; Paul, Jr., 9; Betty Jane, 8, Ruth, 6; Jack, 4; Lorraine, 3; and Peggy Anne, 2.

Asheville Citizen March 25, 1934

MAJOR M'KEE WILL TALK TO THE BOYS

Major S. R. McKee, of the faculty of the Hingham school will address the boys' meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the subject of "Temptation." For the first time in the history of the boys' meetings, a special musical program has been arranged which will include selections by W. R. Hammersiough and Mrs. R. Stanley Goodheart.

The meetings for boys originated with the basketball league, it having been one of the rules of the league that all players should attend the Sunday afternoon meetings. The league has closed but it has been decided to continue the meetings and it is believed that the former members of teams will attend with regularity. All boys of the city whether members of the organization or not are invited to hear Major McKee Sunday afternoon.

Asheville Citizen March 7, 1912

Col. M'Kee Passes At Age Of 82

Col. S. Reid McKee, 82, of Bingham Heights, who retired in 1928 as superintendent of Bingham school, died about noon yesterday in a local hospital following a short illness.

Following his retirement, which resulted from ill health, Col. McKee remained active in church and civic affairs.

Born in Mecklenberg county in 1864, he was educated at the Fort Mill academy in South Carolina, where he graduated in 1883. He then attended Davidson college and graduated in 1888 with a B.A. degree.

Bingham Instructor

Following his graduation from Davidson, Col. McKee went to Bingham school, then at Mebane, as an instructor. He remained with the school for four years, coming to Asheville in 1891 when the institution was moved here after fire had destroyed a large part of the building at Mebane.

In 1892 he went to Johns Hopkins university as a graduate student and received his Ph.D degree there in 1895. Chemistry, physics, and minerology were the subjects he studied, and after receiving his degree Col. McKee became professor of chemistry at Ogden college, Bowling Green, Ky. While holding this post he married Miss Mary Kerr Bingham, daughter of Col. Robert Bingham, grandson of the founder of Bingham school and at that time head of the school. Mrs. McKee died in 1932.

In 1899 he became professor of chemistry at Southwestern university, Clarksville, Tenn., a Presbyterian institution. Six years later he left that university to return to Bingham school.

Science Master

He served as science master at Bingham school from 1905 until 1915, when he became vice-superintendent. Upon retirement of Col. Bingham as active head in 1920, Col. McKee became superintendent.

He was a member of Alpha Epsilon fraternity and of the First Presbyterian church, where he served as an elder for many years.

Col. McKee is survived by one son, Robert Bingham McKee, two daughters, the Misses Martha Reid and Sadie Temple McKee, all of Bingham Heights; one brother, W. N. McKee of Matthews; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. R. T. Grinnan of Bingham Heights.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Morris-Gearing funeral home, were incomplete last night.

COL. S. REID M'KEE

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Col. M'Kee

Asheville Citizen September 30, 1946

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 1929

ASHEVILLE MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Mangled Body Of Walter McKenzie Found At Hot Springs

A coroner's jury reported "death caused by fall from a freight train" following an inquest held at Hot Springs early yesterday morning over the body of Walter Lee McKenzie, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. McKenzie, of 300 Westwood Place, West Asheville. Dr. Frank Roberts, of Marshall, Madison county coroner, informed The Citizen in long distance telephone message last night. Dr. Roberts was called to Hot Springs from Marshall to attend the inquest and post-mortem examination.

Young McKenzie was killed late Wednesday night. His mangled and decapitated body was found by boys who were running alongside a freight train which was slowly passing through the town. It is believed that the train was the same one from which the youth fell to his death. The incident was reported to Craig Ramsey, chief of police of Hot Springs, and Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, of Marshall, was also notified. The train dispatcher at Hot Springs had the body removed from the track and held, pending an inquest.

Boys Silent

Six boys, said to have been companions of the youth were held and questioned. However, officers at Hot Springs said last night that they refused to give any information or even divulge their names. A relative of the deceased also stated last night that the boys, all of whom are said to live in Asheville, had refused to give any information as to how McKenzie met his death, and have not given their names. No charges had been preferred against them last night.

The head and left arm of the youth were completely severed from the body by the train wheels, Dr Roberts stated.

Body Brought Here

The father, who is foreman of the Asheville Cotton Mills, left late yesterday afternoon for Hot Springs, and brought the body of his son to West Asheville.

The youth had recently ended a period of four years service in the U. S. Navy, and was spending some time with his parents.

Funeral service will be held at the home at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, the Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of the West Asheville Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be in the Greenwood cemetery.

Pall bearers, composed of boyhood friends of the deceased, will be Frank Brown, Arnold Brinkley, Robert Whittaker, Clarence Howell, Roy Meadows and Fred McIntyre.

Surviving are the parents, and two brothers, Frank, of Asheville, and Clarence E., Jr., of South Bend, Ind.; also four sisters, Misses Margaret, Thelma, and Nellie McKenzie, and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, all of Asheville.

Asheville Citizen January 11, 1929

—Citizen Photo—Shloman

WOMAN OF THE WEEK

The secret of getting things done is organization of projects, according to Mrs. William P. McLean of 14 Stewart St. She should be able to pass this on from experience.

After meeting Mr. McLean while he was serving in the U. S. Army, the former Miss Joyce Cox of Corpus Christi, Tex., came to Asheville as a bride in 1945. Since that time she has made a very definite place for herself in the community. She terms herself a handyman and chauffeur.

Her friends say she is one individual who turns off more work than half a dozen would attempt. At the West Asheville Presbyterian Church where she and her husband are active members, she has been known to take down the Venetian blinds, take them home, wash them and replace them in no time at all. Addressing 600 envelopes for the church office is an overnight job. She sees a job needing to be done and is at it before anyone else thinks of doing it.

Presently serving her second year as president of Eugene Rankin PTA and third year as head of the Women of the Church she spends one day a month as a clerical helper at the Well-Baby Clinic. (She is a former secretary.)

In spite of all the community service crowded into her life, Mrs. McLean says the welfare of her family comes first. She and Mr. McLean, a letter carrier, so arrange their schedules that one parent is at home with their sons, Billy, who will be nine years old Jan. 1, and Benny, nearly seven. They enjoy working together on projects. Last summer they completed a guest room in the attic of the house and then built a patio. At present they are helping the boys with their Christmas microscopes and telescopes.

Mrs. McLean finds time to grow African violets from leaf cuttings, make her own and some of the boys' clothes and bake Christmas cookies for all of the teachers at the school.

Her sense of humor is another asset. Recently she was to participate in a program at a PTA meeting and arranged her notes carefully on the rostrum. When the time came for her speech she found the speaker preceding her had picked up her notes with his own. She laughed and asked for her notes back.

Asheville Citizen
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LAST RITES FOR VICTIMS OF AIR CRASH SET TODAY

Gardner And McMillan Will Be Buried At Double Funeral

Funeral services for three West Asheville youths who were killed in an airplane crash near Fletcher Sunday afternoon will be conducted today.

The bodies of Graham Gardner, 18, pilot of the plane, and Sam McMillan, passenger, will be placed in a single grave at Green Hill cemetery. The body of Paul Yow, 22, also a passenger in the plane, was sent to Asheboro, N. C., yesterday for burial this afternoon.

Services for Gardner and McMillan, life-long chums, will be conducted from the West Asheville Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. F. M. Dowell, pastor of the church, and the Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church, officiating.

Gardner is survived by his parents, Dr. G. D. Gardner and Mrs. Fannie Gardner, of West Asheville, and one sister Lois Jean Gardner. McMillan is survived by his mother, Mrs. S. A. McMillan and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. J. Stokes, of Washington, D. C., Josephine, Robert, Hope and Rose McMillan of West Asheville.

Yow is survived by his widow and a four-day-old baby. Mrs. Yow, a patient at the Aston Park hospital, was told of her husband's death yesterday. Dr. C. A. Hensley told her of the tragedy which claimed the life of her husband. She is reported to have received the news bravely.

Active Pallbearers

The bodies of McMillan and Gardner will be placed in steel caskets of the same design and will be buried in the same grave. Active pallbearers for Gardner will be, Louis Lutz, Donald Ingle, Ray Householder, Lawrence Miller, Henry Shook, and Eugene Currence. Active pallbearers for McMillan will be: Glen Starnes, William Beckle, William Carter, Harold Franklin, Nelson Austin and Frank Austin.

Honorary pallbearers will be, Judge Carl B. Hyatt, George A. Digges, Jr., Dr. H. G. Brookshire, John B. Anderson, Dr. S. S. Fay, George Pennell, Dr. T. W. Sumner, J. Scroop Styles, Ernest C. May, J. W. McRary, R. E. Currence, Philip C. Cocke, Jr., Ellis C. Jones, Sam Cathey, C. H. Bartlett, L. Roy Young, G. T. Verran, D. A. Riddle, Russell Riddle, Melton Glenn, W. W. Edwards, D. T. Blackwell, William Jacobes, James Solesbee, Albert S. McMain, Fred V. Riddle, Roy Riddle, Leon Miller, Dr. G. E. Brookshire, Ted Bryson, Paul Brewer, and Johnnie Holmes.

The three youths were killed almost instantly Sunday afternoon when the two-seated Eaglerock biplane Gardner was piloting crashed near Fletcher when Gardner attempted to take the machine through a "wing-over" when the plane was at an altitude of approximately 300 feet.

T. J. Roberts, operator of the Asheville-Hendersonville airport, and owner of the plane which Gardner was flying, advised federal authorities of the accident Sunday. Officials of the Federal service were expected to arrive in Asheville to investigate the crash.

Coroner J. F. Brooks, of Henderson county, viewed the wrecked plane and came here to view the bodies of the three youths. He did not call an inquest. Dr. Brooks said that he was not notified of the accident Sunday and did not learn of the tragedy until yesterday morning. He said that he did not authorize the removal of the three bodies from the scene of the crash in Henderson county.

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MAY 6, 1931

RITES HELD FOR CRASH VICTIMS

Final Chapter In Long Friendship Written For Two Boys

The final chapter of a life-long friendship between Graham Gardner, 18, and Sam McMillan, 17, was written yesterday afternoon when the bodies of the two youths were placed in a single grave in the Green Hills cemetery in West Asheville.

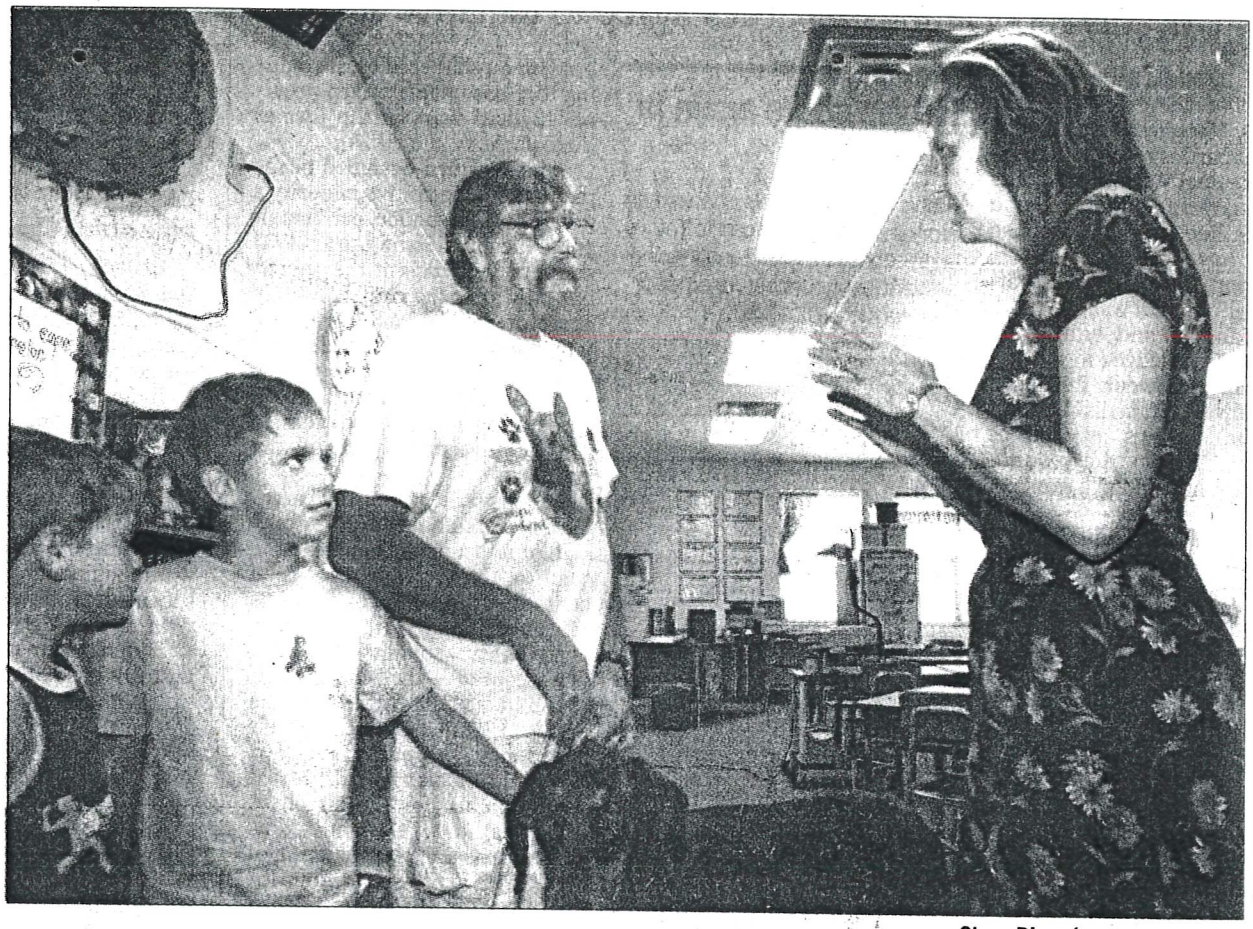
The two youths met their death Sunday afternoon when an airplane which Gardner was piloting crashed near Fletcher, in Henderson county. Paul Yow, 22, a second passenger in the plane, was also killed. Funeral rites for Yow were held yesterday afternoon at Asheboro, N. C.

Scores of friends of Gardner and McMillan, who associated with the two in the activities of the West Asheville Baptist church Sunday school, attended the rites for the two youths yesterday afternoon at the West Asheville Baptist church. The Rev. F. M. Dowell, pastor of the church, officiated at the services. He was assisted by the Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church.

Active pallbearers for Gardner were: Louis Lutz, Donald Ingle, Ray Householder, Lawrence Miller, Henry Shook and Eugene Currence. Active pallbearers for McMillan were: Glen Starnes, William Beckle, William Carter, Harold Frankin, Nelson Austin and Frank Austin.

Honorary pallbearers were: Judge Carl B. Hyatt, George A. Digges, Jr., Dr. H. G. Brookshire, John B. Anderson, Dr. S. S. Fay, George Pennell, Dr. T. W. Sumner, J. Scroop Styles, Ernest C. May, J. W. McRary, R. E. Currence, Philip C. Cocke, Jr., Ellis C. Jones, Sam Cathey, C. H. Bartlett, L. Roy Young, G. T. Verran, D. A. Riddle, Russell Riddle, Melton Glenn, W. W. Edwards, D. T. Blackwell, William Jacobes, James Solesbee, Albert S. McMain, Fred V. Riddle, Roy Riddle, Leon Miller, Dr. G. E. Brookshire, Ted Bryson, Paul Brewer, and Johnnie Holmes, Dr. L. R. Russell, Fletcher.

Know your child's teacher



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Emma Elementary School teacher Suzanne Bigsby talks with Roy McNeil during "Meet the Teacher Day." McNeil's 10-year-old grandson Jacob Arrington, second from left, will be in Bigsby's fourth grade class. His other grandson Zachery, 7, at left, will be a first-grader. Accompanying McNeil is "Kaiser," his Doberman, who is a search and rescue dog.

MR. AND MRS. H. P. MEDLER and their two teen-age children by former marriages, Gene and Judy, will make their home at 42 Cranford Rd., Malvern Hills. Before their marriage May 15, Mrs. Medler was Mrs. Margaret H. Jarvis of Asheville. Mr. Medler, formerly of Chevy Chase, Md., is a district representative of middle Atlantic states for Ritter Co., Inc., Medical Division. He purchased the English type house, originally built and owned by Newton Anderson, former headmaster of Asheville School for Boys, through Rex S. Smathers Jr. (Juanita Wilson Photo)

Asheville Citizen July 4, 1964

Ashvegas scopes out the W. Asheville underground

Written by

Jason Sandford

Christopher Mello

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Christopher Mello works in his West Asheville garden, planted largely in red hues. "I really want the garden to be as red and dark and moody as I can get it," he said, "a real Morticia Adams sort of place," / Jason Sandford/JSANDFORD@CITIZEN-TIMES.COM

One freaky Eden

Big chunks of hard metal, some of it slightly rusted, sit in odd juxtaposition to tender shoots of spring seedlings.

There are shovels planted, heads up, like so many heavy-topped saplings. There's a cascading water fountain formed by layered pieces of steel. And there are plants — all kinds of plants, many with deep blue or dark red foliage.

But it's also a garden full of whimsy. Blue bottles stuck over tree limbs. There's the occasional doll's head and other odd sculpture.

Once known as "Gnomon," which is the indicator on a sun dial, the garden might generally be known as West Asheville's freaky Eden. But most know it simply as "Christopher's Garden."

Christopher Mello, a rare West Asheville native, is the garden's creator, its resident keeper. The garden grows at the busy corner of Westwood Place and Waynesville Avenue, just off Haywood Road behind the Rocket Club. It sits adjacent to the 307 Flash art studio of Mello and three other artists who are welders and potters. Mello, who used to work in steel, now works in ceramics.

Mello and his garden used to thrive at Curve Studios in the River Arts District, but he moved his studio and his garden about eight years ago into a space that once was home to a mobile home and known as a hangout for homeless people.

"It was a really rough corner," Mello says.

Since then, he's pruned and planted, sculpted and doted. "I kept digging and cleaning. It's my driving passion," Mello says. "I almost can't help myself."

Mello describes his garden as a semi-public space. "It's a little bit park, a little bit community garden."

Visitors are welcome to drop in and explore, practice their yoga or bring a blanket and read a book. In the long-term, Mello sees the garden as a vehicle to sell artwork. In the short term, it's a place for him to grow beans and cabbages and lettuces, flowers and trees.

2009-12: Gnomon

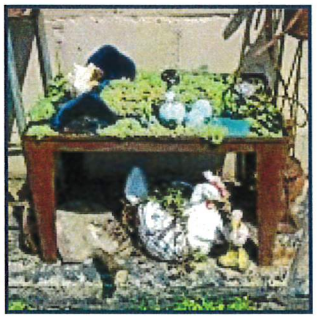
The Gnomon is the garden that Christopher Mello has created on the corner of Westwood and Waynesville Avenue off Haywood Road behind the Rocket Club and the bio-diesel pump. A gnomon is the shadow caster of a sundial and the name is in memory of a fallen gardening friend, Randy Palmer. Rest in peace Randy.

The garden is five years old now and is basically a collection of all the red and black leaved plants that i can find. Also included are plants with unusual flower shapes and colors and fragrances. I am now incorporating many edibles in the mix, lettuces, cabbages, and kales are the main thrust of the winter garden. As the garden is adjacent to My art studio at 307 Waynesville Avenue, visitors will find my rusty metal and ceramic work abounding. Perhaps the strongest feature in the garden is the waterfall constructed of giant metal plates that were once the water tower for the Chesterfield Mill in the river arts district.

This is a purposefully dark and moody garden. Hopefully as beautiful to visitors as it is to me. It is an intentionally public space and visitors are invited to revisit the garden anytime. daylight only please. Always welcome are donations of blue bottle and "dead" shovels.

Event extras: Christopher's artful creation will be available for sale

Additional photos from the day of the stroll.



Outside Clyde

Living the life of gardening on the low spot of a North Carolina mountaintop.

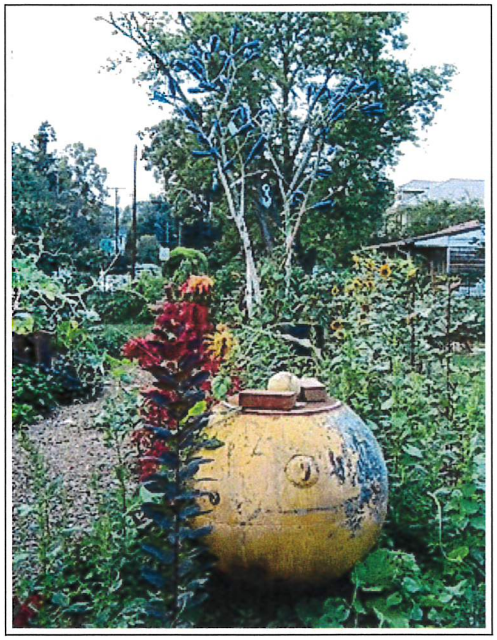
Monday, August 23, 2010

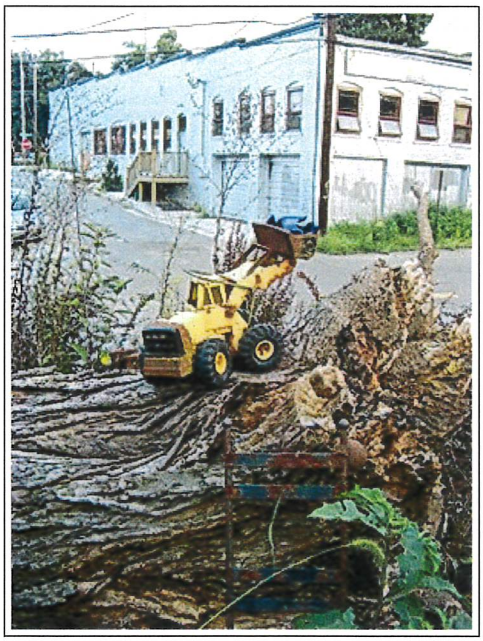
The Garden Of Christopher Mello

Gnomon

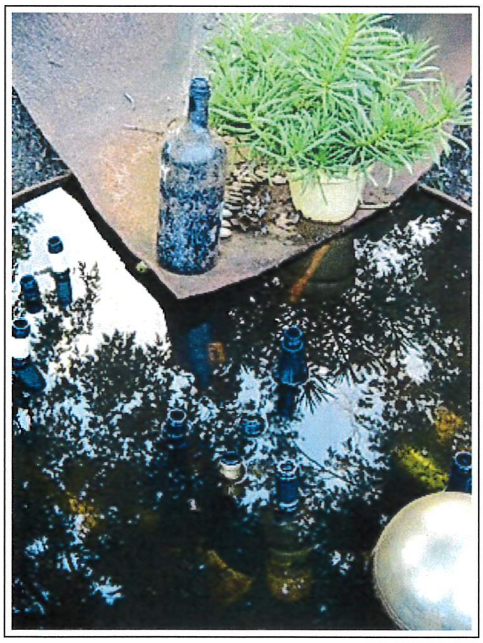
I stopped by

While I was in the neighborhood.





To leave Christopher a beat up old shovel



Found high atop a mountain over the border in Haywood County.

Posted byChristopher C. NC at9:15 PM

Monday, May 21, 2012

Christopher Mello's Garden

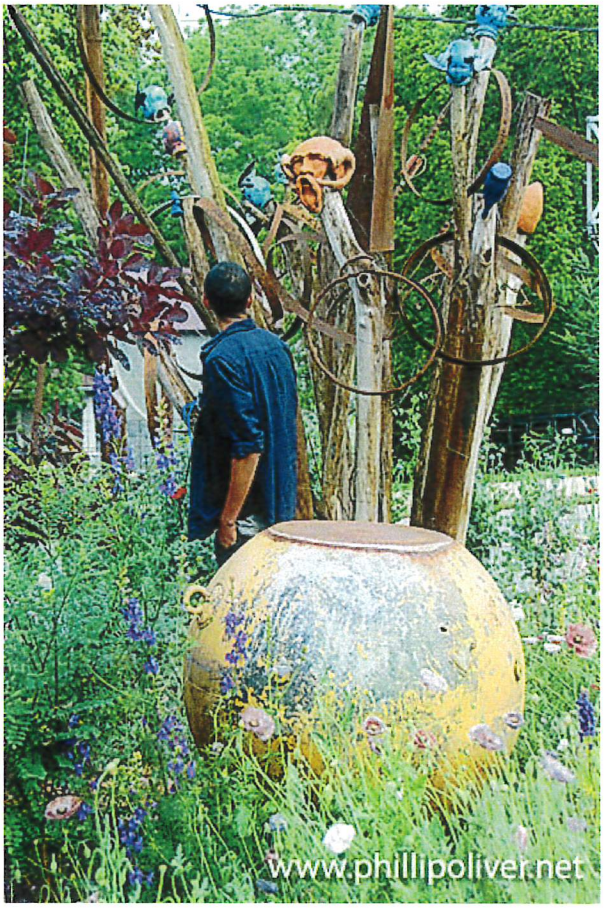
(*Our vacation started earlier in the week with visits to other gardens in Raleigh, N.C., Richmond, Norfolk and Seaford, Virginia). We then headed back to Asheville for the Fling which officially started on Thursday evening with a meet and greet as a local jazz bar. On Friday morning, the garden tours began. I'm starting here with the gardens on the Garden Fling tour first. I'll be blogging about the other gardens on our trip later.*)

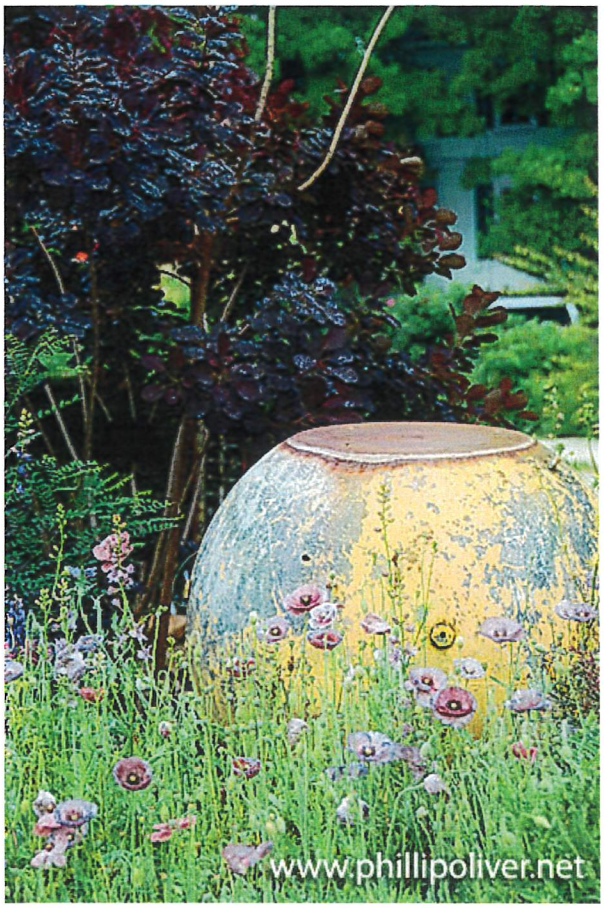
Day 1 of the Asheville Garden Blogger's Fling started off with a bang with a visit to Christopher Mello's garden. The focus in this garden wasn't really the plants but a dazzling array of bottle trees and found objects including old rusty shovels and Tonka trucks (yes Tonka trucks!). Asheville is a meca for artists - an appropriate beginning for our tour!

Here is Mr. Mello talking about his artistic vision. I missed some of this because I was engrossed in photographing so you will have to refer to more attentive bloggers for the story behind this!

A circle of old shovels surrounds a gravel area filled with Tonka Trucks

Larkspur and company





It had rained the night before and the morning was overcast, perfect for taking photographs. We really lucked out on the weather. Most of the days were cloudy and cool. It seems like everyone grows poppies in North Carolina and you see them along the roadway borders as well. They were so beautiful. I love this combination!

A rusty trough of sedums with bottle tree (Smoke Tree - *Cotinus coggygria)*

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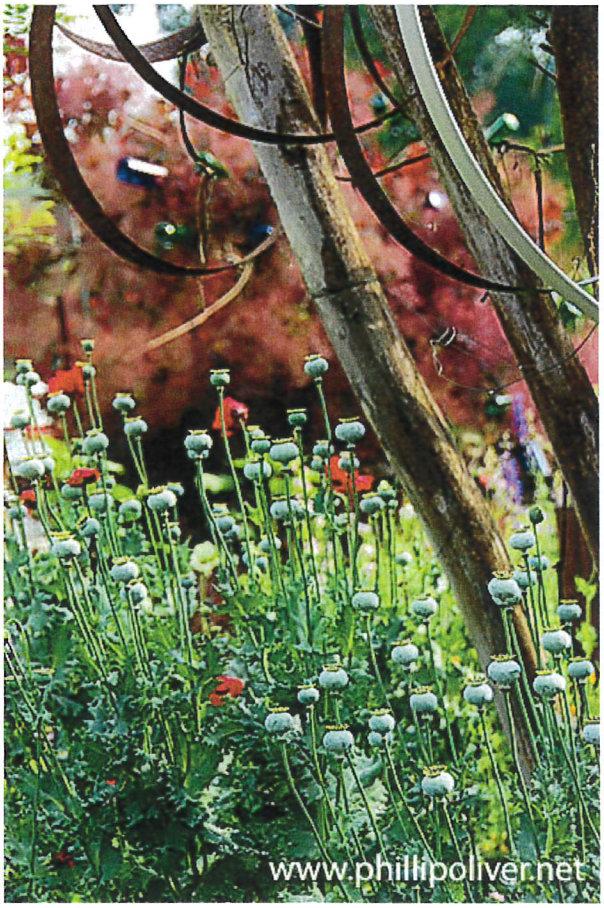
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Campanula (*C. punctata "Cherry Bells"*) and Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

Asheville Garden Bloggers Fling: Christopher Mello's garden has the blues

May 30th, 2012

Blue bottles on blue trees

Blue chairs

Blue flying baby heads

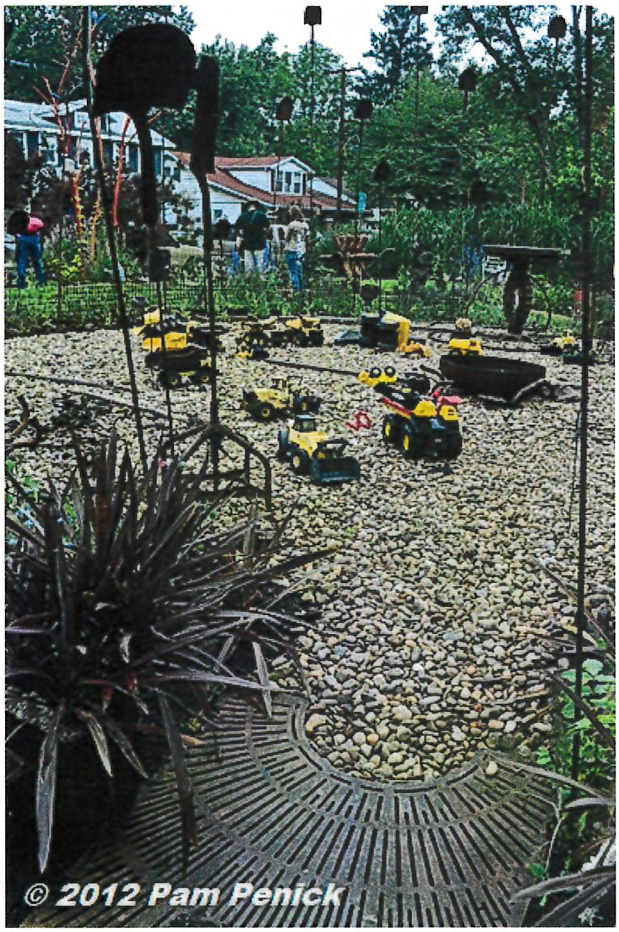
Blue walls

Blue rocks

And 'Blue Pearl' poppies, the bluer ones in this group—a new cultivar selected by Christopher Mello, who welcomed nearly 90 garden bloggers into his eclectic, colorful, recycled-art garden on the first day of the Asheville Garden Bloggers Fling earlier this month.

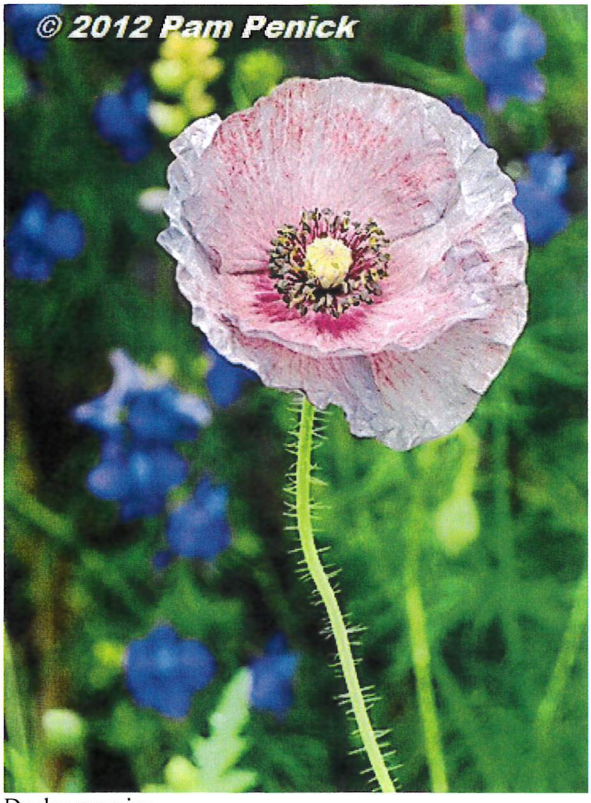
Christopher also invites the public into his garden, particularly with enticing features like his shaggy, circular lawn…

…and corral of shovel heads on rebar stakes…



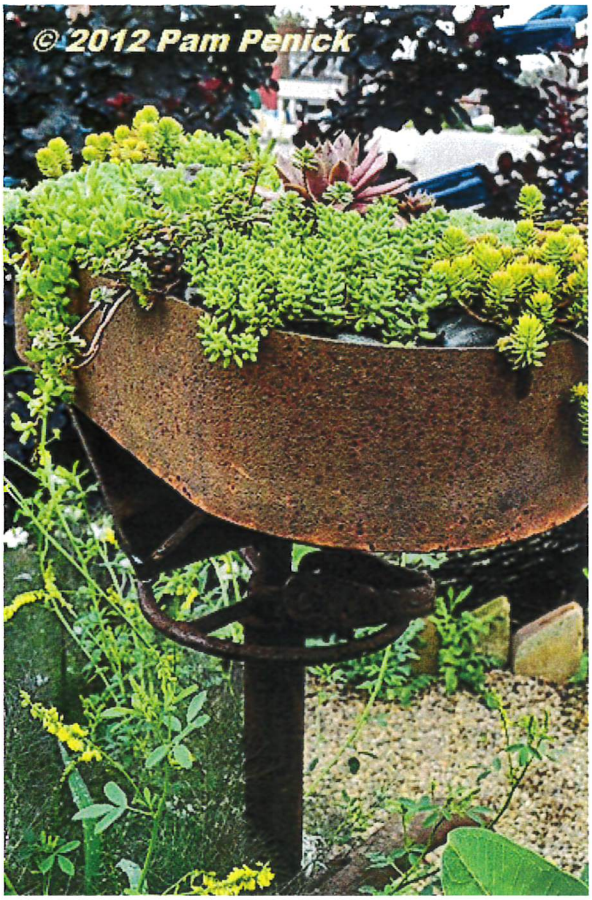
…which surrounds a gravel pit and a herd of Tonka trucks. What child—of any age—could resist?

There were plenty of pretty flowers and colorful foliage too, especially in shades of pink, purple, and red, like this campanula.

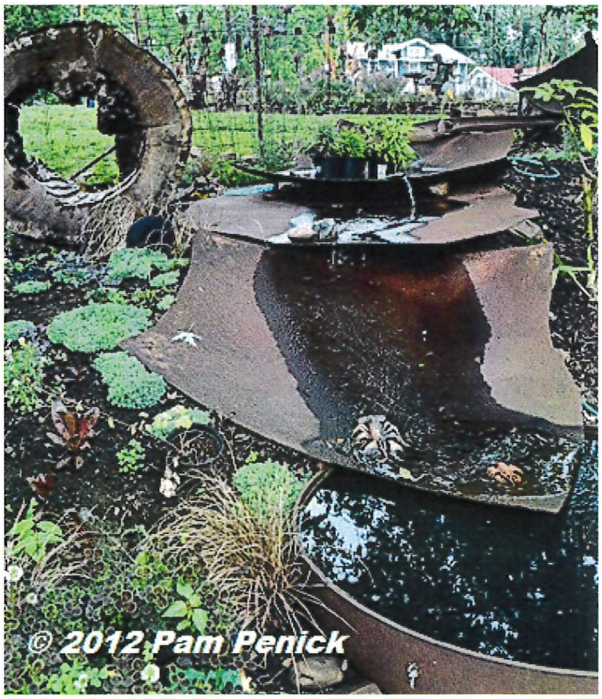


Dusky poppies

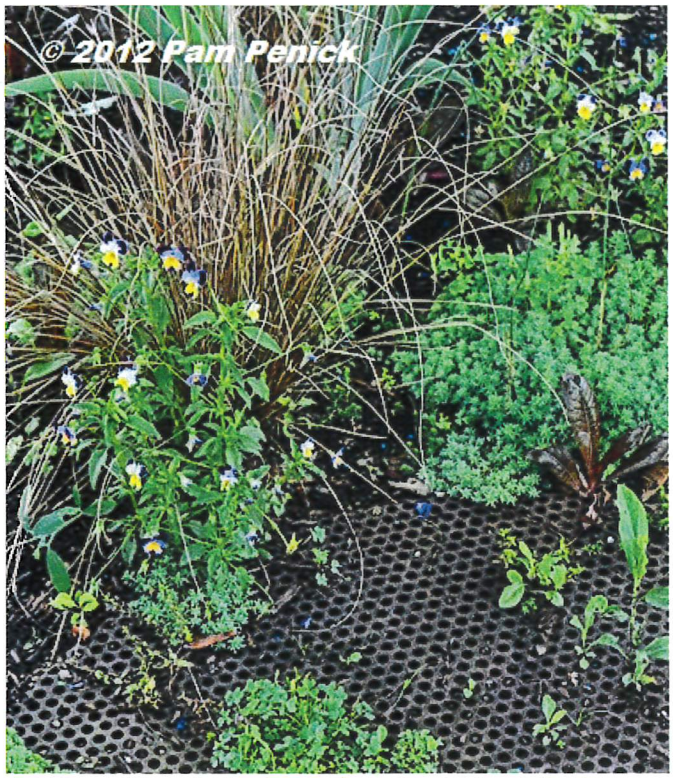
Pretty container plantings



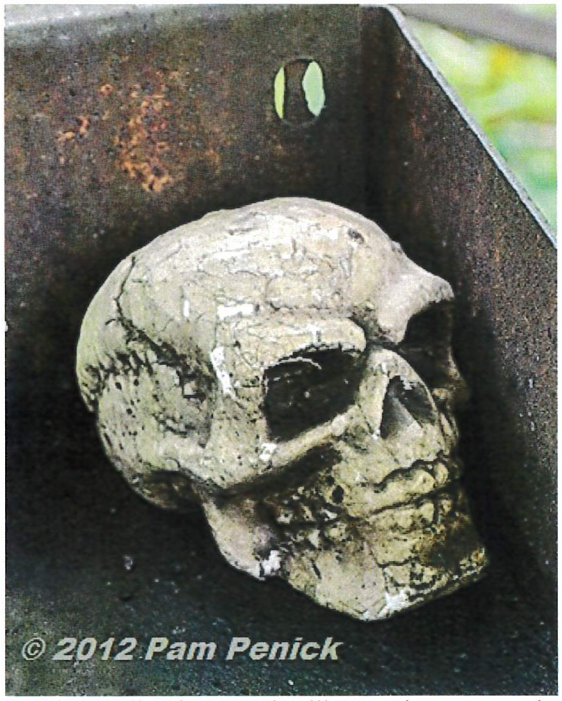
And succulents in a recycled metal container



Christopher Mello has a remarkable ability to see possibilities in scrap metal, like this rustic, stylized stream and pond.



A tableau of tiny plants pops up through an old metal grate



Another skull? Oh yes, Asheville's gardens are teeming with them. It's a regular boneyard out there.

In Christopher's no-holds-barred garden, even a dead tree can be the most colorful focal point in sight. He painted this one bright orange and festooned the ends with blue bottles—a twist on the old Southern tradition.

A dainty, chartreuse vine twines its way up, adding additional color.

A new *American Gothic*? Big thanks to Christopher for sharing his free-spirited garden with us.

Secret gardens: Unlock the magic of WNC's botanical wonders

By **Jen Nathan Orris** on **07/30/2013 10:01 AM**

Morticia's paradise
With its dark purple trees and blue poppies, Christopher D. Mello's West Asheville garden is a gothic haven. Over the past decade, he has selected the inkiest hues for plants and features in this plot of the unusual —radiating rows of clover and vintage toy trucks give the garden a whimsical, yet slightly Addams Family feel.

And a row of shovels — handles stuck in the ground, blades pointing to the sky like Stonehenge — can be seen from the street, along with bottle sculptures and other plants that would make Morticia Addams and her macabre family proud.

No gate separates the garden from West Asheville's busy streets. It's tucked behind an auto shop, around the corner from Harvest Records and not far from West Asheville Lounge and Kitchen. "Hardcore gardeners are going to poke their heads in and come in," says Mello. He sees the property's lack of signs and gates as a "bravery filter" that tempts adventurous visitors into crossing a permeable threshold, though he says he likes to meet visitors before they make themselves at home.

A remote visit is possible, if you're feeling timid: Mello hopes to make the garden visible from outer space, or more conveniently, Google Earth. He says a "modern-day narcissism" drives him to make his property so distinctive that anyone with a satellite, or access to a 3-D mapping program, can enjoy it.

"I'm trying to get everything in the garden to be either really bizarre or really fragrant or really purple," says Mello. Once he achieves these deep swaths of color, he imagines the property as a home for equally creative performance art. He hopes to host dance parties or perhaps theater-in-the-round productions on a stage made from Tinkertoys or Lincoln Logs.

Mello's garden has no formal name or website, although he occasionally posts a "Christopher's Garden" sign that can be seen from the street. Look for the blue and red bottles peeking out from above the hedges at the corner of Westwood Place and Waynesville Avenue in West Asheville. The garden is private property, however, so be respectful and stick to daytime visits. Catch Mello with a shovel in his hand for an impromptu tour.

NEW BAND UNIFORMS—First of the 100 new uniforms ordered for Lee Edwards High School Band by the Dad's Club are modeled here by Lois Smith and Bill Melton. The musicians' uniforms are red and the majorettes' outfits are white. Jan 5 - 54

CHUBBY TOT

This chubby little tot is Beulah Menasche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Menasche, of 775 Haywood Road, West Asheville. She is six months old and is the picture of health and happiness.

Asheville Citizen-Times
June 22, 1930

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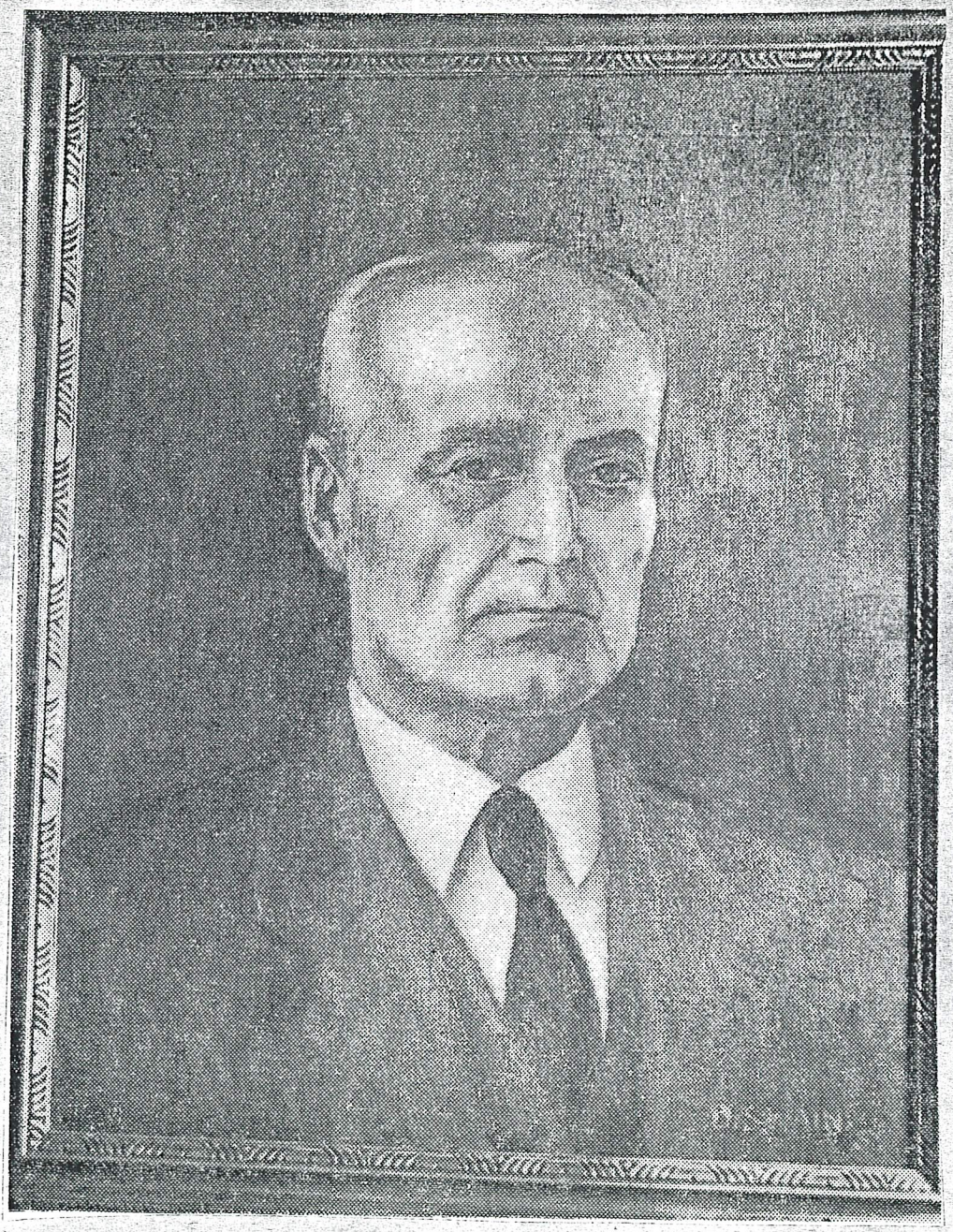

NORTH CAROLINA ROOMS
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—Citizen Photo

THE PORTRAIT of James Gibbon Merrimon is among a collection of oil paintings in the Buncombe County Courthouse. Son of the late Judge James H. Merrimon and a nephew of the late Chief Justice Augustus S. Merrimon of the State Supreme Court, James Merrimon died Jan. 20, 1948 at the age of 81. He received his early education in the schools of Asheville and at Bingham Military School at Mebane. He studied law with Judge Bynum in Greensboro and received his law license in 1888. He was a member of the law firm of Merrimon, Adams and Adams here for many years and was highly regarded as an attorney and counsellor at law. He once served as president of the Buncombe County Bar Association. A great deal of his time also was devoted to the Buncombe County law library, which he was instrumental in founding and developing. He was also an ardent gardener. The portrait, which hangs in the law library, was done in 1939 by Dorothy Swain, daughter of the late J. E. Swain of Asheville, who now teaches art in an Arizona school. Miss Swain, now Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and has studied art and worked in various parts of the country, including Chicago, California and New York. Her brother, Robert S. Swain, is the district solicitor here. (This is the 11th in a feature series by Staff Writer Luther W. Shaw on portraits in the Buncombe County Courthouse.) Ash Cit 10-6-66

To Protect and Defend against the Unspeakable Crime"–by Clifford Davids

Posted on February 28, 2013

Grace Green holding a new arrival from Faith Cottage

James Gibbon Merrimon, who practiced law in Asheville, North Carolina for over six decades, came from judicial royalty. He was the son of Judge James H. Merrimon and the nephew of Augustus S. Merrimon, the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. A pillar of the legal community and a pitbull in the courtroom, he was also known for his love of flowers, and was an honorary member of the Asheville Garden Club.

After he passed at 89 years old in 1948, his obituary stated that he had served as the legal guide of an unnamed orphanage for a great many years–a work of which the public was generally unaware. The article went on to say *"His reward was in the knowledge that he had served the little ones well who had no one else to fight their battles. It was from this work, of which he rarely spoke, that he received some of the greatest satisfaction in his life."* The "unnamed orphanage" referred to in that obituary was Eliada Homes, and its Founder and General Manager was none other than the Rev. Lucius Bunyan Compton.

Compton could be a difficult client, often acting from instinct and emotion without considering the consequences. He would then leave it to Merrimon to clear up any outstanding legal issues that might arise from the protection and defense of the children under his care. But the elderly attorney was steadfast, and believed strongly in the work Compton was doing by providing a home for the homeless child at Eliada, and a safe haven for girls in trouble at Faith Cottage.

Starting in the mid-1930's, Merrimon handled the legal matters for both the orphanage and rescue home–which included anything from financial bequests to auto insurance and personal injury claims to the education and welfare of the children. He also represented Compton during his criminal trial in 1943, obtaining a not guilty verdict to the sexual assault charges filed against him by four of the girls under his care at Eliada.

Miss Grace Green, Compton's executive assistant who was responsible for running the orphanage in his absence, dealt directly with Merrimon on many of the most sensitive matters involving the children. The situation highlighted in this posting, involving a case of statutory rape with a resulting pregnancy between a young girl and her father, was handled quickly and efficiently by the resolute attorney. It all began with an urgent telegram about this delicate and possibly dangerous situation, which Merrimon responded to with his usual logic–once again providing the orphanage with his wise counsel.

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7/25/45

Miss Green says there is a girl at Faith Cottage, with a baby 3 or 4 months old, it was born out there. The baby is by her own father. She has heard her father is going to try to take the baby, but so far he doesn't know where she is. She is leaving the baby at the Eliada. And the girl intends to leave here for eastern part of the state.

She wants to know if she could change the baby's name and her own, too, for her own protection so that her father can never find her.

Western Union Telegram

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July 25, 1945

Miss Grace Green, Eliada Orphanage

R.F.D. Ashville, N.C.

Dear Miss Green:

Mrs. Thomas has shown me the memorandum made when you were in the office this morning regarding the baby and girl at Faith Cottage. I had talked to Mr. Compton about this matter and he promised to get me the name of the man.

Under the common law, any person can change his name at will, without any legal proceeding, by adopting another name. Some states have statutes in regard to making this change and it is said the statutory method has distinct advantages, in that it is definite and constitutes a matter of record which is easily proven even after the death of all contemporaneous witnesses.

An illegitimate baby inherits from the mother, but not from he father–it is her child, and the father is only responsible for its maintenance during minority in such amount as the court might fix. The child would not inherit from the father at all.

In North Carolina, we have a statute about change of name, which says that any person who wishes, for a good cause, to change his name must file an application before the Clerk of the Superior Court of the County in which he lives, having first given ten days notice of the change by publication at the Courthouse door and in his application the reason for desiring the change must be given, must show good character, etc. The Clerk then grants the Order making the change and the person is entitled to all the privileges and protection under the new name. He can't change his name but once under the statute.

There is no reason why this girl can't, if she leaves here, take any name she pleases so far as I know, provided she lives in North Carolina. The baby takes her name anyway, whatever it is. That is the only name it has. I suppose a birth certificate was given and this birth certificate would have to show the name of the mother and father. All persons are required to have birth certificates and the doctor's duty is to furnish it. He is guilty of a misdemeanor if he does not. It might be forwarded to the Department in Raleigh. I don't know of any provision in North Carolina that enables birth certificates to be withheld. I want to take this matter up with the Solicitor, if I can.

The birth of every child must be registered. General Statutes 130-85, etc. This certificate must be filed within five days after the birth, and it is the duty of the physician or the mid-wife to file it. The contents of the birth certificate are set forth in great detail, and it is required that all institutions shall keep records of such persons.

I will talk to the authorities about the matter, but the Eliada Orphanage can't afford to get into trouble by not making report of births at Faith Cottage.

Yours very truly,

J.G. Merrimon

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JUDGE MERRIMON SUCCUMBS AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Noted Lawyer Saw Service in Civil War; Burial Plans Pending

Judge James H. Merrimon, one of the state's foremost lawyers, died yesterday afternoon at 5:35 o'clock at the home of his son, J. G. Merrimon, in West Asheville, after an illness of several months. Definite arrangements for the funeral services have been postponed, pending the arrival of members of the family now out of the city, who are expected Friday.

Months ago Judge Merrimon's vigorous strength began to fail, and he spent some months in Johns Hopkins hospital, returning somewhat improved. It was realized at that time, however, that there was no hope of permanent recovery.

James Harvey Merrimon was born in 1832 in Hooper's Creek township, Henderson county, North Carolina, the son of Rev. Dr. Branch Hamlin Merrimon and Mrs. Merrimon (nee Mary Paxton, of the well known Transylvania county family of Paxtons). The family removed to Asheville in 1855 or '56, and here Judge Merrimon attended the first school taught by Professor Tuck and later the noted academy of Colonel Stephen Lee's in Chunn's Cove. Later, with his brothers, he was a student in Emory and Henry college, in Virginia, where he was when the Civil war between the states began.

CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.

Judge Merrimon returned to Asheville at the outbreak of the war and soon thereafter enlisted in the Confederate service, being adjutant in a cavalry brigade and seeing active service until the surrender. Judge Merrimon was loyal to the cause for which he fought not only during the War but thereafter, and could never be silent when the War Between the States was referred to as the war of the "Rebellion." Those who sought argument on this point found arrayed against them a champion both zealous and profoundly informed on the subject.

Returning to Asheville after the war, Judge Merrimon studied law at the school of former justice of the supreme court, Richmond Pearson, and was admitted to practice in the courts. In 1886 he was chosen judge of the superior court of this, then the 12th district, in which place he continued several years. His brother, Hon. Augustus S. Merrimon, former United States senator from North Carolina, was at that time a justice of the supreme court. Resigning, Judge Merrimon resumed the practice of law here.

Judge Merrimon was married to Miss Julia Lynch, who died a number of years ago, and leaves surviving him two daughters, Mrs. Vincent Erb and Miss Evelyn Merrimon; two sons, James G. Merrimon and Houston Merrimon; two sisters, Misses Eliza and Mary Merrimon, all residing here.

Judge Merrimon was a consistent member of the Methodist church, as was natural, since there served this denomination as minis-

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JUDGE MERRIMON SUCCUMBS AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Served in War Between the States; Burial Plans Pending

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ters both his father and grandfather, the latter being a well-known preacher living near Dinwiddie Court-House, Virginia, from which place the Merrimon family came originally.

Honors of various kinds came to Judge Merrimon from various sources. His sterling integrity was universally recognized, his innate courtesy was of the old school, and those intimately acquainted with him knew that his intellect was of a high order. He was fond of literature, of that which deserved to be called literature, since he alertly rejected shams, no matter how well disguised, and his store of books worth while was large. He was a modest man, and it is because he modestly refrained from furnishing any sketch of his life to the biographies of eminent North Carolinians that exact dates as to his life are unavailable now.

A NOTED LAWYER.

But it is chiefly as a lawyer that Judge Merrimon is known to most people. In his profession he was a leader among leaders in this state. Possessing a legal mind, a love for his profession and a forceful energy, he was an advocate whose ability caused his appearance in almost every lawsuit of great importance in this section, and he often appeared in the supreme court of the United States. In counsel, he was regarded as a reliant resource in time of need. Few lawyers, it is admitted, were so well grounded in the fundamentals of the law as was Judge Merrimon, and few were so capable of practically applying legal knowledge. Judges of the higher courts listened with deference to his views, and he was held in the highest regard, both personally and as a lawyer, by the late Judge Pritchard, among other udges.

For some years Judge Merrimon had lived a very quiet life, rarely accepting any new cases and spending much of his time among his books at his handsome home on South French Broad avenue. The original family home was on the street which was later named Merrimon avenue in honor of the family.

DEATH CLAIMS J. G. MERRIMON AT HOME HERE

Ash. Citizen 1-20-48

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Veteran Member Of Buncombe County Bar.

WAS 81 YEARS OLD

Stricken While Working In Garden At Home; Funeral Plans Incomplete.

James Gibbon Merrimon, 81, veteran Asheville attorney, died at his home 96 Westwood place this morning of a heart attack.

Mr. Merrimon was stricken in the garden near his home around 10:30 a. m.

Though he still maintained offices, he had limited his legal practice for the past several years, but was considered to be in good health.

An ardent gardner, for many years he had devoted much of his time to growing flowers. A great deal of his time also was devoted to the Buncombe county legal library on the sixth floor of the courthouse, which he was instrumental in founding and developing.

For many years he was associated with Junius G. Adams, Sr., and the late John S. Adams in the law firm of Merrimon, Adams and Adams.

He received his early education at the old Bingham school at Mebane and studied law privately here and in Greensboro. Before joining the firm of Merrimon, Adams and Adams, he practiced for a while with his father, the late Judge James H. Merrimon.

He was a past president of the Buncombe County Bar association, a member of the American Bar association, the North Carolina State bar, and for the past eight years served as chairman of the library committee of the local bar association.

Mrr. Merrimon received his law license in 1888.

Surviving are the widow; one son, James H. Merrimon of Enka; three daughters, Mrs. Dave Harris of Christ School, Mrs. R. G. Waldron of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. John P. Brown of Asheville; two sisters, Miss Evelyn Merrimon of New York city and Mrs. Vincent Erb of Asheville; and five grandchildren.

Funeral plans were incomplete this afternoon. Arrangements are under direction of Brownell, Dunn and Lovin funeral home.

Memorial Public Library
Asheville, N. C.

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JAMES GIBBON MERRIMON

James Gibbon Merrimon, Veteran Attorney, Dead

Funeral Services Are Set For Tomorrow Afternoon

James Gibbon Merrimon, 81-year-old veteran of the Buncombe county bar, died yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock in the garden of his home at 98 Westwood place. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services will be conducted in the chapel of Brownell-Dunn and Lovin funeral home on Spruce street at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with the Rev. Gale D. Webbe in charge. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Edwin Hartshorn, J. G. Adams, Jr., George Shuford, Kenneth Lee, Hubert C. Jarvis, and Edward Atkinson.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

Although his advanced age had forced Mr. Merrimon to curtail his activities somewhat, he was still active and had continued the practice of law. He was somewhat frail, but he had appeared in his usual health and the heart attack which occurred while he was in his garden yesterday morning came without warning.

For many years Mr. Merrimon had maintained a fine garden and he was especially interested in flowers. It was his chief relaxation from the gruelling work of his office, and his zeal never flagged. An honorary membership in the Asheville Garden club was a tribute to his interest in flowers.

Mr. Merrimon was the son of the late Judge and Mrs. James H. Merrimon and a nephew of the late Augustus Merrimon, member of the North Carolina supreme court.

He received his early education in the schools of Asheville and at Bingham Military school at Mebane. He studied law with Judge Bynum in Greensboro.

He was a member of the law firm of Merrimon, Adams and Adams here for many years, and was highly regarded as an attorney and counsellor at law. Other members of this firm were Judge Junius G. Adams and the late John Sneed Adams.

Mr. Merrimon was a past president of the Buncombe County Bar association and a former member of the board of law examiners. During World War I he served as a federal appeal agent.

During his later years Mr. Merrimon was made chairman of the law library committee of the County Bar association, and on this project, which he considered a great constructive work, Mr. Merrimon lavished many hours of patient toil and labor. It was largely because of his interest that legislation which enabled the library to reach its present high state of efficiency was passed. He never tired of pushing his beloved library, and members of the bar who have profited by this labor of love on his part are high in their praise for what he did.

Another interesting thing he was instrumental in promoting was a collection of photographs of deceased members of the bar. More than a hundred of these, collected as a result of his patience and energy, adorn the walls of the law library.

In his personal life Mr. Merrimon was always quiet and unassuming. He was the trusted advisor of many who were not able to pay large fees, especially of institutions in which he was interested. He served as the legal guide of an orphanage, for example, for a great many years—a work of which the public generally knew nothing. His reward was in the knowledge that he had served well those little ones who had no one save those of kind heart to fight their battles. It was from this sort of work, of which he rarely spoke, that he received some of his greatest satisfaction in life.

Surviving are the widow; one son, James H. Merrimon of Enka; three daughters, Mrs. Dave Harris of Christ School, Mrs. R. G. Waldron of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. John P. Brown of Asheville; two sisters, Miss Evelyn Merrimon of New York city and Mrs. Vincent Erb of Asheville; and five grandchildren.

MERRIMON RITES SET HERE TODAY

Veteran Attorney To Be Buried In Riverside Cemetery

Funeral services for James Gibbon Merrimon, 81, veteran attorney and former city corporation counsel, who died Tuesday morning in the garden of his home on Westwood place, will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the chapel of Brownell-Dunn and Lovin funeral home.

The Rev. Gale D. Webbe, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, will officiate. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

Pallbearers will be Edwin Hartshorn, J. G. Adams, Jr., George Shuford, Kenneth Lee, Hubert C. Jarvis and Edward Atkinson.

Mr. Merrimon, a past president of the county bar association, was a member of the legal firm of Merrimon, Adams and Adams here for a number of years. He was a former member of the board of law examiners and during World War I served as a federal appeal agent.

It was during the administration of Ottis Green that he served as corporation counsel.

James G. Merrimon

Just 10 years ago this month *The Citizen* took occasion to congratulate James G. Merrimon upon his completion of 50 years of service as an attorney at law. Among other things, we said:

> If there is one trait above another which has unvaryingly characterized Mr. Merrimon during all his period, it has been a high sense of professional rectitude.
>
> He has always asserted the rights and defended the interests of his numberless clients with force and intelligence but he has scrupulously avoided—because he has always abhorred—the tactics of the professional trickster. He has always had a high concept of the attorney's obligations both to his client and to the process of orderly justice. He has discharged these obligations himself and has not hesitated to insist that other lawyers do like wise . . .
>
> Such professional honesty is not a common commodity today. It has never been plentiful. It sets apart and distinguishes the man who possesses it.

Mr. Merrimon has fallen on sleep, full of years and rich veneration. No word that we might add to the above 10 years later would detract one whit from his career of service or alter the great stature of his character. He grew into old age with grace and humility. Death came to him quite poetically in the flower garden he tended with more than the ordinary passion of a hobbyist.

Few professions have been decorated by men of such utter loyalty, uncompromising honesty and fearless integrity. Like William Blackstone, he sought to serve the law with "an earnest and entire devotion." In so doing, in his own way he served all men.

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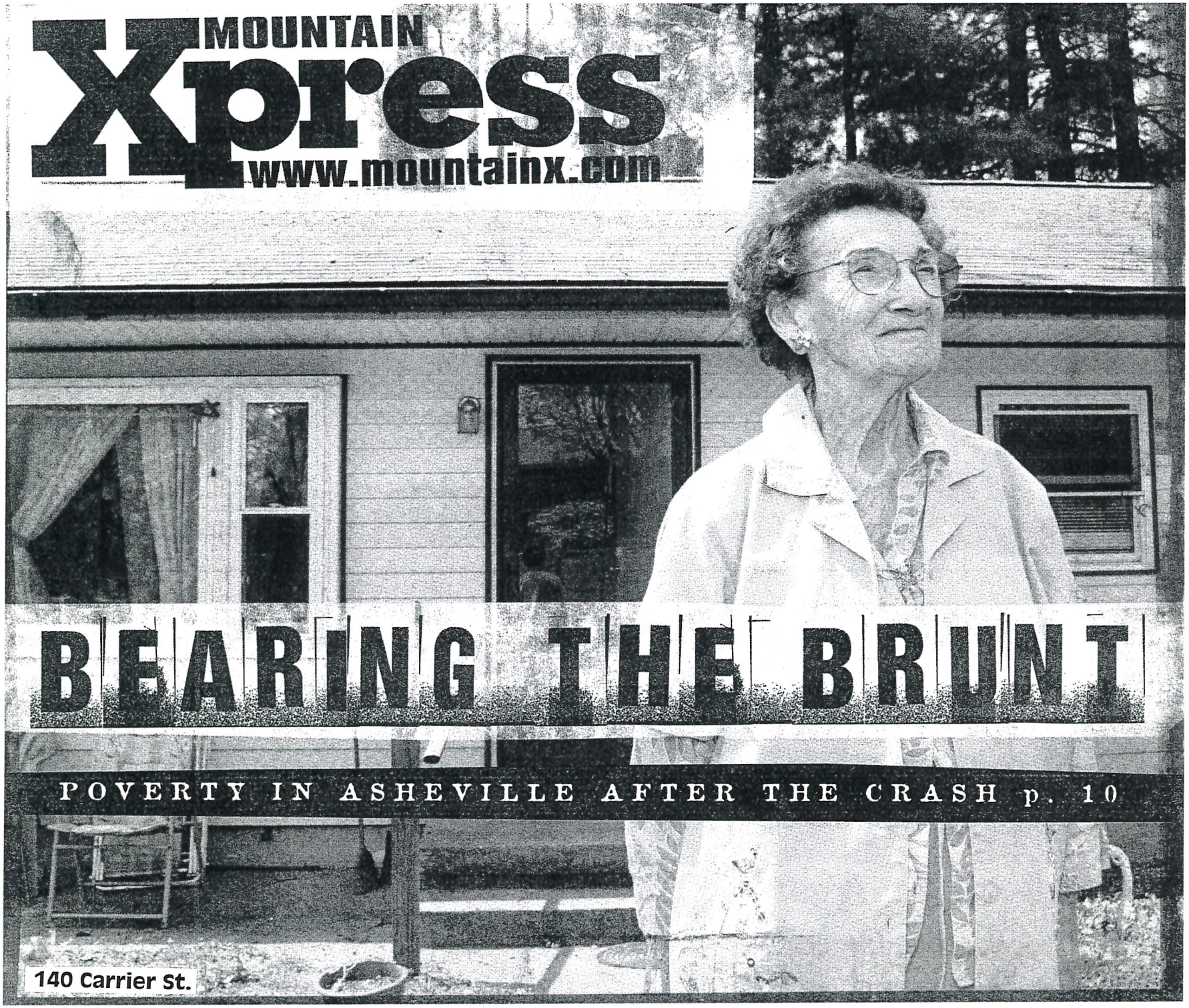

BEARING THE BRUNT

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DOWN AND OUT IN ASHEVILLE

THE MANY FACES OF LOCAL POVERTY

by David Forbes

The senior citizen

Marie Messer, 79, has lived in her West Asheville home since 1977. After renting for more than a decade, she and her husband bought the house in 1990. But he succumbed to Alzheimer's and died in a nursing home in 2004.

A former secretary at the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, Messer is long retired; her only income is her pension and Social Security. The mortgage payments ate up most of it, leaving little to pay for basics such as food or medicine (at one point, Messer was subsisting chiefly on peanut butter and crackers).

"I was having a hard time making my house payments," she explains. "I worried I was going to be homeless. I couldn't pay my light bill, my water bill, my phone bill. All that was more than I could afford and put gas in my car. Then I had to file for bankruptcy: That cost $1,000."

After trying various social-service agencies in vain, Messer contacted Pisgah Legal. They helped her cut her mortgage payments in half, which she says has made a huge difference.

"I still make it; I'm going on," she says, smiling. "Pisgah Legal called me the other day, asked if I needed anything else. 'Nope, I'm OK now,' I told them."

"It's hard to do anything when you're my age. It's hard to get out of bed in the morning," she adds with a chuckle. "But I'm in good shape for the shape I'm in."

Keeping her home: Marie Messer, a 79-year-old retiree, in the kitchen of the West Asheville home she nearly lost due to mounting mortgage payments

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Married Fifty Years

MR. and MRS. J. F. METCALF

Couple Observes 50th Wedding Anniversary

J. F. Metcalfs Frown On Divorce, Work To Be Independent

"They don't last long enough." is the only trouble with modern marriages agreed Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Metcalf, of 18 State street yesterday as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Metcalfs were wed in the Upper Laurel section of Madison county on November 20 1887 The bride was 15 years old and the bridegroom 20.

What do you think of divorce?

"Well" says Mr Metcalf, "we never thought about it because we don't believe in divorces. Marriage is still a serious proposition to us and will be as long as we live If younger people considered it in that light there would be less marital difficulty"

Thus the aged couple with the sparkle of youth still in their eyes summed up the philosophy which has carried them through a half-century of wedded bliss, and in the words of both, "made us just as happy today as we were 50 years ago."

They have spent all of their years in Buncombe and Madison counties with the exception of a short time in Tennessee, and now operate a small grocery store in the same building in which their home is situated.

The couple has nine children, all alive, 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, but prefer to be independent and make their living from the store they operate.

Mrs Metcalf pointed to her silver hair and gave notice that although she might look the older she was still five years younger than her husband.

They paused long enough between customers to be photographed, but other than dress up in their Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes did not celebrate the occasion.

"We're just happy to be alive." Mrs Metcalf commented. She did not hesitate to attribute their successful and happy married life largely to the kindness and character of her husband.

"He has lived a clean Christian life ever since I have known him," she remarked.

"And for sometime before that," added the husband.

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FISHBURNE HORTON HYLDBURG

MICHAEL MAY THOMAS ATKINS

APPLY FOR CHARTER—Members of the temporary West Asheville youth center committee have applied for a charter as a non-profit corporation to purchase a lot and build a center. The Rev. W. G. Thomas is chairman of the committee. He is shown with Judge Shelby E. Horton, Carl A. Hyldburg, W. E. Michael Jr., John B. May, Harry T. Atkins and Frank B. Fishburne.

W. E. MICHAEL

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Ed Michael Dies In City At Age Of 61

W. E. (Ed) Michael Jr., 61, owner and operator of Cobble's Department Store at 717 Haywood Rd., died at 4 a.m. Sunday in an Asheville hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Michael had been active for many years in church, lodge, civic service club and business affairs in West Asheville.

A resident of Asheville since 1906, he was born Dec. 2, 1900, in Rowan County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Michael Sr.

His first job was as a carrier for the old Asheville Gazette. Mr. Michael attended the Asheville city schools and studied accounting and was engaged in the drug business in West Asheville for 34 years.

Upon graduating from high school, he was for a time associated with Bilbro's Pharmacy, owned and managed by Quenton T. Bilbro. Mr. Michael was later associated for 18 years with Dan W. Foster in operation of the Palace Drug Store.

In 1948 he purchased Cobble's Department Store, one of the oldest department stores in West Asheville.

Mr. Michael was married in 1929 to Miss Margaret Frances Smith of Charleston, S. C., and resided at 19 Brucemont Circle

Since serving as District 31-A Governor of Lions Clubs in 1956-57 for WNC, Mr. Michael held the position of international counselor for Lions International.

He was a past president of the West Asheville Lions Club, a former Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, and District 31-A Cabinet secretary-treasurer for WNC Lions Clubs.

A charter member and first president of the West Asheville Club, Mr. Michael had compiled a perfect attendance record, was a Key Member and had received an extension award from Lions International.

Mr. Michael was a past master of the John A. Nichols Lodge No. 650, AF and AM, and had served as chairman of the West Asheville division of the United Fund of Asheville and Buncombe County.

He had been a member of the Review Board of the Buncombe County Committee on Public Solicitations.

Mr. Michael was an active member of the West Asheville Business Association, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, was a former member of the board of trustees and secretary of executive committee of the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital.

He had also served as a member of the board of trustees and finance committee of the West Asheville Masonic Lodge.

Surviving, in addition to the widow, are the mother, Mrs. Alda S. Michael Sr. of Asheville; one brother, Morris S. Michael of Asheville; three sisters, Mrs. T. A. Gamble and Mrs. Eulala Sluder of Asheville and Mrs. Clara M. Johnson of Alexandria, Va.

Services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Dr. W. G. Thomas, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery at Enka.

Active pallbearers will be Dan W. Foster, Elmer Blake, Norman Trueblood, Morris May, Dan S. Judd and Robert R. Barnes.

Honorary pallbearers will be Robert W. Easley Jr., Mike W. Brown, Judge Sam Cathey, F. Jack Cole, Troyl B. Dysart, Dr. S. S. Fay, Hubert Kanipe, Floyd L. Miles, Irwin Monk, Herbert Noble, G. H. Rhodes, Charlie Spencer, Roy A. Taylor, Dr. Paul Young, Judge W. A. Hart, Bill Shull, Lawrence E. Stoker, R. F. Moody.

Members of the District 31-A Lions Club cabinet, John A. Nichols Masonic Lodge, and past and present members of the N.C. State Lions Club Council also will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The body will remain in Groce Funeral Homel chapel until taken to the church to lie in state 30 minutes prior to services.

FATHER OF FIRST 1951 BUNCOMBE COUNTY BABY RECEIVES GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS THROUGH WISE PROGRAM.

SHOWN ABOVE is Hugh B. Stapleton, father of first Buncombe County Baby born in 1951, as he appeared on the WISE Baby Program. Participating Merchants shown in the picture are W. E. Michael—Cobbles Department Store, Irving Kassack—Pollock's, Joe Cooper—Field's, Max Crohn—Middlemount Flower Shop, John Ehle—Imperial Life Ins. Co., Richard E. Young—Eckerd's, Charles Dunwody Jr.—Ralph Bell Jewelers, J. Nick Davis—Asheville Laundry, Burke Harlan—Sterchi's, Charles Berryman—Berryman's Ambulance Service. Absent when the photo was made—H. J. Koontz—Biltmore Dairy Farms, and John B. May—May's Market. Seated at the right is Harold Moon, Program Director of WISE.

Asheville Citizen January 7, 1951

An enduring legacy of bricks, mortar and integrity

James V. Miller, Asheville's master brick mason

Forty-seven years after his death, he is well remembered here

By Ed Brackett
Times Writer

The reputation of James V. Miller — the black man who rose from slavery parentage to become one of the city's greatest builders — rests on firm foundations, say those who knew him.

Miller, one of the city's most prolific builders, constructed several vintage structures, including the Municipal Building housing the Asheville police and fire departments and churches including St. Matthias, Hopkin's Chapel and Mt. Zion. He also built several downtown buildings for the Tench Coxe and David Millard families and constructed many houses in the Emma section in western Asheville.

Miller was a hard worker who developed a fascination for masonry as a child, recalled Annie Mae Bolden, Miller's last surviving child. He frequently worked on churches and other projects for free.

"He was definitely a hero," said Anthony L. Kimbrough, who is researching Miller for presentations in schools and libraries. "He probably spent a million bricks up and down Asheville."

The Miller name "cropped up several times" during a 1960s inventory of downtown buildings, remembered Doug Swaim, a preservation specialist with the state department of archives and history. Many of Miller's sons were masons, too.

At a time when blacks were referred to as "coloreds" and treated as second class citizens, Miller's business thrived, and many of his clients were white.

Born of a slave mother in Rutherfordton, Miller moved to Asheville with his family shortly after the Civil War. His marriage in 1881 produced five sons and a daughter. He died in 1940 at age 82.

BOLDEN

"He was an honest man," Bolden said. "The white people in Asheville, colored as well, they trusted him."

Bolden lived for several years at the 14-room house in Emma that Miller built in 1900. That and many of the other 26 houses he built in the community still stand along Brickyard Road, she said.

Miller collected rent from the houses for several years, and — with his building fees — earned a comfortable living. He was also a popular public speaker, despite his lack of schooling.

"When he was a little boy, he wouldn't go to school," Bolden said. "That's the thing nobody could understand — so it (his ability) must've come from the lord."

She said Miller taught masonry free to young blacks all his life — "He felt that is what he must do" — even after being bedridden about five years before his death. His also tutored his sons, and each became a "crackerjack bricklayer," she said.

Some brothers started their own firm, and the youngest, John, built the Asheville Post Office. They all received their knack for the craft from their father, Bolden said.

Quentin K. Miller, grandson of James and the son of Lee Otus (the only Miller sibling to turn to medicine), said many people had probably forgotten the contributions made by his grandfather.

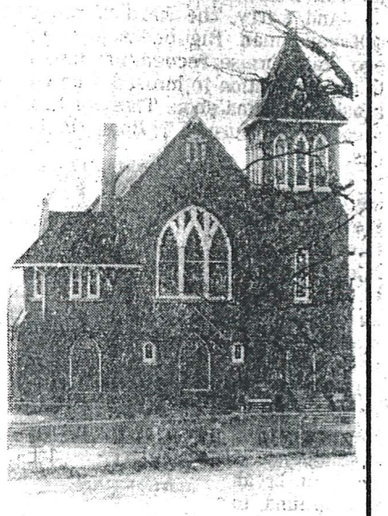
"I think it's probably because of age," he said. "Not peoples' ages just so much as they've simply forgotten that at that time a black man could've been capable of doing all that.

"I'd say that very little has been written about him," said Miller, who is also assistant superintendent for Asheville schools. "Even during the time he was building, and certainly in this age, very little has been written."

Bolden said her father was an exacting man who was kind and sympathetic at the same time.

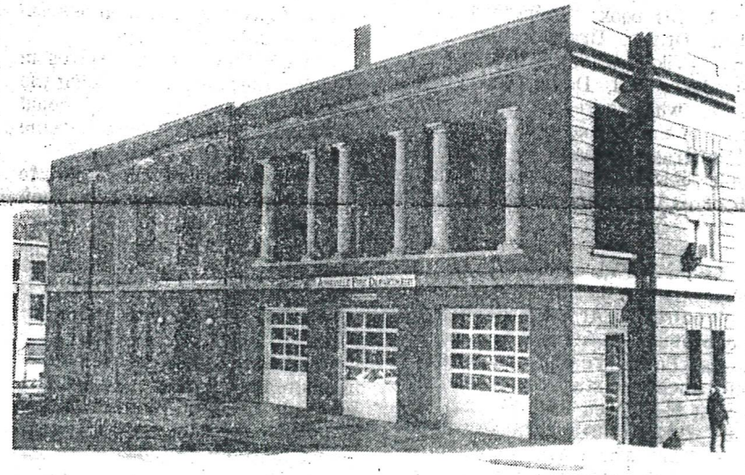
"He wanted everything right — no, no, you mustn't make any mistakes on his job," Bolden said. "If it's a third of a ½-inch out of plumb, it's got to come down and be built again. He was like that — that was his method.

"His life was like this: Be a man, whoever you are. Be honest, whoever you are. Work — he wasn't lazy — and make a living. Give a man an honest day's work, then pay your debts."



Hopkins Chapel AMEZ

He also constructed St. Matthias



EWART BALL/Times

The downtown municipal building is still in use today

Stately old structure houses Asheville police and fire departments

Asheville Citizen February 26, 1987

COLORED MASONS END MEET HERE

The colored Masons of this district yesterday ended their annual meeting here. James E. Shepard, of Durham, grand master was in charge. The meeting was attended by several grand officers and James V. Miller, district deputy, had charge of the local arrangements. The meeting next year will be held at Sylva.

Asheville Citizen July 6, 1924

THE STORY OF THE MILLER CLAN

OF

EMMA STATION

As told by Aunt Annie Mae
to her devoted niece
Barbara

Dedicated

to Her Daughter Juanita,

Her Nieces, Nephews, Great, Great, Great

Recalled from memory

June 1972

Asheville, North Carolina

INTRODUCTION

We referred to our grandparents' farm as

"Out Home"

Hence, the title of this family history

will be

"Out Home at Emma Station"

"United in Memory"

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The following pages will introduce the first draft of --Our Family History. It is Oral History--not yet complete or corrected.

The outline needs improving; it is also incomplete.

To be included in final copy:

1. Statistical Proof of data

   Example: Slave records--if they can be found

   Freedom papers--if they can be found

   Property deeds, newspaper articles, etc.

2. Pictures of family

   Pictures of buildings constructed by James V. Miller Construction Company.

3. Drawings or sketches, etc.

4. Summary on History of Asheville.

5. The final copy will be in book form and bound.

6. There will be copies for all family members and each child. Each copy will have many blank pages for additional information to be added through the years.

Will mail letter to all family sometime during year to state progress & give above info & ask for Suggestions & Criticisms after you read it. I haven't done too good a job - I'm just blundering along

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Asheville, North Carolina

Descendants

of

James and Violet

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A LETTER TO THOMAS WOLFE

Dear Thomas Wolfe,

Who said, "You can't go home again?" Even you could now. You wouldn't know the place. Much housing has been torn down around your homestead. It stands alone as a symbol of an era in honor of you and your talent.

You are no longer an alien in your own home town, but a "Boy of the Mountains" of whom all are proud. They even re-stocked your books on the library shelves, and the grandest honor of all is a fine new theater being constructed across the street from the old home place.

Speaking of the home place, it is considered a museum. The new theater will perform your works as well as others and the world will beat a path to <u>your</u> door on

The spirit of the mountains is as you left it, convenial, friendly, open, questioning, always ready to converse, always wanting to know where the stranger "comes from." Easy going, easy talking, a ready smile.

"Y'all come back now!" dear Tom Wolfe, you can come home again.

In writing the family history it really did surprise me to find out my great-grandmother cooked for

years in your mother's boarding house. I already knew your father and my grandfather had offices in the same old building on Pack Square.

There's a "new Asheville" arising in masonry as well as attitude. Imagine if you can--the ancestors of the black builders of the magnificent Grove Park Inn now walking through the front door as guests! So are the bars lowered everywhere else in town. You would have approved.

Much has taken place over the years to bring about "the change." We needn't go into all the ugliness of it. What is most important is--that it did happen, making our town a much happier city to live in for all races.

Human beings don't change much, but when they do, it's for the better.

Come home again, Tom Wolfe, come home.

From a descendant
of an "early settler"
who knew your family

PICTURES

of

JAMES and VIOLET MILLER

THE HISTORY of ASHEVILLE

JAMES VESTER MILLER

1860-1940

Born on April 21 in Rutherford, North Carolina. Died a few days short of his eightieth birthday. He moved with his mother to Asheville, North Carolina as a young boy. They lived on S. Beaumont Street. He would not attend school. He was a truant. As a boy he liked to work around construction sights. He carried water to men who cut trees to build Hopkins Chapel. He was a water boy on the construction sight of the Vanderbilt Mansion (Biltmore, North Carolina). At the time he was about nine years old!

When he was twenty-one (21) years old, he married Violet Agnes Jackson on August 25, 1881.

He had little knowledge of reading or writing. It was Violet who taught him to read and write. With her three years of schooling, his keen intelligence enabled him to absorb rapidly. After that he picked up knowledge on his own. He had no other schooling except that which Violet taught him.

At first he worked for others learning on the job, doing all types of construction work. Soon after his marriage as a young man, Pa worked in the brick yard at Fletcher, North Carolina. He worked there on weekends and walked the eleven

(11) miles from Asheville to Fletcher (and the eleven miles returning). He and a group who worked there walked on Friday and returned on Sunday. They stayed in an old cabin, a twenty-two mile round trip on foot.

It must be stated here that mountaineer families, in many homes, referred to their parents as Ma and Pa. So in turn did the grandchildren use the same terms.

Then he started working for himself, laying brick and eventually started contracting. Pa and Violet lived in a house on a street that was eventually named Miller Street. Pa owned all the houses on Miller Street!! A dirt road, but it is still there and still named Miller Street, although none of the houses remain. All the children were born on what was then South Beaumont Street--six children altogether--five boys and one girl. Their names were John, Thomas, Edward, Lee Otus, Charles and Annie Mae.

Pa was eventually able to build a new home, but for three years Ma wouldn't live in the house. She didn't want to live in the country. But, finally, on February 1, 1900, Violet moved into a large gracious twelve (12) room brick home, five miles out of town at Emma Station, North Carolina. The history of Emma is another chapter covered separately in this family history.

When Ma wouldn't move into the new home, it was rented to the Hendricks family. The Millers and the Hendricks have remained life-long friends through three generations.

Their paths have crossed and recrossed these many years. Dr. Robert Hendricks and Dr. Lee Otus Miller (son of James V. Miller who built the home at Emma) remained life long friends.

Description

Pa was tall, lanky, thin, blue-eyed and blond. Keen featured, yes, and white complexioned. In a crowd on the street his grandchildren often didn't recognize him. Often while standing on a downtown street corner talking to his friends, if the grandchildren didn't recognize him, he called them over to introduce them.

Pa, in looks was a white man, but in today's language "Black inside." He lived as a black man and thought as a black man and had his feet firmly planted on the ground. His father, of course, was white. In his village he was called the "mayor." All the people for miles around came to him for counsel.

James V. Miller trained all of his sons and many, many others to lay brick. The Miller family were among the finest brick masons in the whole area. He first worked as a subcontractor for the Cox estate; Then went into business for himself.

He had four teams of mules who were used to haul the brick from the freight depot to wherever they were working. He raised the feed for the mules on his own big farm. He employed two white drivers and two Negro drivers.

Pa built twenty-nine (29) rental houses on Brickyard Street in Emma and all except four were rented to whites. All four of the drivers who drove the teams of mules lived in the houses on Brickyard Street.

There were other brick houses built at Emma. Four and eight-rooms, one of which he gave his daughter Annie Mae. Emma was three miles from Pack Square, the center of town. In the city of Asheville James V. Miller constructed the following churches:

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Mount Zion

Hopkins Chapel

Varicks Chapel (corner of Bartlett and French Broad)

Hill Street Church

St. James

Others are

Hillcrest Housing Project

Hill Street School (1st one)

Many of the old buildings in downtown shopping section from College Street to Patten Avenue

Haywood Street

He built a telephone building that used to be on Haywood Street;

The Wilson Building on Eagle Street

One of the last large projects, the present-day Post Office in Asheville

In Grandfather's Day and Time
People Accepted Hard Work
As a Way of Life

Grandpa didn't throw money around. He made money, but he didn't spend it foolishly. He was a good investor at that time and thought he was doing a wise thing when he invested in land. Unfortunately the depression struck at the same time. However, this is ahead of the story.

Grandpa was a 33rd Degree Mason. District Representative of North Carolina. He did much traveling over a wide area in performing his duties and obligations to the Lodge.

All the boys and sister lived "out Home" while single and after they married until they were able to build their own homes. It was like a family compound!

All the boys and adopted sons were taught the construction trade by Pa. They were assured of earning a good living inthose days. Much of Old Asheville was constructed by J. V. Miller and his boys. He was the leading contractor in those days.

In 1914 Pa bought a Model T Ford--with an old crank! After the "Model T" came ~~in~~ an "Oakland." His third car was a lovely new Buick!

Pa had to retire from the work he dearly loved in the late 1920s due to a heart condition (doctor's orders)! after which he stayed at home, miserable in his retirement! He was accustomed to a busy day--"bossing" as head contractor. He was lonesome for the work he followed all his life and that was "giving orders"!! Violet didn't take them, you know!! They both lived for Sundays and visits from the children and the grands. Ma cooked all day Saturday for the children. She stuffed the kitchen drawer as usual. The grandchildren had just left their own dinner table, but Ma's was something special. The drawer was the whole width of the table. The table was handmade--and that special drawer was never empty. In the cellar Pa had stored dandelion and grape wine by the gallon for the grownups. He'd buy dandelions by the bushel from all the neighborhood boys. He would make the dandelion wine by himself. In this house hospitality abounded.

In 1936 Pa was invited to speak at Hopkins Chapel (which he built) on College Street. He was to speak on the history of the church. He was a fine public speaker. He led the congregation in song. His two favorites: "Bless Be the Tie that Binds" and "What a Fellowship." In later years he loved the song "Will the Circle be Unbroken," and "Deep River" was a favorite also. Aunt Sallie was present at this service and returned to give the gist of his speech. She said, "When he finished, there wasn't a dry eye in the packed house." Ma asked, "What went on?" (since she didn't attend). Pa looked up from his dinner

plate and proceeded to reply, "Violet, I told the Negro where he come from, and I told him where he's going, too, if he didn't change his ways!"

Grandfather passed in 1940 on April 6. He was able to remain at Emma on the farm until his death. Aunt Anie Mae came home from Kentucky to care for him when Ma died. He was happy with her decision. He lived four and a half years after Ma died. He passed almost on the same day and month. Ma died April 13, 1936. Son Charlie passed April 6, also (1959).

FAMILY RECORD

James Vester Miller

Born:	Rutherforton, North Carolina
Date of Birth:	April 21, 1860
Deceased:	April 6, 1940
Buried:	Violet Hill Cemetery
	Emma Station, North Carolina

James and Violet lie buried side by side in Violet Hill Cemetery overlooking the old home and named in memory of Violet.

PICTURES OF CHURCHES CONSTRUCTED

by

JAMES V. MILLER

and

SONS

JAMES VESTER MILLER

Born: April 21, 1860

Rutherforton, North Carolina

Married: August 25, 1881

Died: April 6, 1940

Lived: 80 years

Married 55 years

Wife

VIOLET AGNES MILLER

Born: November 1, 1864

Spartenburg, South Carolina

Married: August 25, 1881

Died: April 13, 1936

Lived: 72 years

Married 55 years

LOUISA MILLER

Mother of James V. Miller

Born:	Rutherford, North Carolina
Lived:	Asheville, North Carolina (later years)
Birthdate:	1822 (approximately)
Died:	1902 /At 80 years of age
Buried:	Cemetery at South Asheville in Miller lot.

Born a slave and remained one for first forty-three years of her life

1865 freedom declared
1822 born
43

THirty-eight years old when son James Victor was born.

Louisa Miller was the mother of six children.

The three youngest children were fathered by a black father. Their names were:

Gus
John
Charlie
} Never married. All died of TB

The three older children were full blooded brothers and sister. They had the same father--the slave holder. Their names were:

James--the oldest, our grandfather

Lee--shorter than James; went to work in steel mills in Pittsburgh

Deliahia--the only sister. Passed probably at 80.. She was not tall, lived late years at Emma.

The family moved by wagon to Asheville and lived on what is now Ridge Street--but then called Baptist Hill. Aunt Annie Mae remembers Deliahia well.

All Pa's brothers and sisters are buried in South Asheville Cemetery in the Millter lot.

Recalled by Annie Mae:

Pa said when he was a little boy he would eat the food that was left on the plates of the Vances (slaveholders). Rutherfordton, N.C.

When slavery ended the Vances gave a piece of land to Pa's mother with a three room house on it. It was located in Rutherfordton. Pa took Annie Mae on a trip to Rutherfordton

years later--and pointed out the spot where the little house once stood. Six children and their mother lived in this house.

Pa's mother Louisa cooked for the Thomas Wolfe family many years until she was disabled. Her earlier years were lived as a slave of the Vance family in Rutherfordton, N.C. The Thomas Wolfe family home is located on Spruce Street in Asheville N.C. For many years a boarding house and family home. Now a museum in honor of Thomas Wolfe's fame as a world renowned author.

When Louisa was no longer able to work she went to live at Emma with her son James and his wife Violet. Pa's sister Delihia lived with the family also. She still cooked for the Wolfes when Pa and Ma first married. She was very fond of Ma and Ma was fond of Louisa. Lived to see Pa and Ma build the new house at Emma and go to live there until she passed. Louisa died of typhoid pneumonia. Aunt Annie Mae remembers Louisa being taken from the house at Emma in a white casket.

VIOLET
Violet Agnes Jackson
1864-1936

Born: November 1, 1864; Spartenburg, South Carolina

Died: 1936 at 72 years of age "Out Home" at Emma

Buried: In "Violet Hill" Cemetery; named for her

When her father died, an aunt (her father's sister) brought her to Asheville to live with an aunt. She was very young. Violet had four sisters ~~and one brother.~~ They remained in Spartenburg with the mother. Violet lived in a two-story double house on Valley Street. Mrs. Cogwell (longtime friend of the family) lived there also . She stood with Ma (Violet) when she was married. Mrs. Lottie Baird lived there also. She too was a life-long friend of the Miller family.

Violet attended school in Asheville but only as far as the third grade. Her aunt operated a small laundry, and Violet had to work. Occasionally she attended school. This aunt believed more in work than education. She lived there with her aunt until she was married to James Victor Miller. They lived in a house James owned on a street then named South Beaumont, later renamed Miller Street. Pa owned all the houses on Miller Street!

All the children of James and Violet were born in that house on South Beaumont, six children altogether--five

The new house at Emma took one year to build, but it took Violet three years to move in! She didn't want to live in the country. There were twelve rooms to furnish. For a start she attended an auction at the home of a Dr. Mann (Dentist). The kitchen had a big coal stove, round oak, with a water heater built in on one end of stove. It held ten gallons. Aunt Annie Mae remembers she had to draw water from the well to fill it up!

There was a big kitchen table with a big drawer where the left over food was kept full of surprises for the grandchildren on Sunday. It was always full of chicken and dumplings, custard and biscuits.

In the kitchen there was a second work table. Shelves held pots and pans. Another receptacle held coal and wood. As you entered off the back porch the first thing you saw was the shelf that held the two pails of well water and that common dipper! (For those who may never have seen one, it was a metal cup on a long handle used for drinking fresh well water out of the pail (on a shelf in the kitchen). Nobody thought about sanitation in those days. As far as it is known, nobody ever got sick from that fine well water--or the DIPPER! Didn't we always say, "Draw some fresh water?" Grandfather's well was seventy-five feet deep, rocked up with native rock; his own construction.

Down the path from Ma's lived the only daughter of the family. Aunt Annie Mae, but she is another story all by herself. That comes later.

All the boys and one daughter lived at home until each built his own home. It was like a family compound. Even though adult, the family lived under one roof with parents. All of the boys and adopted sons were taught the construction trade by Pa (J. V. Miller). They were assured of earning a good living in those days. Much of "Old" Asheville was constructed by J. V. Miller and Boys.

It is difficult to separate the life of Violet from that of the family. The lives of Violet and James were too interwoven. They were a team. Ma's life was her family. In trying to write separate chapters, there is unavoidable repetition.

Ma, through years, remained a devoted wife, compassionate, gentle and patient. Her life was one of hard work--very hard. It was an accepted way of life. She was on her feet from sun-up 'til sundown.

Grandchildren spent weeks at a time in summer ("running wild," we used to say!) Grandma spent most of her time keeping us clean and cooking for the many grandchildren. We enjoyed and looked forward to going "Out Home," when summer came. We were city children who appreciated the country. T e cousins enjoyed each other. "Out Home" we never lacked something to do; there was no such thing as radio and television. We created our own fun and games. We did the chores--feeding the animals, picking the vegetables, helping with meals. We would pick apples, corn or beans and Grandma would prepare them. Out we would rush to play. Somebody's turn to help set the table and then out to play again.

W.
LEE MILLER

Brother of James Victor Miller

Grandfather's brother Lee married twice. From his first marriage there was born one son, named Willie Lee Miller. This son married Mary Young. They lived in West Asheville. From this union were born six children. Willie Lee was a brick mason for 46 years.

1) Bulah
2) Eleanor--died 1938 at 19 years
3) James--died 1939
4) Ray--died 1937
5) Lewis
6) ?

Willie Lee passed in 1936--August 21. Mary his wife passed in 1936--July 14.

Grandfather's second marriage produced five children:

1) Eldridge--now deceased
2) Eulalia--now deceased
3) Elizabeth--now deceased
4) George--living in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
5) Lee--living in Durham, North Carolina

Eldridge married Fannie Gilson; lived in Guthrie, Oklahoma; had one daughter, Margaret Emma.

Eulalia married Joseph H. Bell; lived in Durham, North Carolina, had two children--Elizabeth (Betty Bell Young), living in Washington, D.C., and J. Karl Bell, now living in Bethesda, Maryland.

12-4-2004

St. Matthias Episcopal holds so much to be proud of

By Robin Daniel
GUEST COLUMN

On a Sunday afternoon, a concert of chamber music at St. Matthias Episcopal Church is the opening for a discovery. It sneaks up on you.

You do not expect an 1894 building to command your attention. The music continues and the audience remains alert, but you focus on the windows and then on the handcarved woodwork. At this moment the architecture becomes the music.

You meet the gentleman/minister at the door and he comments on how much the music has contributed to the restoration of the church. (There is no fee to enter the concert, and the pots at the foyer take contribution without much to-do on the part of the minister.) This must be what they call Grace.

On going out you are still mentally holding on to the feel of the ceiling, curved down from a peak in the center along the same line of the aisle and then rounded at the front where the choir and minister perform. The boards are narrow, maybe an inch and a half wide. Somebody had to know how to do that. Somebody had to lie on his back to secure the boards.

You wish you could meet the man who created the ceiling, the man who loved this place and who had the skill to make this church. You wish.

That man was James Vester Miller, the same artisan who built the Asheville Police and Fire Department building and who made the bricks by hand. His relatives still attend St. Matthias Episcopal Church and are proud of Miller's accomplishment. You too will be proud of him when you see what he accomplished.

Miller was born a slave in 1867.

Captain Thomas S. Patten donated nearly 10 acres of land to build the first building, "Trinity Chapel."

It took the land to build the chapel, so remember Patten.

Then how can this church have lasted for more than 100 years? In evidence are the architectural skills of a builder who shared his craft and who made beauty part of his personal objective.

In evidence is the location up on a hill where you can see it and from there see Mount Pisgah to the west. That makes two tall heroes.

It helps, too, to have three freshly painted red doors to welcome anyone who wants to hear the music.

An academic writer in the 1960s noted that historically, civilizations expressed their highest values in the height of their buildings: Egypt with pyramids, Europe and America with Church spires, and modern America with skyscraper offices for business.

Meet James Abbott, a minister who retired in Asheville and intends to stay here. Chances are you or one of your friends have chosen the steeple, too.

Meet Ron Lambe, music director who helps to improve the church by exchanging his leadership for a place to practice and play music with friends.

The organ has been updated and refurbished, too.

Remember that the first Sunday of the month marks eight years for the concert series. Dec. 5, however, will feature a Christmas chorale at 3:30 p.m., instead of the usual chamber music schedule.

For questions, call James Abbott at 252-0643. The church is at 1 Dunbar St.

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For a photo gallery of the church, visit **CITIZEN-TIMES.com.**

Asheville Citizen December 4, 2004

Cpl. Miller Goes Back To Base After Furlough

Cpl. Robert R. Miller returned to his base today after spending a 10-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Miller of Vermont avenue, West Asheville.

CPL. MILLER

He is stationed at Memphis, Tenn., with the flight engineers of the ferry command, in the army air corps. Before being sent here he was graduated from mechanics school at Gulfport, Miss., and later attended transition school at St. Joseph, Mo.

He is a graduate of Lee Edwards high school in the class of 1940 and was a student at Eastern Carolina Teachers' college at the time he entered the army.

Since being attached to the ferry command, Cpl. Miller has been overseas one time.

A brother, Jack Miller, is stationed at Camp Barkeley, Tex., where he is attending officer candidate school.

He has been in the army for four months and prior to that time was working with the civil service in Washington.

Asheville Times May 28, 1943

Mills Is Promoted To Technical Sergeant

Sgt. Charles E. Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Mills, of 51 Virginia avenue, West Asheville, has been promoted to the grade of technical sergeant, it was learned here today.

SGT. MILLS

He is attached to an armored division.

Before entering the service Sgt. Mills was connected with Commercial Stationers here and was active in young people's work at the West Asheville Methodist church.

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THE ASHEVILLE TIMES December 9, 1941

Lee Edwards Students Helping Uncle Sam

Boys and girls of Asheville are well versed on current events and foreign affairs as are their elders these days and when it comes to buying defense stamps and bonds, they are not likely to let anyone get ahead of them. The student council of Lee Edwards high school is sponsoring a sale of stamps and bonds at the school and today—the first day of sale—in 15 minutes dispensed with some eight dollars worth. Shown above are three of the students buying from Edwin Mills, general manager of the sales. They are, left to right, Jim Vaden, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Vaden of Cumberland circle, Edwin Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Mills of 51 Virginia avenue, Miss Carolyn Agnew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Agnew of 16 Anandale avenue, and Miss Mary Jean Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson of 1 Edgemont apartments. They are seniors. With the purchase of one 10-cent stamp, a stamp album is provided, and thus a new form of stamp collecting becomes a little more than just a hobby, since it helps Uncle Sam at the same time. Students at David Millard junior high school bought more than $1.00 worth of defense stamps in one week.

– Citizen Times Photo – Gamble.

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE occupies the attention of a youngster who, like Marlissa Mills, is at her most earnest in addressing a certain well-known Yultide traveler. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mills, are sure Santa Claus knows that she lives at 24 Westgate Rd.

Asheville Citizen December 23, 1956

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March 10, 1929

Community Life Centers About Organized Groups

West Asheville Folks Combine Efforts In Unity Plan

By GLENN W. NAVES

The people of West Asheville believe in organization.

And, incidentally, they believe in co-operation, and that a combination of these two elements is essential to community growth and progress.

Consequently, they have embodied the two in a number of well organized community groups, each of which is varied in policy and purpose so as to conform with the needs of everybody from the business man down to the boys and girls who are going to school and training themselves to be future citizens.

Beginning several years ago, public spirited citizens of the community grouped themselves in the belief that business, religion, social work, education and community government can best be conducted when each is thoroughly organized. And these organizations have grown with the progressive expansion of that section until each is a valuable asset, something which just as essential in a sense as the streets, schools and churches are because many of these benefits have been obtained through the efforts of one or more of the organizations.

Club Is Oldest

The largest and oldest of these groups are the West Asheville club, the West Asheville Community club and the West Asheville Merchants Association.

The former was organized in November, 1925 with S. D. Hall as president. Other presidents have been: Don C. Young, 1926, Hugh Sowers, 1927 and H. B. Posey, whose term will expire in November of this year. Both Mr. Posey and Mr. Sowers are bankers, the former being cashier of the Bank of West Asheville and the latter connected with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Young is representative No. 1 from Buncombe county in the General Assembly. G. G. Morgan was elected the first secretary and after his resignation was succeeded by Bert Starnes, who has served in that capacity since.

The club's membership of around 75, includes business and professional men of every calling—lawyers, bankers, ministers, physicians, merchants, public officials, and even one fire chief, a mayor and a few "politicians." The fire chief is A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, the mayor, Gallatin Roberts and the "politicians" include Mr. Young, who is also among Asheville's best known attorneys.

The club has since its organization shown a deep interest in the upbuilding and progress of the community, and at present has on schedule a number of plans in that direction.

Community Club

Shortly after the West Asheville club was formed the ladies of the community decided that they should also have a similar organization so the West Asheville Community club was formed.

The club has its musical and literary de-------- which have separate meetings and give programs in which the members participate. One of the most popular of these features is the monthly musical program, usually held at the home of a member. Local talent is used and a visiting artist entertains with vocal or instrumental numbers, or perhaps lectures on some interesting phase of music study. Each month the program is planned under the supervision of a selected member and is arranged so as to provide variety and an opportunity for each member to exercise their talent.

In many other ways the club takes an active part in the social, and church and educational life of the community, and has a large and active membership, many of whom are charter members.

Merchants Group

The West Asheville Merchants Association was organized in January, 1926 with a charter membership of 13 business men. The organization has since grown to 60 members, including practically every business concern in the community.

In accordance with tentative plans this organization has continued to function as a mutual benefit group for business men and citizens and has accomplished much in the expansion of the business interests of West Asheville.

J. R. Mills, who died about two years ago, was the first president. Other officers elected, at the initial meeting who are still serving are O. J. Judd, vice president and V. F. Brown, secretary. John May succeeded Mr. Mills as president.

Other Organizations

Other groups pprovide the essential organization element for the people, of the comunity.

Young people's organizations include two troops of the Boy Scouts of America; the Junior Music club; the Business Girls' Circle; the Young Men of the Presbyterian church, and others.

One of the Scout troops has been organized at the Methodist church and is sponsored by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, and others. Troop 5 of the Presbyterian church is under the leadership of Jimmy Haley, patrol leader and F. Bonnotte, Scoutmaster.

The Junior Music club was organized by Mrs. A. X. Blanchard and has since grown from eight to eighty members. The group was formed so as to give the children of the community with musical talent an opportunity to benefit from study and contact with each other, and to maintain their interest in music. The club is known as one of the most active in West Asheville.

Other organizations are the Calvary Baptist church orchestra and male quartet, the Junior Choir of the Methodist church; Business Girls' Circle, Woman's Auxiliary, Men of the Church and Young Men of the Church, of the Presbyterian church, the Woman's Missionary groups of the community churches, the B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor organizations, the Mitchell Avenue Home club, the Friendship club, the Mothers' Club Association of Hall Fletcher, Aycock, Eugene Rankin, and Vance schools, the Sunday school groups and others.

Fraternal organizations include the West Asheville chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Locke Craig Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Red Men, Moose, Odd Fellows and the A. F. and A. M. Masonic

WEST ASHEVILLE PIGEONS FINISH FIRST IN RACES

Eleven pigeons owned by John Mimidis, of West Asheville, finished first in the second race of the Asheville Pigeon club held Sunday, it was announced yesterday. The birds flew over a 50-mile course from Morganton to Asheville, all of those entered by Mr. Mimidis arriving first at their houses in West Asheville.

Other winners were J. H. Horne, second place, and R. S. Merriney, third place. The birds belonging to Mr. Mimidis won the Asheville-Marion race several week ago. A. E. Mutton, of Asheville, has offered a silver cup for the winning entry in a 100-mile race to be held here soon, it was announced yesterday.

Asheville Citizen October 1929

Harry P. Mitchell Dies; Local Official

Harry P. Mitchell, a member of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners for the past nine years and former county purchasing agent, died in a hospital here about 9 a. m. today following a lengthy illness. He was 65.

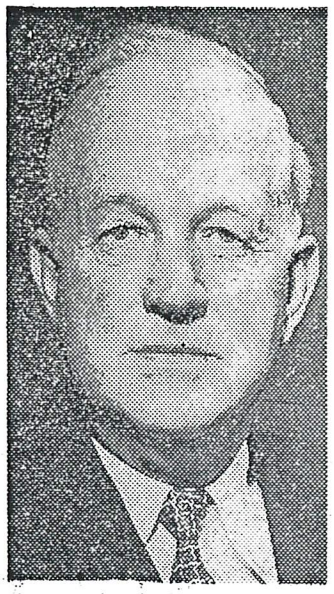
Known as "Red" to friends and associates, Mr. Mitchell had been in declining health for several years. He had been hospitalized several times in recent months.

Mr. Mitchell retired from the full-time job of purchasing agent last December, but retained his post on the Board of Commissioners. He had been purchasing agent for 21 years, and had been reelected to a four-year term on the board last November.

A native of Buncombe County, Mr. Mitchell was a son of the late Thomas Jefferson and He attended Asheville public schools and Business College.

Prior to his appointment as county purchasing agent in 1943, Mr. Mitchell had been in the building materials business.

He was married in 1921 to the former Miss Margaret Louise Williamson of Winston-Salem,



who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. James M. Atkinson of Asheville and Mrs. Fred Ruth Jr. of Sarasota, Fla., one sister, Mrs. L. W. Griffin of Columbia, S. C., and five grandchildren.

Mr. Mitchell was appointed to the County Board of Commissioners in December of 1955 to serve the unexpired term of the late George D. Young. He was elected to the same office the following year.

He won reelection to a two-year term in 1958, and, when the term was increased to four years, he was again reelected in 1960 and 1964.

He was in charge of the food stamp office here during World War II. Following that he worked as a statistician with the County Welfare Department for several months before being appointed purchasing agent.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Mitchell was active for many years in the American Legion. He was a past commander of Rockwell-Ballew Post No. 2.

He had served as a director and president of the N. C. Association of County Commissioners. He was elected a director of the association in 1958 and elected president in 1963.

Mr. Mitchell had also served on the Welfare Committee of the National Association of Counties. He was a member of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, and had served as chairman of the church's Board of Deacons.

At the time of his death he was an elder of the church and was a member of the Edwards Memorial Bible Class.

He was also a member of the Chef de Gare Voiture, Western North Carolina 40 and 8.

Mr. Mitchell resided with his wife at 155 Sulphur Springs Rd., West Asheville.

The family will receive friends at Groce Funeral Home from 7 to 9 p. m. tomorrow.

Asheville Citizen 1965

Miss Mitchell Joins Army Nurse Corps

Miss Louise Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Mitchell of 140 Virginia avenue, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army nurse corps.

She left Asheville Monday for Camp Rucker, Ala., where she will receive a 30-day period of basic training, upon completion of which she will be assigned to the nursing staff of Lawson General hospital, Atlanta.

A graduate of Lee Edwards high school, Lt. Mitchell graduated from the Biltmore hospital school of nursing last year.

LT. LOUISE MITCHELL

Asheville Citizen April 8, 1945

White Duck takes flight

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Ben Mixson talks to people about their meals during the soft opening of the White Duck Taco Shop on Wednesday afternoon. The restaurant officially opened Friday.

Taco shop 1 of 2 new eateries in still-evolving River Arts District

MADE FROM SCRATCH
building a restaurant

ABOUT THE SERIES

This is the most recent installment in "Made from Scratch," a series following Laura Reuss and Ben Mixson's journey to opening and making a success of a new restaurant in the River Arts District. In addition to print stories like this one, Citizen-Times reporter Carol Motsinger and photographer Erin Brethauer update the story regularly online at **CITIZEN-TIMES.com/madefromscratch.**

By Carol Motsinger
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ASHEVILLE — The White Duck Taco Shop on Roberts Street is no longer the wooden skeleton of a newborn idea.

When Ben Mixson and Laura Reuss opened the restaurant's double doors at 11 a.m. Friday, it was the couple's final step in the transformation of what had been an empty space into a living, moving organism, fleshed out with paint and plaster.

But the eight weeks they spent renovating their leased section of The Hatchery Studios will never be far away: Mixson made a display of their permits, with his much-used work gloves anchoring the paper record of all their long days and restless nights, bottomless coffee mugs and to-do lists.

"It's just got a lot of history to it," he said of the monument to their work, mounted on a wall across from the restaurant's bathrooms. "It's been a lot of time, energy and money. It's really a reminder of what all we've been through."

Mixson is able to retire his work gloves, but the renovation — and sophistication — of the River Arts District is still a work in progress.

Working together

The movement toward establishing the River Arts District as a nighttime eating and drinking destination has accelerated with the opening of White Duck Taco Shop, as well as The Junction on Depot Street.

The Junction opened Wednesday in Pink Dog Creative, the former home of a textile manufacturer that also now houses artist studios, galleries and the Asheville Area Arts Council. The brightly colored building will celebrate its

Visit **CITIZEN-TIMES.com** for White Duck Taco Shop photo galleries.

Please see TACO on A5

official opening June 10 during the first day of the River Arts District annual studio stroll.

Tanya Triber, who owns The Junction with her husband, Charles, stopped by White Duck Taco Shop on Friday to pick up lunch for her husband, who hasn't really slowed down since their restaurant opened, she said.

She invited Mixson and Reuss to their "soft opening" earlier in the week. (A "soft" opening precedes the official grand opening, allowing business owners to work out any kinks before celebrating.)

The two couples' support of each other's ventures speaks to the district's emphasis on collaboration over competition.

"There is a real sense of us all wanting to work together," said Chall Gray, owner and producer of The Magnetic Field, a café, bar and theater on Depot Street that opened more than five months ago. He ate at The Junction on Friday afternoon.

"(Restaurateurs) are working together to get people to come to the River Arts District to let people know you can come here to eat and drink," Gray said.

For Charles Triber, The Junction is "being established before the big wave" of development of more diverse cultural options in the district. "We have about two or three more years," he said.

But he trusts in his investment in the area, he said. A native of Columbia, S.C., he met Tanya while living in Portland, Ore. He's seen the flourishing of similar post-industrial neighborhoods in cities like Portland.

"When we moved here, we knew the River Arts District was going to be the place to be," he said. "You could feel this energy."

Closing a chapter

When Mixson closed on the sale of his condo in his former hometown, Park City, Utah, Sept. 15, he knew he would open a restaurant in Asheville. He didn't know this dream would take him to the River Arts District, but once they found The Hatchery, it was home, he said.

The shop even looks like Reuss and Mixson's West Asheville home: She made the restaurant tables out of old doors, a technique she perfected doing their dining room. Art from street artist Ishmael covers White Duck Taco's walls. Ishmael is a friend of Mixson's, and his work appears throughout their house.

Mixson said the journey to opening White Duck truly started the minute he closed on the condo. And not too long after 11 a.m. Friday, the end of that journey — and the beginning of another — walked through the bright red doors.

Julie Luong, of West Asheville, was the first customer, and after eating her fill of Reuss's shrimp tacos, she left the building with more tacos to-go for her roommate.

"Everything looks good here," she said. "I love the variety. ... I'll be back."

Luong had a quest of her own to find the spot, however: She said she drove past it a few times.

Clear signage is something Mixson added to his list of things to address in his handy green notebook, a constant companion since the fall. The work never stops; There are printed menus to make, to-go bags to purchase.

IF YOU GO

What: White Duck Taco Shop.
Where: 1 Roberts St., inside The Hatchery Studios.
When: Open this weekend 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-9 p.m.
Prices: Tacos range from $2.75-$3.25.
Learn more: 258-1660.

John Yurko and his daughter, Ava, 8, look up at the menu at the White Duck Taco Shop on Friday.

John Yurko, who ate an early lunch with his daughter Ava, 8, said that popular 12 Bones Smokehouse on nearby Riverside Drive "is a really good case study of what you can do with no real visibility."

"They (are wildly successful) because they have really good, quality food," he said.

Next steps

Pink Dog Creative co-owners Hedy Fischer and Randy Shull wanted to ensure their space in the River Arts District included a restaurant because it "draws people to the district," Fischer said.

"We really felt it was an opportunity to really impact the nature of the River Arts District," she said.

Shull, an artist who has a studio in Pink Dog, first worked along the river in 1991.

There were substantial studios back then, he said, but there are some factors that have held back the development of the district beyond the artist studios system that defines the area today.

Because so many of the buildings are on the floodplain, it makes it much more expensive to insure the buildings, for example. It needs to be affordable to foster development, "but we are just not in a place where people are going to invest in unaffordable areas," Shull said.

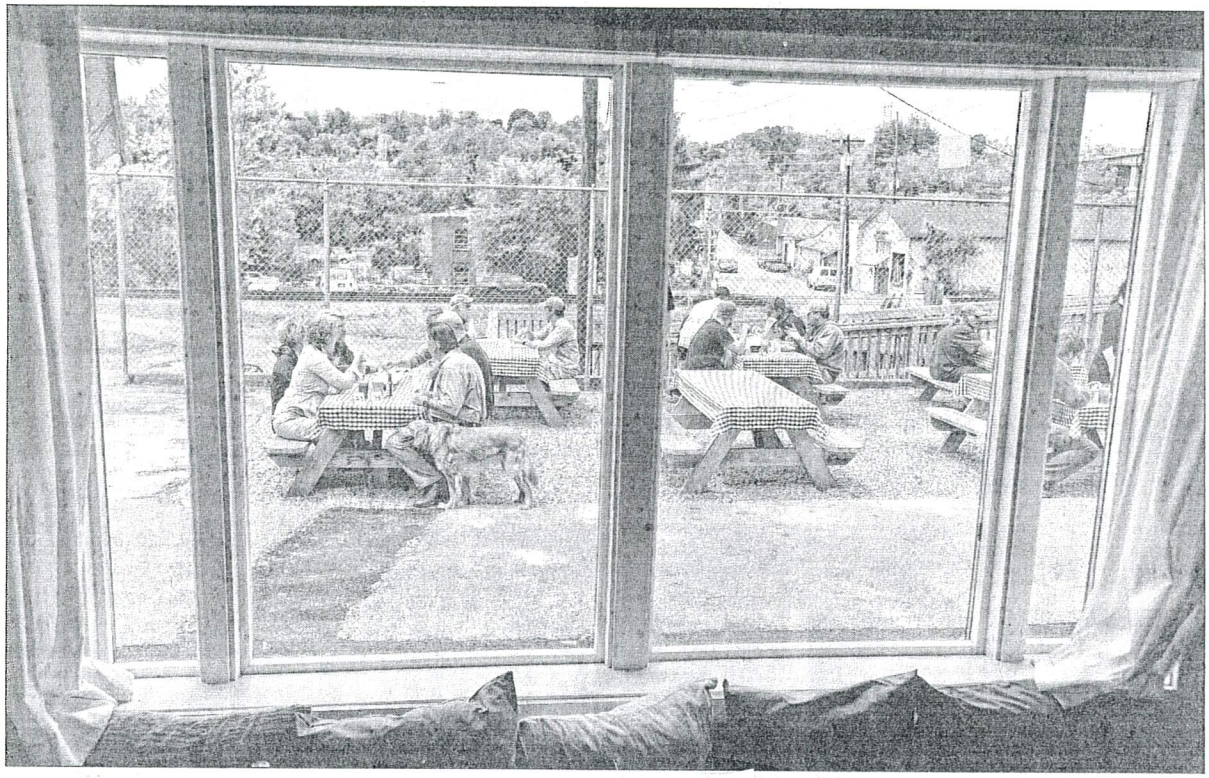
He suggests more green spaces connecting the district to nearby downtown would improve accessibility. He also hopes for better sidewalks and designated parking, he said.

One recent addition has already helped the district's image: The new Glen Rock Apartments on Depot Street has helped "dispel the myth that it's not safe to be here at night," Shull said.

Gray said he wants members of the River Arts District community to "continue the way we've been going."

"There are six restaurants and four places to get a drink now," he said, noting that customer interest has led to The Magnetic Field cafe's expanded hours and new Saturday brunch service. "And I think it's rapidly becoming a place to go in the evenings."

Noon was the time to go to White Duck Taco Shop on Friday. The rush hit then, and Reuss, Mixson and their staff of four served 80 people before the picnic tables outside finally emptied.



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White Duck Taco Shop customers eat their tacos outside on the patio during the restaurant's official opening day on Friday.

Reuss, with her blond locks piled practically in a bun, stayed focused on each order ticket, speaking only to give directions cushioned in "pleases" and "thank yous." For the first time in two months, she wore new pants free of paint stains as she buzzed about the kitchen.

They had to lock the double doors for a couple of hours in the afternoon, so Reuss could prep for dinner and Mixson could go to the bank to get more $10 bills.

Although the transformation of the restaurant is complete, a new kind of work will continue for the couple. Their future, and that of the whole neighborhood, is certainly uncertain. Restaurants are a risky business, especially in these economically trying times.

But if Friday's busy reception is any indication, Mixson and Reuss might still have long days and restless nights, bottomless coffee cups and to-do lists in their future.

"We have to work on operating things," Mixson said breathlessly during what was the three-minute break he had to talk on the phone between lunch and dinner service Friday. "We were really busy. I am going to have to find another cook today."

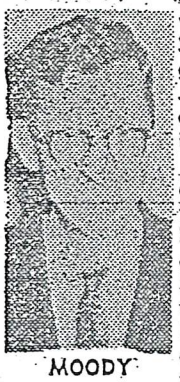
mostly '55

—Citizen Photo

CHEERLEADERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN for the 1953-54 school year at Lee H. Edwards High School. They will appear at the Asheville-Canton game tonight at Memorial Stadium. L to R are: Dick Wood, Barbara Moffitt, Marcie Hampton, Shelly Church, Margaret Jarman and Don Westmoreland. Members of the cheerleading squad who are not pictured are Beth Gilman, Beth Owens and Al Isaac. Sept 11 - 1953

MOODY'S JEWELERS

Moody's Jewelers, 735 Haywood Road In West Asheville, was founded In 1948 by E. C. Moody, owner. The store was just this year moved to its present location. Moody's features such famous names as Bulova and Elgin watches, Keepsake Diamonds, world - known Samsonite luggage, Speidel and J.B. watch bands, and Gibson greeting cards.



MOODY

E. C. Moody is a Certified Master Watchmaker, having received a diploma from the Horological Institute of America. He says, "We are well equipped to repair all makes and types of watches."

Moody, who is married and has one son, is a member of the West Asheville Lions Club, West Asheville Business Association, and the Grace Baptist Church.

Asheville Citizen November 17, 1960

Dunwell Avenue

JOHN N. MOODY of 1407 Haywood Road, Asheville, is a pretty proud angler these days. Last week, below Redmon's Dam, (a popular spot for catching catfish) Moody snaked out the whopper shown above. Moody's catch weighed a little over 31 pounds and measured an even 38 inches. He caught it on a red-worm, and he reports the cat fought for thirty minutes. His line tested at 35 pounds. Moody was with his uncle, Hillard Fisher, when he caught it.

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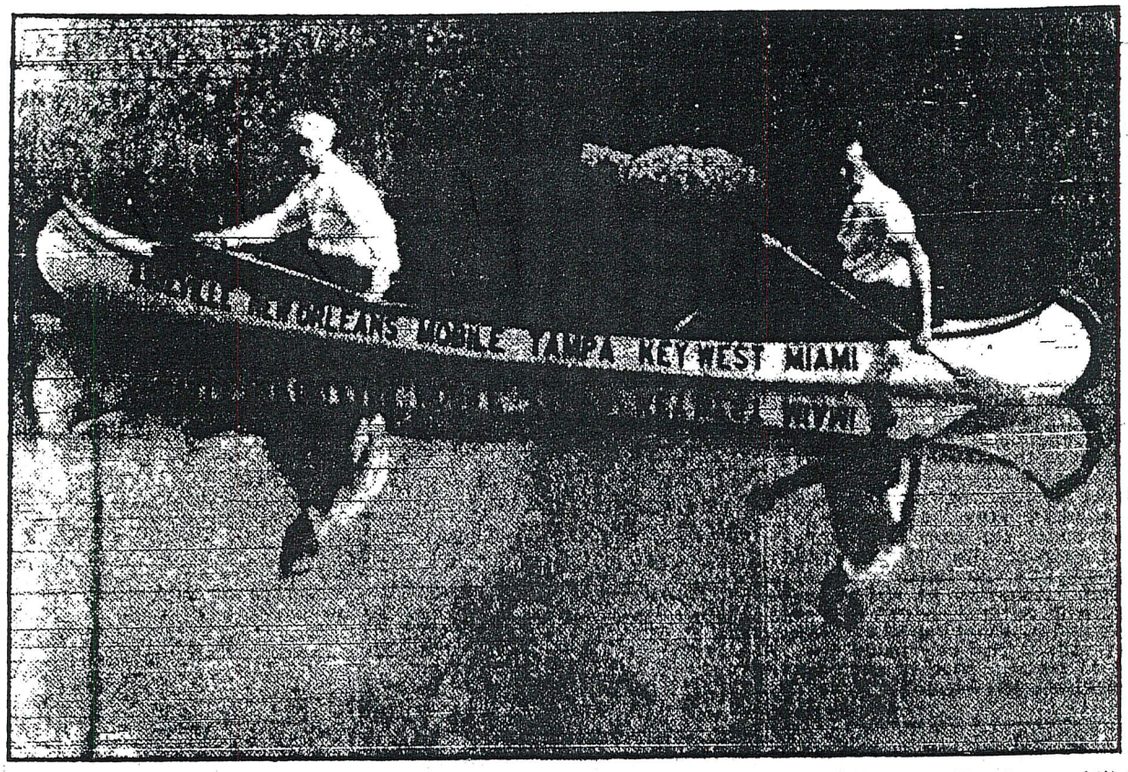
MORNING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1927

From Asheville To Miami In Canoe



Wendall Moore, right, and Gus Matthews, Asheville boys, will leave in their canoe Tuesday, paddling down the French Broad, Little Tennessee, Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, and from New Orleans around the Florida coast to the Florida Keys. They will be six months on the trip and will conduct an advertising campaign for the Chamber of Commerce along the route. Both of the young men were life guards at Recreation Park swimming pool this last summer and they will give exhibitions at all of the Southern pools along their route. Advance publicity will be sent out by the Chamber of Commerce and they will distribute Land of the Sky literature along their way.

Mountains To Gulf Trip To Be Made In A Canoe

Asheville Young Men Plan Adventurous 6-Month Excursion

Emulating Robert Louis Stevenson in his "Inland Voyage," Gus Matthews, son of Dr. A. Matthews, and Wendell H. Moore, son of Mrs. Herbert W. Pelton, 19 Kenilworth Road, will leave Asheville Tuesday in a canoe for Miami, Fla.

Mr. Matthews and Mr. Moore were life guards at Recreation Park this past summer and there conceived the plan for paddling through the various rivers down to the Gulf of Mexico and then around the coast to Miami. From there they will explore the Florida keys and come up the east coast to Jacksonville. They plan to be on their way six months.

The young men are both college men, Matthews having attended North Carolina State College and Moore, Wake Forest. Both have athletic records of note. En route they will advertise Asheville and the Land of the Sky for the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, carrying and distributing literature at all stops. They will wear Asheville sport togs and will give swimming and diving exhibitions at all swimming pools along the route that are open, especially in the South.

To Asheville W. N. C.

Their canoe has been painted attractively and on the sides they have their itinerary and "Asheville, The Land of the Sky." They had planned for some time to make the trip, but just recently the Chamber of Commerce became interested in the unique plan and the attention that it would attract for Asheville. From the mountains to the sea in a canoe, making a devious course of many thousands of miles is no small task and is certain to attract considerable comment in every city through which the young men pass.

Their route will be down the French Broad River into the Little Tennessee River, then into the Tennessee River. From the Tennessee River they will come into the Ohio River at Paducah, Ky., and into the Mississippi River at Cairo, Ill. They will then go down the "Big Muddy" to New Orleans and from there they will take a course around the coast to the Florida keys.

The Asheville Chamber of Commerce is planning the trip for the young adventurers by writing the chambers of commerce in every city and town along the route, giving the approximate date of their arrival. The canoeists will keep in touch with the Asheville Chamber and other letters will precede them on their extreme Southern route.

The trip has fired the imagination of the boys of Asheville and there has been heard much comment on the adventure among them. The trip is one that appeals to old and young alike and they will be received cordially everywhere, officials of the Chamber of Commerce said last night, following a meeting with the young men in which their Asheville advertising campaign was discussed.

WILL CANOE DOWN TO MEXICAN GULF

Gus. Matthews, Wendell Moore Start On Perilous Journey

Gus. Matthews and Wendell Moore, both of whom have been life guards at Recreation Park, and are well known locally, will push their canoe in the waters of the French Broad river this morning and set off for the Gulf of Mexico.

Their novel expedition is attracting much attention. It is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. They will journey down the French Broad river to the Little Tennessee thence to the Mississippi, and down to New Orleans. They carry complete camp equipment, and bear with them a full supply of Chamber of Commerce literature.

After they reach the Gulf of Mexico they expect to push along the coast to Miami, visiting cities en route. They expect to be gone six months. Mr. Moore is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Mr. Matthews is from State College. The Paramount News will take pictures of their departure.

Asheville Times September 27, 1927

Above—
TO ATTEMPT 6,000-MILE VOYAGE IN CANOE. Wendall Moore (left) and Gus Matthews, two Asheville, N. C., canoeists, plan to follow the winding rivers to the Gulf of Mexico and from there go around the coast to Miami, Fla.
—Wide World Photo

CANOEISTS REACH MEMPHIS, TENN.

Makes A Record Run Of 250 Miles; Get Much Publicity

Making a record run of 250 miles from Paducah, Ky., by way of the Mississippi river, the two Asheville canoeists who are enroute to Miami, Fla., arrived at Memphis, Tenn., Friday, according to advices received at the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Wendell Moore and Gus Matthews who are making the trip in their frail craft, a 17-foot canoe, are in high spirits and are enjoying the trek.

In order to make the fast run which brought them in to Memphis in record time the two voyagers paddled by shifts and slept in the canoe by turns so that their craft was constantly in motion during the three days of the trip.

Eight hundred miles of the broad Mississippi river now lie between the canoeists and the next large port of call, New Orleans. They expect to arrive in the Crescent City within two weeks. The trip to that point will not be a record run as the two boys intend to take it by easy stages and to travel only by daylight.

Much interest is being aroused by the canoe and the papers, in every city visited by the travelers, have printed numerous stories in regard to this unique pilgrimage. Chambers of commerce along the route are co-operating with the Asheville Chamber of Commerce in keeping in touch with the canoeists.

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES NOVEMBER 13, 1927

Young Canoeists Now Well On Way To New Orleans

Gus Matthews, one of the two Asheville boys now making their way from here to Miami by canoe, in a letter to his father, Dr. A. Matthews, has declared his willingness to continue the trip on to New York should some one defray the additional expenses. The two boys are now between Vicksburg, Miss., and New Orleans. Matthews is accompanied by Wendell H. Moore.

Matthews' letter was full of interesting accounts of the trip. He declared the Mississippi water so foul to drink that it needed a "chaser." The two have been boiling water with prunes to make it palatable.

Thousands of geese have been flying over their heads on their annual migration south, the boys said. These geese, and ducks, shot occasoinally by the two pilgrims, have been furnishing them with excellent food. Matthews said the two of them had been paddling in long shifts. One night they covered 75 miles.

The trip which the two boys are making is sponsored by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Their canoe is painted to show the start and goal of the trip. It has been the object of much interest on the river, Matthews said.

CANOEISTS REACH NEW ORLEANS

Matthews And Moore Say They Are Enjoying The Trip

"The Misogynist," a small canoe in which Gus Matthews and Wendell Moore left Asheville September 28, was scheduled to leave New Orleans, La., this morning. The entire journey has been made from Asheville to New Orleans by water. The goal of the venturous inland seamen is Miami, which they hope to achieve within a few weeks.

In their long trip, Matthews and Moore went over the waters of the French Broad, Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Along the route they are distributing Asheville Chamber of Commerce data concerning Asheville and Western North Carolina.

Each night the canoeists camp wherever darkness overtakes them. They are equipped with cooking and camping utensils and have written home that they have enjoyed the voyage thoroughly.

Asheville Times November 22, 1927

CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1945

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED KIN OF TWO FLIERS

Decorations To Be Given Mother Of Bradley, Wife Of Moore

Decorations that have been awarded to two Asheville fliers who are prisoners of the Germans will be presented to their next of kin at a meeting of the Next of Kin club at 3 p. m. today in the Langren hotel.

First Lt. Clyde W. Bradley's Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters will be presented to his mother, and the Air Medal awarded to Sgt. Wiley M. Moore, Jr., will be given to his wife. The medals will be presented by Lt. Col. Kenneth W. Klise of the Army Airways Communications System headquarters here.

Lt. Bradley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Bradley of 28 Chatham road, pilot of a B-17 bomber, was first reported missing since April 18, 1944, but later his parents were informed he was a prisoner of war.

Distinguished Flying Cross

The Distinguished Flying Cross was given him for "extraordinary achievement on 25 bombing missions over enemy-occupied continental Europe," and the citation says his "actions are an inspiring example for his fellow fliers." The Air Medal was given for "exceptionally meritorious achievement," and each Oak Leaf cluster was awarded in lieu of another Air Medal.

Sgt. Moore, husband of Mrs. Jessie Burris Moore of 118 Stewart street, radio operator-gunner on a B-17, was first reported missing since last October 7, but it was learned in December that he is a prisoner.

Sgt. Moore, who was with the third bombardment division, was given the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombardment missions" over Europe.

Close friends and relatives of men who are missing or prisoners are invited to be present, as well as relatives and friends of the two men who are to be honored.

In addition to the presentation ceremony, the club's program will be marked by talks by returned prisoners of war and by music.

The Gosnell trio will be heard, and Joy Gosnell, five, will sing a special number, while Marcia Ann Hudson, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hudson, Jr., a niece of Lt. Bradley, will sing "Coming In On a Wing and a Prayer."

Former Prisoners To Talk

The speakers will include Capt. Ernest M. Gruenberg, recently released from a German prison camp, who is now at the Army Redistribution station, and Cpl. Leon Lowman of Asheville, recently repatriated from a Japanese prison camp. Cpl. Lowman, after the program, will meet with next of kin of servicemen in Japanese prisons to answer questions.

The Rev. Harold Tyer, pastor of the First Christian church, will conduct the devotional program, and Mayor L. Lyons Lee will introduce Col. Klise.

Immediately preceding the meeting, those who will accept the awards will be guests of the club at a luncheon in the Governor Vance room of the Langren.

THEIR MEDALS TO BE PRESENTED—The decorations that have been awarded these Asheville men, both of whom are prisoners of the Germans, will be presented to their next of kin at a meeting of the Next of Kin club at 3 p. m. today. They are 1st Lt. Clyde W. Bradley, Jr., left, and Sgt. Wiley M. Moore, Jr.

Moore Freed From Nazi Prison Camp

Sgt. Wiley M. Moore, husband of Mrs. Jessie Mae Burris Moore of 118 Stewart street, has been released from a prisoner of war camp in Germany and is now in Paris, his wife has been notified.

He was listed as missing in action since October 7, 1944, over Holland, and was later reported a prisoner of war of the German government.

A radio gunner on a B-17, he entered service in October, 1942, and was sent overseas from Drew field, Tampa, Fla., last August. He attended Lee Edwards high school and was employed by the American Enka corporation prior to entering service.

SGT. WILEY M. MOORE

Asheville Citizen April 29, 1945

William Moore

MY PEOPLE
AND THE
PROMISED LAND

By

F. Jack Cole

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INTRODUCTION TO "MY PEOPLE AND THE PROMISED LAND"

This is the story of "My People" who came to the mountains of Western North Carolina to settle in the view of Mount Pisgah and the "Promised Land" of Hominy Valley. Dr. Foster A. Sondley in his "A History of Buncombe County" (Vol. I, page 405) writing in regard to mountains says "The most prominent of the Western North Carolina mountains is Pisgah, partly in Buncombe County. It is rendered more prominent by the shape of Little Pisgah next to it on the south and presenting a striking resemblance to a "rat" or a squirrel in its outline. By whom the name of Pisgah was given to the mountain of North Carolina so called or when that designation was suggested first, seems to be unknown."

Sondley's "Asheville and Buncombe County" (page 43) further states "No doubt the name was taken from the mountain of that name east of the Dead Sea from which Moses is said to have viewed "The Promised Land," and was given to the North Carolina Peak because of its extensive outlook." For his entire life, the writer of this story has greatly admired this magnificent mountain. Mt. Pisgah rises to a height of 5721 feet. Buncombe and Haywood lines cross the Pisgah peak. To the east Little Pisgah rises 5240 feet and four counties join at its peak - to the north, Buncombe - to the east, Henderson - to the south, Transylvania and to the west, Haywood. On the north face of Pisgah Ripshin Ridge leads to the valley below and is very heavily covered with thick Laurel and Rhododendron devils. In order to follow down the ridgeline to the lower valley a hiker many times must get down on hands and knees and crawl as did this writer as a teenager.

From Ripshin Ridge springs the headwaters of the South Hominy. Hominy Creek has two headwaters one in the south on the North side of Mt. Pisgah as it towers majestically south west of Hominy Valley. The South Hominy flows to the north east until it joins The North Hominy in the village of "Old Candlertown." The North Hominy springs from the Western slopes of Holland Mountain and near Newfound mountains in Haywood County. Flowing first south west then south until it is joined by Dutch Cove Creek east of Canton, it then flows east to enter Buncombe County and join The South Hominy in "Old Candlertown" in the heart of the valley. The Hominy flowing east empties into the west side of the French Broad River south west of Asheville. This is across the French Broad from the world known Biltmore Estate built by the late George Vanderbilt, who chose the site looking south west across the basin of the French Broad where the Hominy enters to view Mt. Pisgah.

F. Jack Cole,Sr.
Asheville, North Carolina
January 15, 1974

MY PEOPLE AND THE PROMISED LAND

"The Living Bible" pharaphrased, Tyndale House Publishers

Deuteronomy 34, page 179:

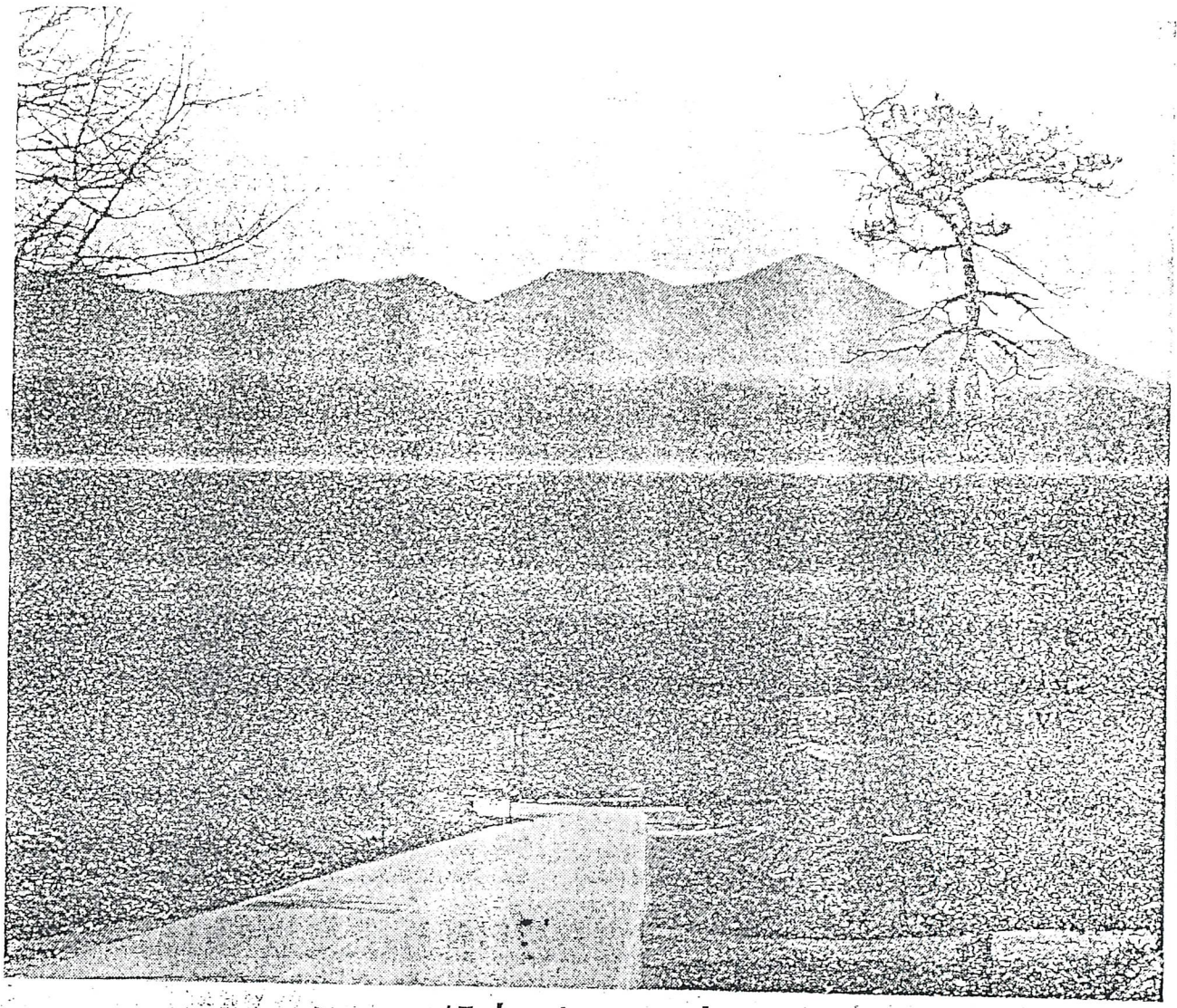
1. "Then Moses climbed from the plains of Moab to Pisgah Peak in Mount Nebo, across from Jericho. And the Lord painted out to him the Promised Land."

4. "It is the Promised Land, "the Lord told Moses," I promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that I would give it to their descendants. Now you have seen it, but you will not enter it."

5. " So Moses, the disciple of the Lord, died in the land."

"The Living Bible," pharaphrased.

From the scriptures of the "Old Testament" from the Peak of Mt. Pisgah, Moses overlooked the Promised Land.



'Eden's Land'

The present Sand Hill Road runs through the tract of land granted in 1787 to Capt. William Moore, the Indian fighter who became the first settler west of the French Broad River. The 450-acres of valley land with commanding views of Mount Pisgah was described as "Eden's land" by the pioneer.

Picture From "The Asheville Times" April 9, 1973

"From The Top Of Mount Pisgah Moses Overlooked The Promised Land"

On the right Mount Pisgah On the left Little Pisgah or "The Rat"

A version of how "Hominy Creek' was named was given by Dr. Foster A. Sondley in "A History of Buncombe County. (Vol. I, page 425)

"For many years, before and after the Revolutionary War, the dividing line between the western parts of North Carolina and South Carolina had not been located. The country for some miles South of Greenville, South Carolina, to Swannanoa River, North Carolina was in consequence disputed. Over this region, and even to the north of it, South Carolinians made hunting tours. Before that war one of the South Carolina hunting parties visited The French Broad and crossed a short distance above the mouth of Swannanoa. In their hunt, they camped the first night on an unnamed stream tributary to the French Broad. Having hominy for supper they named the creek on which they were encamped, "Hominy." Next they encamped on another stream of which they had never heard and named it "Newfound."

Another version of how Hominy Creek was named is given by Professor William F. Lewis, retired faculty member of Asheville School as he wrote in his "Historic Hominy Valley."

"There is an old Indian legend that once while they were making some hominy on a creek bank some of it spilled into the water. From that time on the Indians called it "Connehannee" - Hominy Creek. The Valley of the Hominy was first occupied by the Shawanowee (Shawnee) Indians. Long before the white man came they had left and it was used by the Cherokees as a hunting ground by agreement with the English Colonial government. The white man was supposed to have free access. When they came in and began to "take up" the lands the Cherokees felt their rights had been invaded."

From in "Strangers in High Places" MICHAEL FROME tells it this way (page 61).

"The Cherokee, together with virtually every other Indian nation, stood with the British. The Indians were provided hatchets, guns, and ammunition from the revived French in Canada and from the British. (page 62.) In the same July when the signing of The Declaration of Independence was being hailed throughout the colonies, Dragging Canoe unloosed his forces. They swooped down upon the Catawaba settlements in North Carolina. Together with Tories, sometimes dressed as Indians, they ravaged the South Carolina and Georgia borders. Cattle and horses were driven off, cabins burned, men, women, and children terrified or massacred." (page 62.)

Clarence W. Griffin in his "History of Old Tryon and Rutherford Counties" (page 34) reports the Indian attacks this way. "During the first week in July, while the Provencial Council was in session at Halifax, the Cherokees had fallen on the inhabitants in South Carolina, plundered homes, killed some settlers, carried off prisoners. Others attacked the forts on the Holstein and Watauga. Most of the settlers escaped, having been warned. Some twenty women and children were victims of the tomahawks. Unsuccessful in their assault on the forts, the Indian warriors crossed the mountains and fell on the unsuspecting families on Crooked Creek near Rutherfordton, and coming up the Toe, invaded the frontiers of Rowan. The unheralded appearance of these murderous bands caused great consternation. (page 34). On July 12, 1776, General Griffith Rutherford wrote to the Council on safety"asking aid." I plead for expedition." (Page 34).

"He asked for 1000 lbs. more powder and salt - at least 300 bushels. (page 34). Before twenty-four hours had elapsed he dispatched another express that the Indians were making great progress in destroying and murdering in Rowan. "Thirty seven persons were killed last Wednesday and Thursday on the Catawba." (page 34). Rutherford acted with energy that has ever distinguished him. Within a week he was on the frontier with near 2500 men, for western North Carolinians had sprung to arms at the first call, animated by a consuming purpose to inflict heavy punishment upon their murderous foe." (page 35.)

"President Rutledge, of South Carolina, had earlier suggested a joint movement on the part of North and South Carolina and Virginia against the Indians. He proposed to send Major Williamson with 1100 men against the Lower Cherokees, and that a force from North Carolina should attack the Middle Towns and joining Williamson should proceed against Valley River and the Hiwassee, while the Virginians should come down the Holstein and attack the over hill towns. (page 35). The Council of Safety agreed to this. On September 1, Rutherford, with a great cavalcade of horses bearing his provisions and ammunition, entered Swannanoa Gap and pressed forward. He took 2000 privates and 80 light horses, with supplies for forty days carried by 1400 pack horses."

This is the recounting of events taking place leading Captain William Moore with General Rutherfords expedition against the Cherokees. The path which they followed from Davidsons Fort (Old Fort) across the Swannanoa Gap was made by the Buffalo which roamed the area, until the last buffalo ~~calf~~ BULL was killed by Joseph Rice at Bull Creek Gap which is named for this event. Sondley,"History of Buncombe County", (page 424). Also the Indians used the Buffalo Trail. Proffesor Lewis in "Historic Hominy Valley" said "This was a part of an Indian Trail that ran from the Smokies through

Swannanoa Gap to the central part of the state. It was called by the Indians "Swannanoa" or "Big Trail or "King's Highway."

From the Swannanoa Gap General Rutherford's soldiers followed the westward flow of the Swannanoa River until it emptied into the French Broad River. Proceeding up the east banks of the French Broad to the mouth of Hominy Creek where they were able to ford the French Broad , they then proceeded west up the Valley of Hominy Creek along the Buffalo and Indial Trail which was much of the time parallel to the creek.

The expedition of troops came to a halt to make camp for the night on the banks of the Hominy several miles up stream. It was then that Capt. William Moore as reported by Nancy Brown (April 9, 1973 The Asheville Times - Eden's Land Revisited) said "The man swung wearily from the saddle. He had been riding all day at the head of a calvary of soldiers while his horse drank from the swift creek. He gazed around him at the valley chosen for the night's campsite. Struck by its beauty, he said to himself, "This is Eden's Land." Silently, he made a promise. Thus the man who became the first white settler west of the French Broad River decided his destiny. In the frontier era that followed, Moore's destiny and that of Western North Carolina were to become inseparable."

John Parris (July 10, 1955 The Asheville Citizen) wrote "He looked out over the grassy fields, the canebreaks and the tree covered mountains, then turned to his brother-in-law (General Griffith Rutherford) and said, "This is Eden's Land." Some day, he promised himself, he would come back here with his family and settle down and grow old and be buried in the rich earth of this "Promised Land."

This promise to return and make a home in Hominy Valley was made by this Scotch - Irish Presbyterian turned soldier of necessity to protect the frontier settlement of the young new nation. Capt. Moore was awed by the beauty of the valley as it stretched out leading to the headwaters of the South Hominy where the south west skyline is dominated by majestic Mount Pisgah. There is not a question, that in his mind, he thought "This is the Promised Land." Proceeding next day westward the expedition against the Cherokee's was completed in a matter of days. John Parris (July 10, 1965 The Asheville Citizen) wrote "Moore and his men unleosed a whirlwing of fire and destruction against the Cherokee and rendered them forever useless to the British."

Upon the expeditions returning home to Salisbury in Rowan County General Rutherford the second time sent Capt. William Moore and a company of 97 men on an assault against Cherokee towns not destroyed in the first expedition.

Professor Lewis wrote "Historic Hominy Valley" - "The results of the Rutherford expedition were inconclusive. The soldiers knew that while they had destroyed many Indian villages, they had not destroyed the threat of the Indians. Under a misapprehension on the part of the civil authorities in 1777, Captain Moore was allowed to return to the site of the camp on Hominy Creek and build an outpost supported by block houses within bugle call of each other from Swannanoa Gap to the Moore Fort and beyond. Later, this line of block houses was extended from South Carolina to Knoxville, Tennessee. Thus Hominy Valley can boast that its first settler was the man who conceived the idea that opened up our mountain land to full settlement with the frontier thus protected many hundreds of families teemed through the mountains to get the lands described by Daniel Boone and others."

"There in the field of plowed ground is the site of Moore's Fort."

Alex Crowell

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA NO. 1031

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING.

KNOW Ye That We for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Pounds for every hundred acres hereby paid into our Treasury by William Moore have given and granted, and by these Presents do give and grant unto the said William Moore a Tract of Land, containing Four hundred and fifty Acres Lying and being One Mile Below Burke [illegible] On both sides of Honey Creek as it runs the South West side of the Road that leads from the Fording of French Broad River to the Cherokee Nation Beginning at a Post Oak the North side of the Creek in a bottom then East twenty five Chains to a Stake and five Oaks then South Eighty a large Branch [illegible] Creek aforesaid a course thereof [illegible] to a Stake then North twenty five Chains to a Stake then [illegible] Lying and Lying [illegible] Honey Creek to the Beginning

as by the Plat hereunto annexed doth appear; together with all Woods, Waters, Mines, Minerals, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances to the said Land belonging or appertaining: To hold to the said William Moore his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Yielding and paying to us such Sums of Money yearly, or otherwise, our General Assembly from time to time may direct, PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said William Moore shall cause this Grant to be registered in the Register's Office of our ~~said~~ County of Burke within Twelve Months from the Date hereof, otherwise the same shall be void and of none effect.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and our Great Seal hereunto affixed. WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL, Esquire, our Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief, at Hillsborough the Seventh Day of August in the 11th year of our Independence and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven

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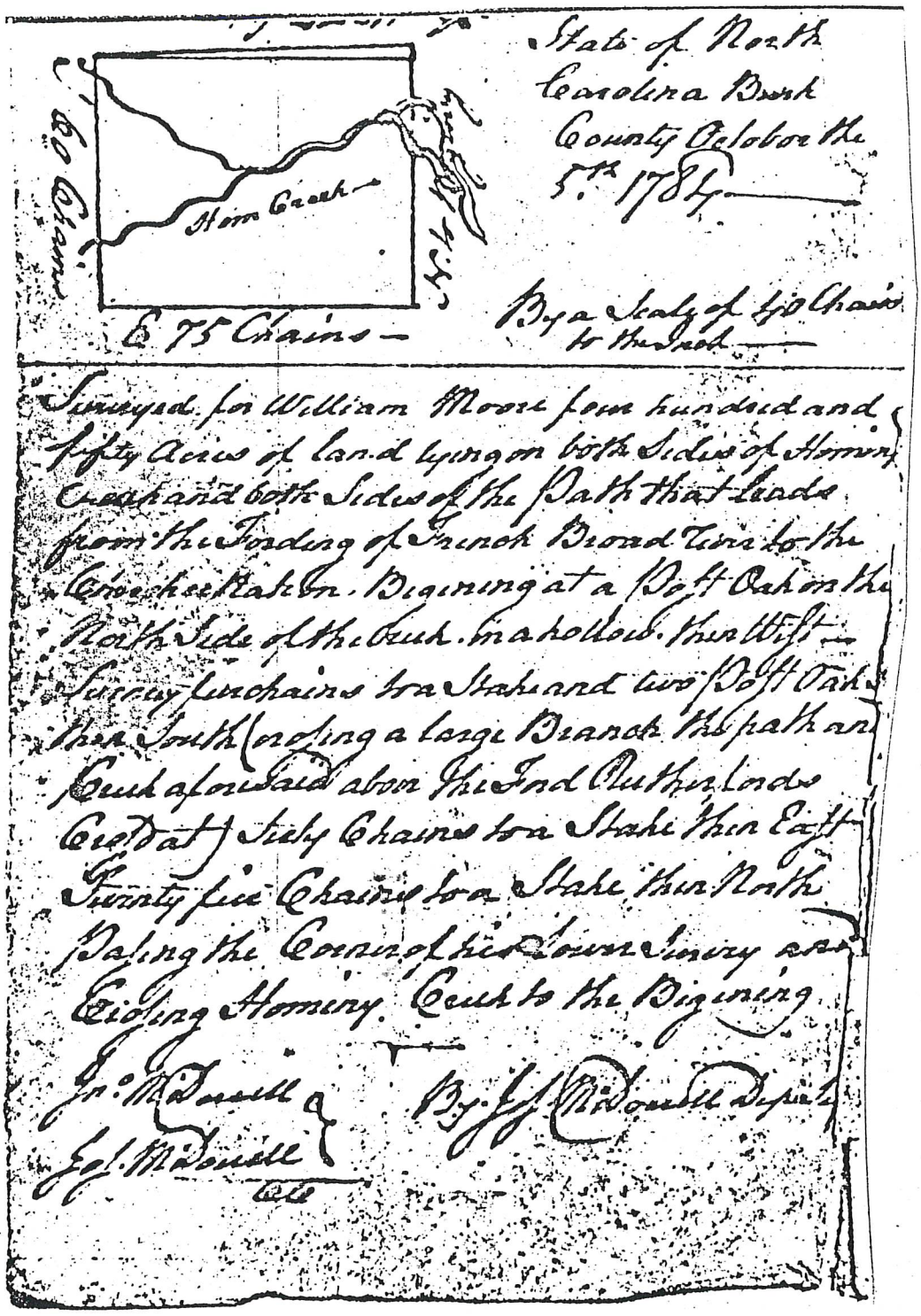

"SURVEY"

State of North Carolina, Burke County, October 5, 1784

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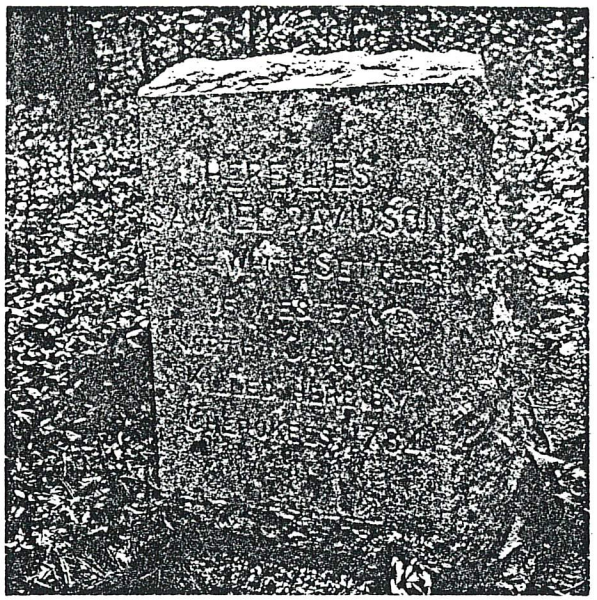
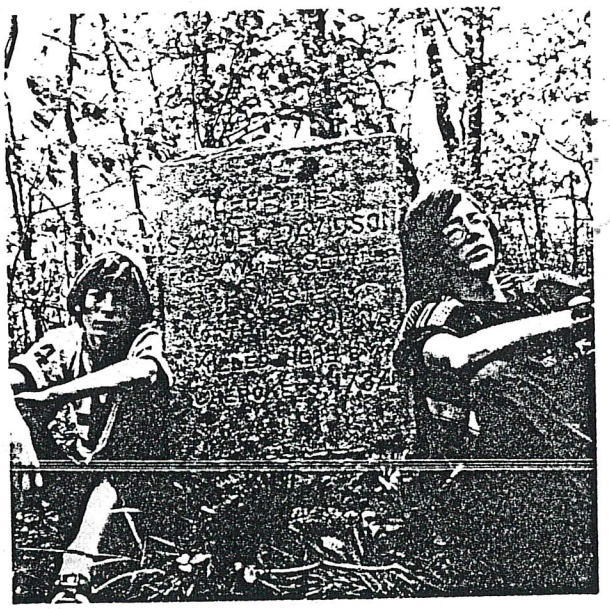
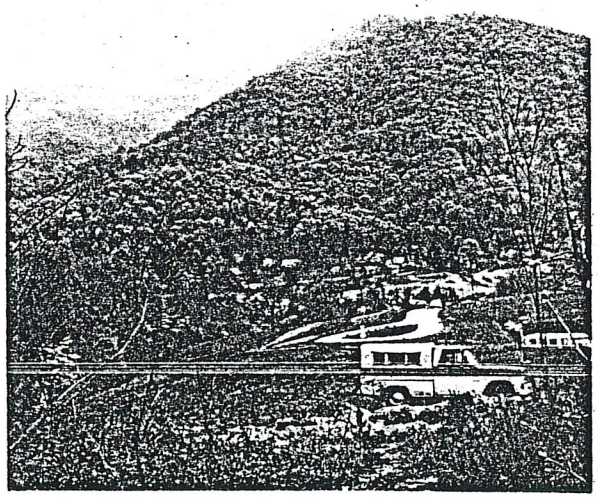


"HERE LIES SAMUEL DAVIDSON FIRST WHITE SETTLER OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA KILLED HERE BY CHEROKEES, 1784"



"Ric Cole, right and David Pott 1972 Visit Samuel Davidsons Grave for Scout Citizenship Merit Badge"



The top of Skyview Memorial Park path up Jones Mountain leads to Samuel Davidson's grave.

family. Upon arrival he found his services were needed in the army in pursuing the war against the British and could not return to Hominy Valley with his family until after the close of the Revolution. Mr. Owen Gudger a descendant of Captain Moore and local historian writes a much more dramatic story, which gives an interpretation that Moore's Fort helped defeat the British at King's Mountain. Owen Gudger's complete story is included as an additional chapter. THE FAMILY OF Capt. William Hamilton Moore ~~was~~ WERE born in Scotland. ~~As a young child, he~~ THEY moved with his family to Ulster, Ireland - where there was then trouble and continues in 1974. At the age of 15, with his nine brothers, Moore sailed to the new world. They first settled in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia. Later they moved south and settled in Bordens Grant in Virginia. Moore with his brothers, Charles and James, being men of action traveled south again this time to Spartanburg where Charles became a permanent settler. The Moore brothers were active in the State Militia. The head of the militia was an officer named James Cathey. The next move of William and James was to South Muddy Creek in Old Tryon County (now lower McDowell).

Capt. William Moore married Ann Cathey a granddaughter of James Cathey. While living on Muddy Creek, Moore acquired a number of tracts of land. Moore and Ann Cathey had ~~seven~~ SIX children. Three sons - William, Thomas and Robert. They also had three daughters - Alice, Mary and Rachel. Each of the daughters married Penlands - John,Robert and George Penland.

Among historical writers there is not a clear indication as to the number of times Capt. William Hamilton Moore was married. Arthur in his "History of Western North Carolina" wrote that he was General Griffith Rutherford's brother-in-law. Writer Wilma Dykeman in her "The French Broad" repeats this statement. Many Moore family descendants think he was married only two times. First to Ann Cathey. This writer examined a

copy of a deed to the McDowell bottom land just west of Marion, which his signature signed by witnesses William Moore and Ann Moore and Charles M. McFeeters. This deed is recorded in Salisbury Deed Book 6, Page 595. The copy of this deed is in possession of Mrs. John Poteat of Marion, who says she has spent some five years in research of the William Moore history beginning in Scotland through Ireland to Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Poteat said, "It is thought that Ann Cathey while Moore was on his military expeditions became ill and returned to her family living then in Salisbury for them to care for her. Mrs. Poteat said it is thought she died and is burried in Salisbury. Mrs. Poteat concludes that if Moore was married to Rutherford's sister it was a brief time."

Mrs. Poteat states that her research shows that Ann Cathey, daughter of George Cathey and granddaughter of Capt. James Cathey, Commander of the Militia, was baptized in the Augusta Stone (Presbyterian) Church, Augusta County, Virginia.

As to whether Capt. Moore was married two or three times, it probably does not matter. All indications are that he was a very active man. He acquired several tracts of land and took a great interest in the affairs of the local government while living on Muddy Creek, Tryon County (now lower McDowell County).

Tryon and Rutherford Counties (page 8).

"Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the Province, aforesaid, bearing date fifth day of December, 1768 and in the ninth year of His Majesty's Reighn, for dividing Mecklinburg into two distinct counties by the names of Mecklenburg and Tryon counties, and for other purposes, etc. His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of the Province aforesaid appointed William Moore (SK and others) Justices assigned to keep the

peace for the county of Tryon." (page 9) " Justices of the Peace whose names appear in the minute docket for 1770 include (Sic) William Moore and others." "The January court minutes mention William Moore as coroner." Moore was a Justice of the Peace in 1771, 1772, 1773, a commissioner in 1774. (Colonial Records of N.C. Vol. 8, pages 518) Griffin page 14 writes "Until the adoption of the Constitution in 1776, the Colonial Assembly consisted of an upper house, known as His Majesty's Council, composed of the Governor (Tryon) and a number of men appointed by the King; and the Lower House made up of delegates elected by the people. The history of the various assemblies is one of continued strife between the Governor and The Lower House, or House of Commons. To the House of Commons Tryon County, as well as other counties of the province sent its representatives. (Sic) one of the men representing Tryon from the time of its formation 1769 until 1776 was William Moore." "The Tryon County Committee of Safety was formally organized in July (1775). On October 25, 1775, William Moore was one of the signers to an Oath." (page 28-29 Griffin H. T. & R.).

"Test"

"We, the subscribers professing our allegiance to the King and acknowledging the Constitutional Executive Power of government, do solemnly profess, testify and declare, that we do absolutely believe, that neither the Parliament of Great Britain nor any member or constituent branch thereof hath a right to impose taxes upon these colonies to regulate the internal police thereof and that all attempts by fraud or force to establish and exercise such a claim and power are violations of the peace and security of the people, and ought to be resisted to the utmost. And the people of this province singly and collectively are bound by the Acts and Resolutions of the Continental and Provincial Congresses, because in both they are freely represented by persons chosen by themselves, and we do solemnly

and sincerely promise and engage under the sanction of virtue, home and the sacred love of liberty of our country, to maintain and support all and every the acts, resolutions and regulations of the said Continental and Provincial Congresses to the utmost of our power and abilities."

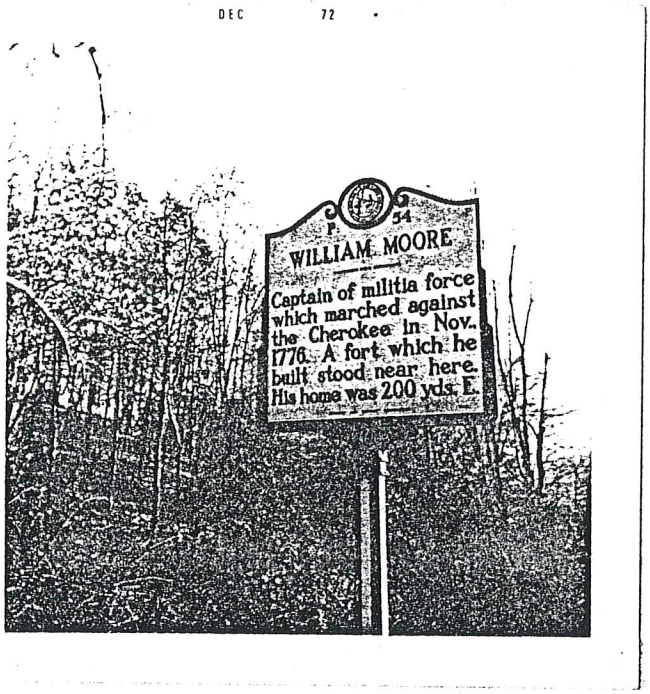
"In testimony, we have hereunto set our hands the 25th day of October, A.D. 1775" "William Graham, Chairman". Listed among the signers of this oath is William Moore. (Col. Rec. Vol. 10, page 296-298).

In December , 1775, Washington had begun the siege of Boston. (Col. Rec. Vol. 10, page 296-298).

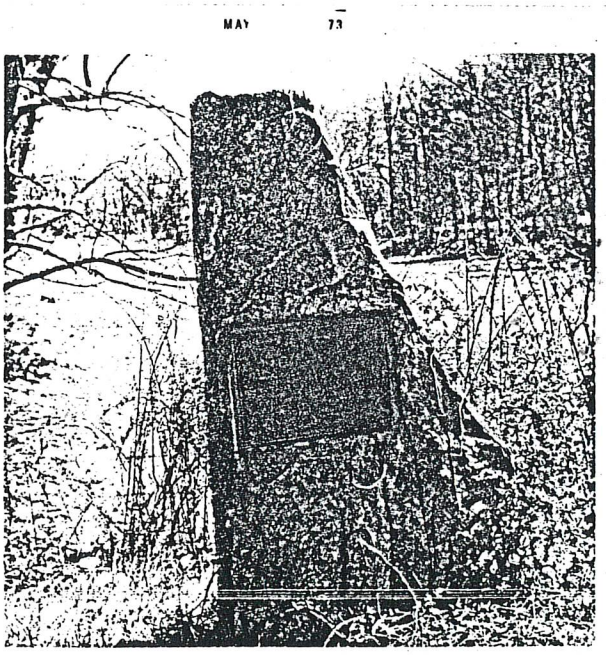
"Resolved: That Mr. William Moore be now appointed Commissary for the Regiment of Tryon County in the present immergency for this Province, to go against those that are against the cause of American Liberty, and that said William Moore shall now on sight prepare wagons, provisions and such things as lie in his power for the support of the said regiment, and be ready at Major Thomas Beatie's by the 15th instant with such support. William Graham, Chairman". (Col. Rec. Vol. 10, page 423-424).

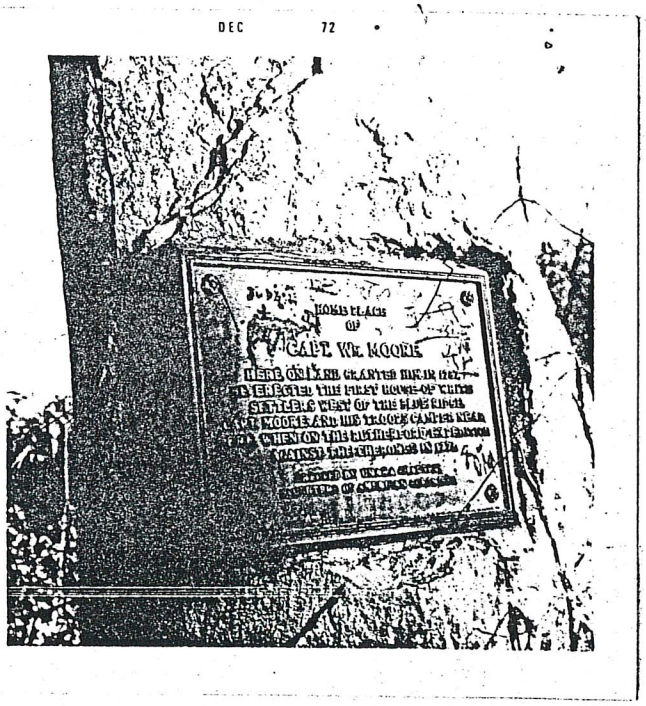
From these references of Moore's participation in local government we see he is an early supporter of the belief that the Parliament of Great Britain did not have the right to impose taxes on the colonies and had no right to regulate the internal police.

Captain William Moore married Margaret Patton, September 11, 1784. Margaret was the daughter of Benjamin Patton, who was one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20, 1775. This was over a year before the signing in Philadelphia, July 4, 1776 of our national Declaration of Independence. In 1794, Captain Moore and his family moved to the "Promised Land" in Hominy Valley.



Sand Hill Road Highway Marker, near Moore Fort





1955 Governor Dan Killian Moore dedicated this D. A. R. marker located on Sand Hill Road near Capt. William Moore home.

Homestead Was Here

On the rise of land directly behind the historical marker on Sand Hill Road stood the homestead of Capt. William Moore, who discovered the beauty of Western North Carolina while riding with the Rutherford expedition against the Cherokees and returned to carve a frontier farm out of the wilderness. He built a two-story log house here in 1784.

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Mary Gudger Moore, (Mary Caroline Gudger Moore daughter of Samuel Bell Gudger and Elizabeth Siler Lowry Gudger married William Hamilton Moore; son of Capt. Charles Moore and wife Margaret Penland Moore), in "A Sketch of The Old Moore Homestead" written by request of "Asheville Times" (no date given) wrote " He built cabins surrounded by a stockade and lived in it for a few years. He brought the first wagon across the French Broad river and was the first white man to settle on the west side of the French Broad River in Buncombe County. About 1795, he built a comfortable house of hewn logs, the lumber necessary for floors, doors, etc. was sawed by hand. Nails, hinges, etc. were made by a blacksmith. This house was large and commodious for that period and was the center of much social life - his friends coming from different parts of the country to share his hospitality and enjoy the restful quiet and beauty of this new land. It has seen the dawn of two centuries, its walls have echoed the tread of dignified masters, the melody of contented slaves, the happy laughter of sons and daughters, merry wedding bells and funeral dirges. What memories it brings and yet it stands, a charming old house facing Mount Pisgah with apple trees, beautiful old gnarled pear trees, sweet scented plum trees, roses, honeysuckle, lilacs, snowballs, surround it and a cool spring nearby."

In this home, "In the Promised Land" a second family of children were raised by William Moore and Margaret Patton Moore. These included daughters Ann (married John Rutherford), Margaret (married Benjamin Tutt); sons Thomas C. Moore (who went to Georgia), Samuel C. Moore, and the youngest son Charles Moore married first Margaret Penland and second married Lucinda Killian.

Charles Moore, later referred to as Capt. Charles Moore after he served in the war of 1812, fell heir to his father's home property.

June Glenn, Photographer June 1973

Alex Crowell Showing Nancy Brower the spring and knoll near by on which the Moore House was built. This is along side of the present Sand Hill Road.

On November 12, 1812 Captain William Hamilton Moore died and was laid to rest on the crest of a hill which at that time had a view to the south west where Mount Pisgah stands dominating the sky line.

Today, in the graveyard now grown up with trees and undergrowth of at least one generation, lies Captain Moore's grave. The stone marker has fallen as has his wife Margaret's which is also shattered by the elements nature and time. Keeping them company are the unnamed field stones which probably mark the graves of "Daddy Jim" and "Mammy Sue" who stayed with their master. There are other field and granite stones projecting above the ground marking no doubt the final resting place of "Unknown soldiers" who were casulties in the defense of "Moore's Fort", falling to make our land free.

Captain William Moore was the first white man to settle in Hominy Valley, "The Promised Land." He was the leader shortly followed by many other families to move to Hominy Valley. The first members of other families to follow into Hominy Valley after Captain Moore were William Jones, Thomas Jones, Robert Henry, John Penland, Zachariah Candler, Jesse Israel, John Hawkins, John Webb, Edmond Sams, the children of Rev. Perminter Morgan including Stephen, Jesse, James, and Martha Morgan.

Living throughout Western North Carolina and our state are children of the first settlers of Hominy Valley. It is worthy to note that among these are represented most every profession known today including soldiers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, merchants, engineers, bankers, and a great many who have entered the political field of represenatives to both state and federal offices, county commissioners, judges even a governor of our great state.

Wylma Dykeman writing in "The French Broad" page 46-47 has this to say (See Sketch) "So it is today in 1974 that the grave of Captain William

"The French Broad", by Wilma Dykeman

William Moore didn't mind a fight. He was from Ulster Province, Ireland, and when, after removing to America, the Revolution came, he was glad to join in on the side of revolt. In 1776 his wife's brother, General Griffith Rutherford, was assigned to make an expedition against the Cherokees who were coming to Britain's aid and massacring colonists all along the border. Moore became a captain of one of the companies under Rutherford and marched with him over the Swannanoa Gap, down the French Broad and along the route already described in chapter two as Rutherford's Trace. Being at war neither blinded nor bewildered young Captain Moore. He saw the untouched, and—better—unclaimed, fertility of the land he passed through. Perhaps he responded to its green beauty too, seeing something of the fresh landscape of Ireland in these tree-covered mountains, thick canebrakes, grassy balds. The next year following the Indian expedition, in 1777, Captain Moore came back over the Blue Ridge to the French Broad River, not in war but in peace. A few miles west of the present city of Asheville, he built a small log-cabin fort, but before he could bring his family and begin their new life there, the Continental Army demanded his services once more.

Six years later, in 1783, the General Assembly of North Carolina opened a tract of the lands west of the Blue Ridge for settlement, and with a grant of six hundred and forty acres from Governor Richard Caswell, ex-Captain Moore returned, in 1784, to the French Broad and his "land on Hominy Creek" near its junction with the river. With wife and slaves, three daughters and three sons, he forgot soldiering and became a homesteader, one of a typical pattern for much of the river's settlement as it came: hunter, trader, soldier, speculator, they saw and stayed to conquer or be conquered. William Moore's grave is also in a public ground, near

one of the North Carolina county schools. There lies a fragment of history on the classroom step, if teacher and pupils can lift their heads from the textbook monotony men have made of their own living past to sense for a moment one day or one night of the fear, satisfaction, drudgery, determination in the life of this first lone settler of their vast region. The stone says simply: "William Moore, died Nov. 11, 1812, AE 86 y's." But where, in what book, are the complexity and wealth of those years?

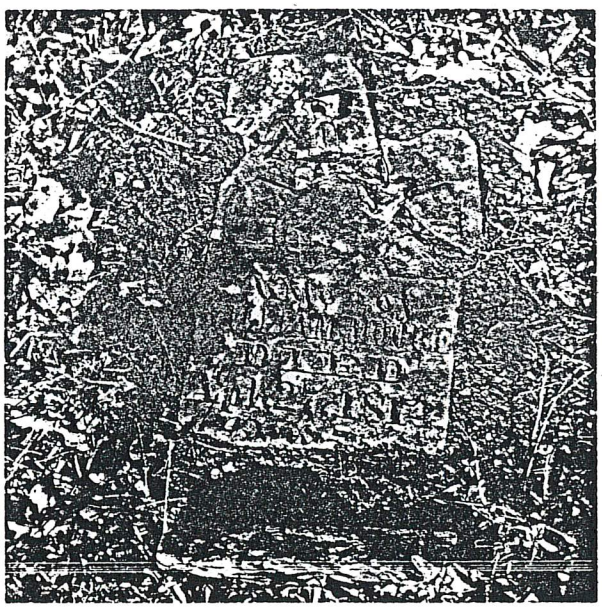
When Samuel Davidson first saw the French Broad, or why he decided to settle there, or if he even saw it before he decided, no one has bothered to record. His is the only pathetic one of these three brief chronicles. It also contains a measure of irony such as only the processes of history can perfect.

After the defeat of the Cherokees in 1776, North Carolina had an understanding

"The French Broad", by Wilma Dykeman

Moore, the first settler to come to the "Promised Land Hominy Valley" lies silently in a growth of woods, shall it be said unknown and forgotten? Forgotten, No. as his being here lives in the memory of some of his descendants and is recorded in the words of writers of history and stories. His grave forgotten? Yes. unless there are some who will come forward with thoughts and say "This graveyard is historic ground I would like to see it made worthy of the memory of these first citizens, for what they did and what they stood for. Let's do something about it!"

"Russ" Cole and Capt. William Moore headstone



Margararet Penland Moore, stone down and nature taking over.

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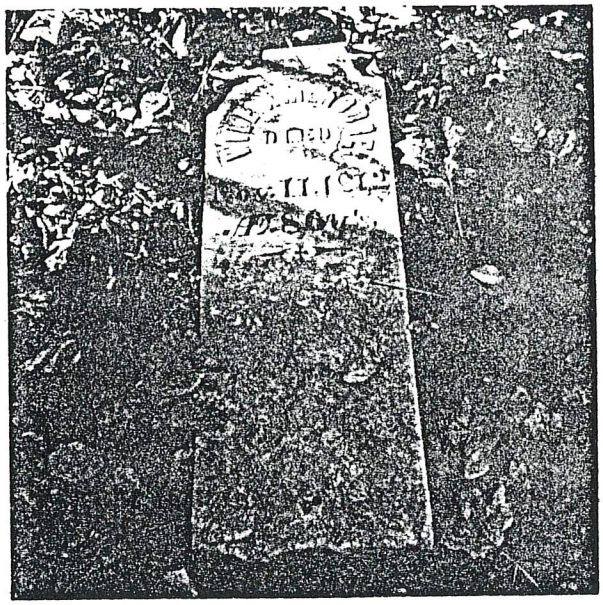
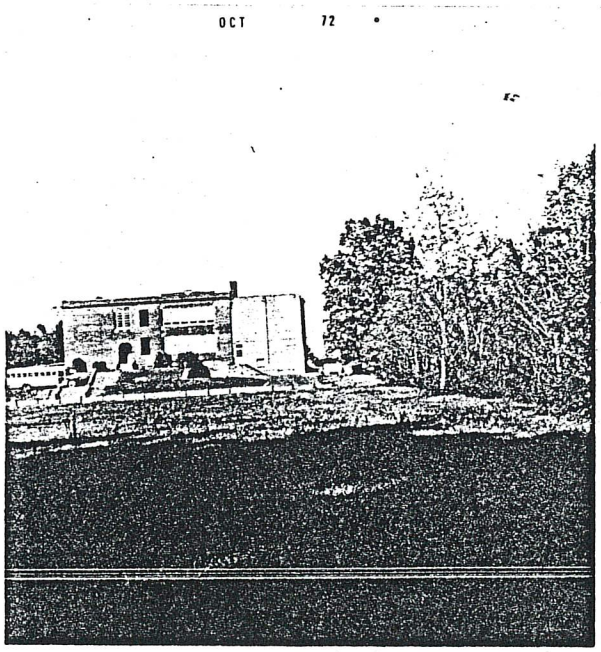
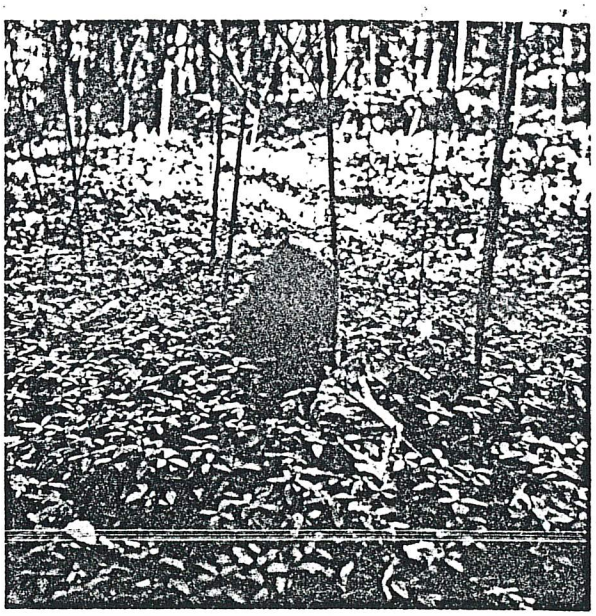


Grave Stone of Captian William Moore

Grave Yard



Moore's grave west of Sandhill School



Grave stone of one of the slaves of Captian William Moore

THIS PAGE IS OUT OF RUSS COLE'S PAPER ON THE " CHEROKEE INDIANS"

Capt. William Moore Grave is in woods located behind this sign of AMERICAN ENKA COMPANY

Troop 4 Boy Scouts who wanted to to take on project and clean up Capt. William Moore's grave.
Richard Pott, Russ Cole, John Ellege & James Bowen

William Moore Died November 11, 1812 Age 86 Years

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Captain William Hamilton Moore, His grave forgotten?? ? ?

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Captain William Hamilton Moore	1726-1812
Margaret Patton Moore	1749-1814
Charles Moore	1791-1873
Margaret Penland Moore	1789-1828
Rachel Evaline Moore Candler	1814-1853
George Washington Candler	1808-1862
Margaret Candler Harkins	1836-1913
Thomas Jefferson Harkins	1829-1914
Ida Sue Harkins Gaston	1863-1935
Russell Jones Gaston	1858-1921
Opal Jones Gaston Cole	1891-1963
Benjamin Harrison Cole	1888-1970
Frederick Jack Cole, Sr.	1919-
Carolyn Josephine Mathews	1926-
Children:	
Frederic Jack Cole, Jr.	1957-
Russell Mathews Cole	1959-
Rebecca Jo Cole	1966-

WILLIAM MOORE'S REPORT

Note: This extract copied from North Carolina University Magazine, New Series, Vol. VII, No. 3, page 90.

Brigade General Rutherford:-
Dear Sir,

. . . . . "I enlisted men Oct. 19, 1776. Marched Oct. 29. Arrived at Cathey's Fort, and then down Scott's Creek and from Scott's place we took a blind path which led us down to the Tuckysege (Tuckaseegee) through a mountainous very bad way. We continued our march very briskly in expectation of getting to the town of Too-Cowee (Stekoa) before night. But it lying at a greater distance than we expected we were obliged to tie up our horses and lay by till next morning. When we found a ford and crossed the river, and then a very large mountain where we came upon a very plain path, very much used by the Indians driving from the middle settlements to the aforesaid town (Stekoa). We continued our march along the said path about two miles when we came in sight of the town, which lay very scattered; then we came to consultation to see which was the best way to attack it. But our small army consisting of but 97 men, we found we were not able to surround it, so we consulted and rushed into the center of the town in order to surprise it. But the enemy being alarmed of our coming were all fled save two, who trying to make their escape, sprang into the river, and we pursued to the bank, and as they were rising the bank on the other side we fired upon them and shot one of them down, and the other getting out of reach of our guns, and making up to the mountains, some of our men crossed the river on foot and pursued and some went to the ford and crossed on horses and headed him, killed and scalped him with the other. When we returned into the town and found that they had moved all of their valuable effects, save corn, pompions, beans, peas, and other trifling things of which we found an abundance in every house. The town consisted of 25 houses, some of them new erections and one curious Townhouse framed and ready for covering. We took what corn we had need of and what trifling plunder was to be got, and then set

fire to the town. Then we concluded to follow the track of the Indians which crossed the river and led us a direct course north. We continued our march about a mile, and there we perceived a great pillow of smoke rise out of the mountains, which we found rose out of the woods, being set on fire with a view, as we supposed, to blind their tracks so we could not pursue them. Upon which Captain McFadden and myself took a small part of the men in order to make further discoveries, and left the main body behind upon a piece of advantageous ground until our return. We marched over a large mountain and came upon a very beautiful river which we had no knowledge of. We crossed the river and came immediately upon Indian camps which they had newly left; we went over a second mountain into a large cove upon south fork of said river where we found a great deal of sign, several camping places and the fires burning very briskly, night coming on we were obliged to return to our main body awhile before day. When day appeared we made ready and marched our men until the place we had been the night before. Our advance guard being forward, perceived two squaws and a lad who came down the creek as far as we had been the night before, and when they perceived our tracks they were retreating to the camp from whence they came which was within 3/4 mile. The signal was given, then we pursued and captured them all prisoners. Unfortunately our men shouted in the chase and fired a gun which aroused them at the camp and they made their escape into the mountains. The prisoners led us to the camp where we found abundance of plunder of horses and other goods to the amount of 700 pounds. We took some horses belonging to the poor inhabitants of the frontier which we brought in and delivered to the owners. Our provisions falling short we were obliged to steer homeward. That night we lay upon a prodigious mountain where we had a severe shock of earthquake which surprised our men very much. Then we steered our course about east and southeast two days through prodigious mountains almost impossible and struck the road in Richland Creek Mountain. From thence we marched to Pidgeon where we vendued off all the plunder . . .

William Moore
On the Service of the United States

Nov. 7. 1778

FROM: THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, July 8, 1959

OWEN H. GUDGER

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Owen Gudger, Attorney, Scholar, Dies

July 8, 1959

Owen H. Gudger, 79, research scholar, historian and former Asheville postmaster, died unexpectedly of a heart attack about 3:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Admired and respected as one of the city's leading citizens, Mr. Gudger formerly practiced law and had served as juvenile court judge. He was for years a civic and political leader.

At one time a newspaper publisher, he had owned the old Asheville Gazette, forerunner of the Asheville Times.

In recent years, Mr. Gudger's health impaired his activities. He suffered a broken hip in 1948 on a trip to Albany, Ga. and was injured in an automobile accident there the following Spring. His recovery from these injuries had never been fully realized.

Death came as he sat outside with Mrs. Gudger at their Carolina Apartments residence, waiting for a brother, Wirt Gudger, with whom they planned an afternoon automobile ride.

Mr. Gudger was born in the Actons section of Buncombe County March 13, 1880, a son of the late Dr. David M. and Louisa Taylor Gudger. The Gudgers and Taylors were two of Buncombe's oldest families.

Educated at Sand Hill School, Mr. Gudger's first job was on the old Gazette. He moved up through a series of jobs on the paper unil he bought control. He sold out after a brief experience in the newspaper field and studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1909.

Long active in state Democratic politics, he successfully managed the Democratic Congressional campaign in the old 10th District in 1910 and again in 1912.

In 1913, he was named postmaster by President Wilson and served until Republican President Warren G. Harding went into the White House eight years later.

It was once said of Mr. Gudger that "as an accepted fact, no postmaster during the existence of the Asheville office had served his government with greater zeal or with more conscientious concern."

During the 1920s, Mr. Gudger practiced law, sold real estate and developed a keen insight into Asheville's history. His interest in and his appreciation for the color and drama of local history quickly built his reputation as an authority.

In 1933 he became chairman of the Asheville elections board and also a member of the Buncombe County Board of tax assessors.

In 1937, he was named judge of the city-county juvenile court and here, too, he threw his full energies into the job. He quickly won recognition for his work in helping unfortunate wayward children. He served as judge until 1941.

As a juvenile court judge, Mr. Gudger was almost a father to many of the children that came within his jurisdiction. It was not unusual for Judge Gudger to unselfishly labor to place children in homes where they would receive the most care.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and of the Masons and Elks.

Mr. Gudger spent several recent years preparing a history of Asheville. Among his writings was an essay on the influence of George W. Vanderbilt on the conservation of natural resources in the Western North Carolina mountains and in the United States.

Conservation was also close to the heart of Mr. Gudger, who was an ardent fisherman, mountain climber and gardener.

In addition to the brother and widow, the former Miss Nelle Murray Loche, Mr. Gudger is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Jeanette G. Bradley, of Hyattsville, Md., and Mrs. Florence G. Haines of Asheville and a number of nieces and nephews.

Morris-Hendon - Black Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements which were incomplete Tuesday night.

"A SMALL BIT OF HISTORY"

Written by: Owen H. Gudger

"The Moore Fort"

7. THE MOORE FORT

This is where history began in Western North Carolina. In 1775, the Cherokee Indians, having allied themselves with the British, began attacking settlers below the mountains in North Georgia, Upper South Carolina, and along the Catawba River in North Carolina, killing some thirty or more settlers along that stream, and throughly arousing the population of the three States. At that time, the plateau region between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the present Tennessee State line was held by the Cherokee Indians. That portion lying south and west of the Balsam Mountains was where the Indians lived, and that portion east and north of the Balsam Mountains, up to the Virginia line, was the Indian hunting ground, which, by treaty with the English, no white man was allowed to settle.

Up to that time white people were supposed to be allowed to pass through that country over into what is now Tennessee, but due to friction that had developed between the early settlers below the mountains, and the Indians, it had proved unsafe for white people to go through. Some settlements had already developed over in that portion now known as Tennessee, being founded by settlers coming down through the valley of Virginia. These settlements, together with those in Southwest Virginia and Southern Kentucky, were not approved by the colonial governments, which were controlled by the wealthy planters in the Tidewater Belt of Virginia, North and South Carolina, who had purposely pushed these settlers back between them and the mountains, as a buffer against the Indians. When these attacks were made on these settlers, it didn't concern the wealthy planters in the Tidewater Belt, but these Scots-Irish fellows had already prepared themselves to take care of the situation if war should arise, which was now on them. So General Griffith Rutherford was commissioned to promptly organize an army to deal with the Cherokees; Williamson of South Carolina and Christian of Georgia were commissioned to do the same. After several months of preparation, Rutherford got together an army, starting at Salisbury, North Carolina, and marching westward to the Davidson Fort on the Catawba River. He had assembled company after company of light horsemen, and on reaching that point, now known as Old Fort, he had 2,500 men, all mounted. Remaining there a very short while, he moved upstream near its head. There camp was made for the night. The following morning they reached the Swannanoa Gap, now known as Ridgecrest. At this point they entered what was known as The Swannanoa, the main Indian trail. This is known to the Indians as the Main Trail, or in English parlance, The King's Highway. Some say it had been blazed by buffalo herds which had gone westward through Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain counties to Bigtown, near Bryson City, and beyond. This trail led down the Swannanoa, from the left bank of the same, to a point near Biltmore, where the trail turned and crossed through what is now known as the Biltmore Estate, to a well-known Indian ford on the French Broad River, which later became known as the War Ford to some, and the Rutherford Ford to others. Here a fairly easy crossing was made by this army, and possibly at this point, or a little further on, they were joined by Hardin of Rutherford County, with 600 horsemen.

After crossing Hominy Creek, at a point not now well known, they reached a point where the Old Wilderness Trail, running north and south, crossed the Swannanoa Trail. Here they were met by couriers who had come up from South Carolina to tell them of the movements of Williamson who would join them later, as he was coming up by the Walhalla route. This point is about where the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church now stands, then or later known as Sandhill. After this conference they moved westward about a half mile, where camp was pitched for the night. This was on Bench Bottom, immediately behind the old Acton Methodist Church. There they camped for the night.

The following morning they broke camp and struck westward, where they had more fording of streams, until they reached the ford of Pigeon River, at the present town of Canton. Evidently running across some difficulties at this crossing, they moved up-stream about four miles to a point not far from where the east and west forks of the Pigeon River come together. Then they headed cross-country through Pigeon Gap, down Scots Creek, to a point shortly above the present town of Sylva. There they again camped for the night. Turning to the left they headed for the Indian ford on the Tuckasegee River. After traversing the ford, they crossed over to the Tennessee River near the present town of Franklin, where there was quite an Indian village that they destroyed. Up to this point, Rutherford had met with no opposition from the Indians, but Williamson, who joined him at this point, had been ambushed by the Indians further up the Tennessee River, and had sustained some losses. Rutherford at this point left Williamson to hold the place, and he pushed on some distance to the Hiawassee section to meet Christian of Georgia, whom he never did contact, but on this trip Rutherford destroyed several Indian towns and villages, and returning to Franklin, he started to his home, which was at Salisbury, North Carolina, where he reported thirty or forty Indian villages destroyed, and very slight loss of his own.

The following winter, a very important meeting was held at Salisbury with the civil-colonial authorities and these military authorities: Rutherford, Captain William Moore, who was second in command to Rutherford, together with Williamson of South Carolina, and John Sevier of the Tennessee section, where the strategy to be used was discussed and decided on. It was very evident to Rutherford, Captain Moore, John Sevier and these military men, that the Indian warriors had not been fully drawn into combat and from then on it would take quite an army to hold them off. The civil authorities, however, made up mostly of the wealthy planters of the Tidewater Belt, wanted Rutherford's army and all other trained soldiers taken eastward and southward and incorporated into the main Continental Army. This, of course, did not meet with the approval of Rutherford, Moore and Sevier, particularly, so it was agreed that Moore might build a fort on Hominy Creek and take a small part of the troops with him to help hold the Indians off. Just where Hominy Creek was located was a secret known only to these military authorities, the civil authorities supposing that it was somewhere around the foot of the mountains. But, as a matter of fact, it was thirty or thirty-five miles back over the Blue Ridge, in what was known then as Indian territory. So when this meeting broke up in the Spring of 1777, possibly one half of Rutherford's army marched across the mountains with Captain Moore, where this fort was built on Hominy Creek, about seven miles west of Asheville.

This army proceeded to build a series of block houses from the Swannanoa Gap to the Moore Fort; also a series of block houses surrounding the entire Hominy Valley, and block houses up and down the Old Wilderness Trail from the South Carolina line to the mouth of Bear Creek in Madison County, all of these block houses being in bugle call one of the other. The bugle was an ox or cow horn. Secret calls passed from one block house to the other if trouble arose, which brought troops from the Moore Fort in a hurry. This defense line, as they called it, from the South Carolina line to the mouth of Bear Creek, was maintained by Moore. Williamson of South Carolina extended the line from the South Carolina line to Augusta, Georgia. John Sevier set up block houses north of Bear Creek to Fort White, now Knoxville, Tennessee.

At that time there was quite a large population lying between the wealthy planters of the Tidewater Belt and the Blue Ridge, who had been anxious to get through to the rich lands lying over in Tennessee and Kentucky.

This defense line, set up between Augusta, Georgia, and Fort White, very effectively shut off the Indians from further bothering any of those who wanted to cross over, the consequence being that hundreds of families began teaming through the mountains to get to those fine lands described by Daniel Boone and others, lying beyond the Appalachians. Many of them found log houses already built and ready for occupancy, built by John Sevier and his group.

Of course this defense line and these operations were a top military secret. These fellows knew that the wealthy planters, many of them in sympathy with the English, would interfere if there was any way to do it, as so many of them sympathized with the English, and were disloyal to the American cause.

At the Moore Fort on Hominy Creek, preparations had been made for these numerous migrants who would be passing through, to be entertained. Captain Moore had built on the opposite side of Hominy Creek, accomodations for a large group of Negro slaves to make crops and food, for not only the troops, but also the many migrants. Two very interesting old Negroes were put in charge, one named Daddy Jim, and the other named Mammy Sue, one of whom claimed to be the son of an African King, the other the daughter of another African King. They possessed some education, possibly being members of an African Arab tribe, and not themselves real Negroes. They had quarters for strangers passing through, and these guests were highly entertained. When these migrants reached the Watauga settlement, the men were incorporated into the armies of John Sevier, and made some of the most brilliant fighters the world has ever known.

When Cornwallis came over to Savannah, Georgia, and started his march northward, sweeping everything before him and sending out officers who established outposts to enforce every citizen into the British Army under penalty of death, the country became thoroughly aroused. John Sevier, and Isaac Shelby crossed over from the Watauga settlements with an army to deal with these outposts, and fought four or more battles in upper South Carolina, taking more prisoners than their own army amounted to. Meanwhile, the Southern Continental Army was badly defeated by Cornwallis at Camden, South Carolina. Sevier and Shelby, it was learned by Cornwallis, were headed for Gillespie Gap to cross into Tennessee with these prisoners, and Cornwallis immediately dispatched General Ferguson, with quite an army, to overtake Sevier and Shelby and recapture these British prisoners.

Ferguson headed north and reached Gilberttown, two miles above Rutherford, where he thought he would head them off, but it is reported they made their way through the woods and escaped from Ferguson. The facts are, however, they came through the Saluda Gap and made their way by way of Moore Fort, down the French Broad Valley, into Tennessee, where they soon sent the prisoners on into Virginia, sending word to Campbell of Virginia to come with what troops he had. Instead of waiting for Ferguson to cross over the mountains, as had been planned, Sevier immediately began to get all the troops possible that could be spared, and crossed over the mountains by way of the Gillespie Gap to the Pleasant Gardens, near Marion, North Carolina, where it was learned that Ferguson had broken camp at Gilberttown, and it was thought he was headed for Ninety-Six, South Carolina, to join General Kruger.

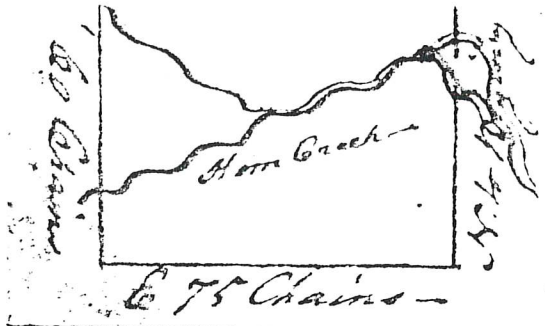
At this time it was thought that the British planned for quite a large army of Cherokee Indians to come aid General Ferguson in crossing the mountains to wipe out these fellows in the Watauga settlements. John Sevier, on reaching Pleasant Gardens, knowing this, picked Daniel Smith and Joseph Lytle, and two other leaders of bold bands of Indian fighters, and dispatched them in the night to cross the mountains and apprise Captain Moore and his forces of this plan, and to supplement Moore's forces in holding the Indians off at this critical moment; for it was Sevier's determination to wipe out this British Army under Ferguson, if possible.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA No. 1031

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING.

KNOW Ye That We for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Pounds for every hundred acres hereby paid into our Treasury by William Moore have given and granted, and by these Presents do give and grant unto the said William Moore a Tract or Land, containing Five hundred and fifty Acres lying and being on the Waters of Bowlings Branch on the Waters of Fishing Creek in Bute County Beginning at a Pine on the North side of the Creek on a bottom then West twenty five Chains to a State and one Oak then South Eighty a large Branch of Fishing Creek passing a long the said Branch to a State in it Twenty five Chains to a State then East Twenty Chains to a State then North Twenty Chains to the Beginning as by the Plat hereunto annexed doth appear; together with all Woods, Waters, Mines, Minerals, Hereditments, and Appurtenances to the said Land belonging or appertaining: To hold to the said William Moore his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Yielding and paying to us such Sums of Money yearly, or otherwise, our General Assembly from time to time may direct, PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said William Moore shall cause this Grant to be registered in the Register's Office of our said County of Bute within Twelve Months from the Date hereof, otherwise the same shall be void and of none Effect.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and our Great Seal hereunto affixed. WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL, Esquire, our Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief, at Hillsborough the Seventh Day of August in the Eleventh year of our Independence and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and [illegible]



Carolina Bush
County October the
5th 1784.

By a Scale of 40 Chains
to the Inch

Surveyed for William Moore four hundred and
fifty Acres of Land lying on both Sides of Hominy
Branch and both Sides of the Path that Leads
from the Fording of French Broad River to the
Catawba Nation. Beginning at a Post Oak on the
North Side of the Bush in a hollow. Runs West
Twenty Chains to a Stake and two Post Oaks
thence South Cording a large Branch the path and
Bush along said above the Ind Outher Lands
Cro Dat Sixty Chains to a Stake thence East
Twenty five Chains to a Stake thence North
Paling the Corner of his Own Imery and
Existing Hominy. Bush to the Beginning

Jno. McDowell
Jos. McDowell

By Jos McDowell Dept Surr

WILLIAM MOORE'S REPORT

Note: This extract copied from North Carolina University Magazine, New Series, Vol. VII, No. 3, page 90.

Brigade General Rutherford:-
Dear Sir,

. . . . . "I enlisted men Oct. 19, 1776. Marched Oct. 29. Arrived at Cathey's Fort, and then down Scott's Creek and from Scott's place we took a blind path which led us down to the Tuckysege (Tuckaseegee) through a mountainous very bad way. We continued our march very briskly in expectation of getting to the town of Too-Cowee (Stekoa) before night. But it lying at a greater distance than we expected we were obliged to tie up our horses and lay by till next morning. When we found a ford and crossed the river, and then a very large mountain where we came upon a very plain path, very much used by the Indians driving from the middle settlements to the aforesaid town (Stekoa). We continued our march along the said path about two miles when we came in sight of the town, which lay very scattered; then we came to consultation to see which was the best way to attack it. But our small army consisting of but 97 men, we found we were not able to surround it, so we consulted and rushed into the center of the town in order to surprise it. But the enemy being alarmed of our coming were all fled save two, who trying to make their escape, sprang into the river, and we pursued to the bank, and as they were rising the bank on the other side we fired upon them and shot one of them down, and the other getting out of reach of our guns, and making up to the mountains, some of our men crossed the river on foot and pursued and some went to the ford and crossed on horses and headed him, killed and scalped him with the other. When we returned into the town and found that they had moved all of their valuable effects, save corn, pompions, beans, peas, and other trifling things of which we found an abundance in every house.. The town consisted of 25 houses, some of them new erections and one curious Townhouse framed and ready for covering. We took what corn we had need of and what trifling plunder was to be got, and then set

fire to the town. Then we concluded to follow the track of the Indians which crossed the river and led us a direct course north. We continued our march about a mile, and there we perceived a great pillow of smoke rise out of the mountains, which we found rose out of the woods, being set on fire with a view, as we supposed, to blind their tracks so we could not pursue them. Upon which Captain McFadden and myself took a small part of the men in order to make further discoveries, and left the main body behind upon a piece of advantageous ground until our return. We marched over a large mountain and came upon a very beautiful river which we had no knowledge of. We crossed the river and came immediately upon Indian camps which they had newly left; we went over a second mountain into a large cove upon south fork of said river where we found a great deal of sign, several camping places and the fires burning very briskly, night coming on we were obliged to return to our main body awhile before day. When day appeared we made ready and marched our men until the place we had been the night before. Our advance guard being forward, perceived two squaws and a lad who came down the creek as far as we had been the night before, and when they perceived our tracks they were retreating to the camp from whence they came which was within 3/4 mile. The signal was given, then we pursued and captured them all prisoners. Unfortunately our men shouted in the chase and fired a gun which aroused them at the camp and they made their escape into the mountains. The prisoners led us to the camp where we found abundance of plunder of horses and other goods to the amount of 700 pounds. We took some horses belonging to the poor inhabitants of the frontier which we brought in and delivered to the owners. Our provisions falling short we were obliged to steer homeward. That night we lay upon a prodigious mountain where we had a severe shock of earthquake which surprised our men very much. Then we steered our course about east and southeast two days through prodigious mountains almost impossible and struck the road in Richland Creek Mountain. From thence we marched to Pidgeon where we vendued off all the plunder . . .

William Moore
On the Service of the United States

Nov. 7. 1778

'ROUGH AND READY GUARDS' was the affectionate nickname given the members of Company F, 14th North Carolina Regiment, commanded by Zebulon Baird Vance in the War Between the States. When Sen. and Mrs. Vance in 1890 opened their summer home, "Gombroom," a few miles from Black Mountain, they invited surviving members of the company to hold their annual reunion there to celebrate its opening. The photograph shown, now the property of the Sondley Reference Library, was made on this happy occasion. In the picture (L to R) are: First row (on ground), William Gudger, Azalea; Dr. David M. Gudger, Sand Hill; J. M. Gudger Sr., Asheville; Gay Williams, Ivy; Billy Hunter, French Broad; Dick Baird, Reems Creek; Thomas Brooks, Candler; and Wesley Hicks, company cook, Asheville; second row (on first and second steps), James M. Smith, William Garrison, Reems Creek; J. J. White, Swannanoa; Baechus Westall, Swannanoa; J. M. (Jess) Green, Asheville; Andy Hunter, French Broad; Alf Walton, Haw Creek Rd.; background group, John M. Stepp, Black Mountain; Jim Hughey, Bull Creek; Albert (Bert) Lytle, Fairview; Sen. and Mrs. Vance; Riley Powers, Skyland; Riley Pitillo, Brush Creek, and Berry Gaston, Sand Hill. Four members of the company who were surviving at the time the photograph was made were unable to attend the annual reunion that day. They were: Robert Williams, Fairview; George White and Bedent Smith, Reems Creek, and Thomas Johnston, Asheville. Identification of persons in the photograph was worked out by Owen Gudger of Asheville.

DIED
Nov. 11 1812
Æ. 86 Yrs.

Enka Landmark Demolished

A crew of workers has been busy during the past week demolishing the old Gaston farmhouse, one of the last outstanding landmarks which was found in Enka six years ago when the Rayon factory purchased the location for the Enka plant.

The farmhouse was built by Russell L. Jones something over a hundred years ago and after weathering more than a century of storms the building was just about as staunch as could be made with the use of solid heart timber, which was plentiful in this region at that time. Nails were unknown at the time construction work was done, and pegs were used. It was in these days also that it was the fashion to build a big kitchen in the yard, where the slaves could do the cooking without interfering with the white folks in "The Big House". The Gaston residence had four large rooms, two above and two below, which was afterwards added to when it became necessary to have additional space.

Mr. Jones gave this place to his daughter, Martha, who had married Perry Gaston. They moved into the house sixty-three years ago. The Gaston family have lived in this house continuously until ten or twelve years ago, when it was sold to R. C. Crowell and a few years later to the American Enka Corporation. Among those of the family who have resided in this old landmark are: T. P. Gaston, E. L. Gaston, C. P. Gaston, Mrs. Chas. Ingram, Mrs. W. E. Fletcher, Mrs. Mamie Howie, and Mrs. Wayne Alexander.

During the past six years since the acquisition of this property by the American Enka Corporation the old landmark has been used as a Dutch School and other purposes.

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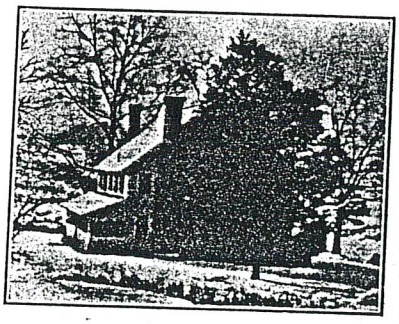
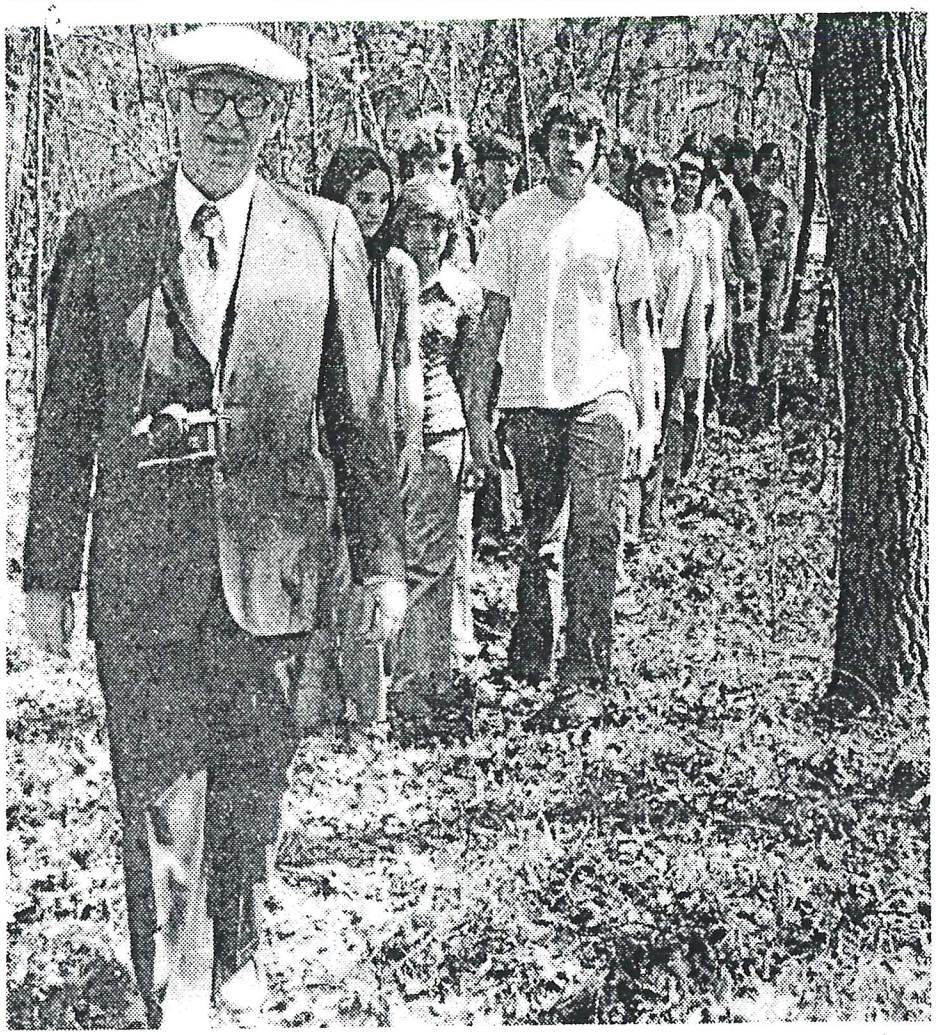


Old Landmark Gone



Unusual History Lesson

Taking a page from Wilma Dykeman's book, "The French Broad," instead of a history book, students at Sand Hill Grammar School got an unusual history lesson this week. History buff F. Jack Cole lectured the group on the life of Capt. William Moore, first white settler west of the French Broad River, then led students to the pioneer's gravesite near the school. In her book, Miss Dykeman wrote: "William Moore's grave is ... in a public ground, near one of the North Carolina county schools. There lies a fragment of history on the classroom step, if teacher and pupils can lift their heads from the textbook monotony men have made of their own living past to sense for a moment one day or one night of the fear, satisfaction, drudgery, determination in the life of this first lone settler of their vast region." (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

ASHEVILLE TIMES...4-16-76

B.o. Moore, William

F. JACK COLE
MOSES AND THE
CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL
JUNE GLENN JR PTOTO

F. JACK COLE
SAND HILL GRAMMEL
STUDENTS VISIT
GRAVE OF CAPT. WM.
HAMILTON MOORE
BEHIND SAND HILL
SCHOOL AT MOORE
CEMETERY

WHILE VISITING
CEMETERY THEY
FOUND GRAVESTONE
OF GEORGE CANDLER
WHO MARRIED
MOORES DAUGHTER
EVALINE MOORE,
CANDLER. GEORGES
OLDEST SON WAS
WILLIAM GASTON CANDLER
4-15-1834

CANDLER'S SISTER
MARRIED (MARGARET)
THOMAS JEFFERSON
HARKINS

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5. Group associated with photo? Sand Hill Grammar School students

6. Persons in photo, left to right? F. Jack Cole + unidentified students from Sand Hill Grammar School, April 16, 1976

7. Photographer? June Glenn, Jr Citizen-Times

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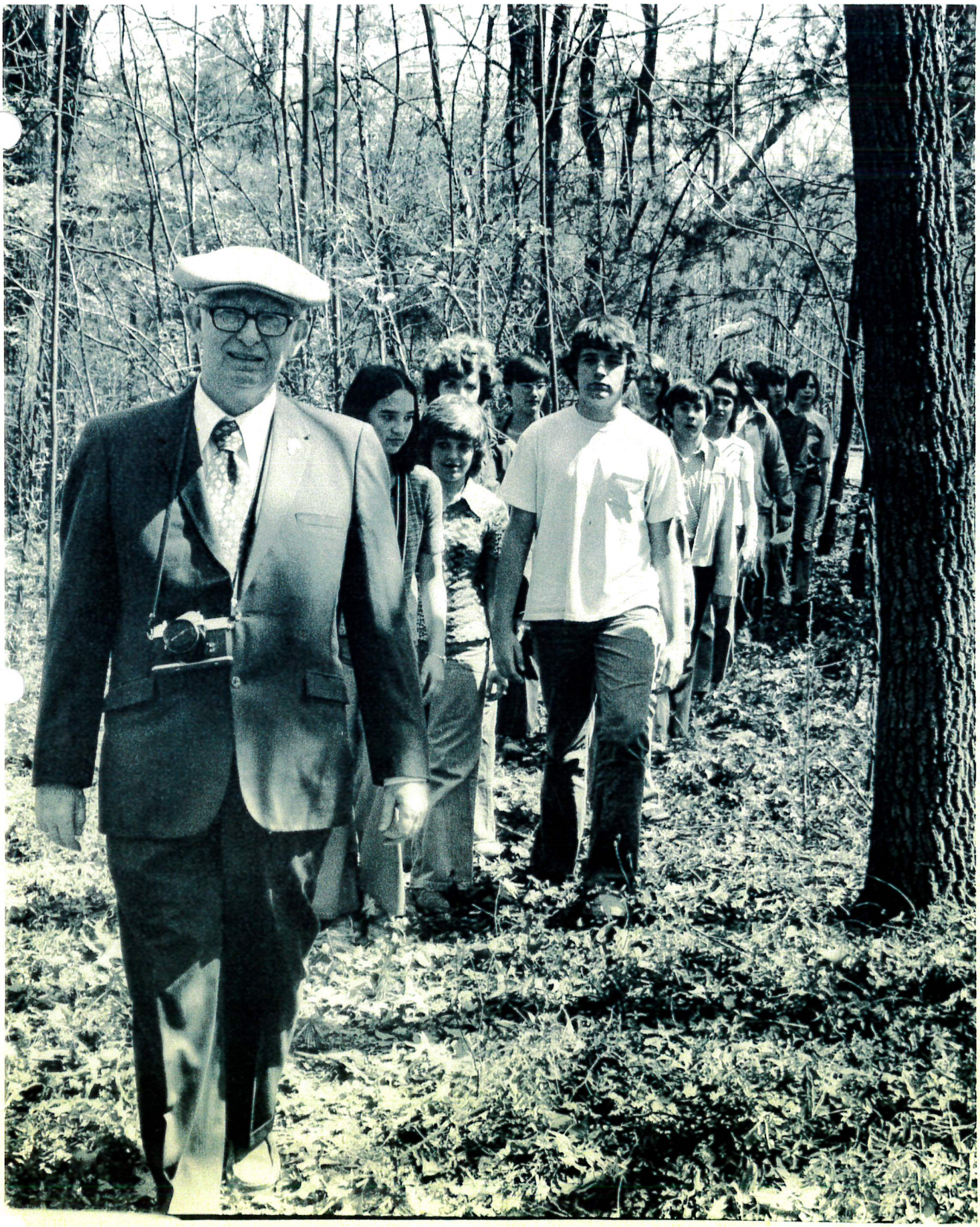

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6. Persons in photo, left to right? Bratcher Biggerstaff of Dysartsville

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Bio / Moore, William

COMMEMORATIVE CERMONY
CAPTAIN WILLIAM HAMILTON MOORE (1716 - 1812)
DESCENDANTS
2:30 P.M. CAPTAINS DRIVE
CAPTAIN WILLIAM HAMILTON MOORE CEMETERY
OFF SAND HILL SCHOOL ROAD

WELCOME AND HISTORY OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM HAMILTON MOORE

F. JACK COLE

GREETINGS
GOODAFTERNOON COUSINS, WELCOME TO THIS HISTORIC CEMETERY AND THIS COMMEMORATIVE CERMONY.

I AM JACK COLE ONE OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE DESCENDANTS COMMITTEE JOINING WITH AMERICAN ENKA COMPANY INVITING YOU TO THIS CERMONY.

AT THIS TIME LET ME RECOGNIZE THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

FIRST YOUR COUSIN COKE CANDLER, REPRESENTING CANDLER DECENDANTS, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. (COKE PLEASE HOLD UP YOUR HAND OR STEP OUT)

SECOND, YOUR COUSIN ROBERT HALL, OF ASHEVILLE, FORMERLY OF SYLVA REPRESENTING KILLIAN DECENDANTS. (BOB PLEASE HOLD UP YOUR HAND)

MAY I SAY WE ARE ALL COUSINS OR NEAR COUSINS.

BEING A COLE AND I WILL NOT GO INTO THE GENEALOGY AND ANCESTRY OF THE COLE FAMILY. THE RECORDS OF WHICH CAME TO NEW AMSTERDAM FROM HOLLAND IN 1630, THIS COLE TREASURER OF THE WEST INDIES TRADING COMPANY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TRADING OF THE ISLE OF MANNATTAN FROM THE INDIANS. MY FATHER BEN COLE CAME TO HOMINY VALLEY FROM NEW JERSEY MET MY MOTHER, OPAL GASTON, DAUGHTER OF RUSSELL JONES GASTON AND IDA HARKINS GASTON.

SO I REPRESENT ON THIS COMMITTEE THE HARKINS AND GASTON DECENDANTS WHO GO BACK THROUGH MARGARET CANDLER, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE AND RACHEL MOORE CANDLER, DAUGHTER OF CHARLES AND MARGARET PENLAND MOORE AND

GRANDDAUGHTER OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM MOORE.

I PROMISED JAKE JOLLIFF OF AMERICAN ENKA THAT I WOULD KEEP MY SPEECH SHORT SO I WILL NOT DIGRESS FURTHER INTO FAMILY GENEALOGY AT THIS TIME, BUT TELL THE STORY OF CAPTAIN MOORE AND HIS BEING THE FIRST WHITE SETTLER WEST OF THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER.

IT IS SAID THAT THE FAMILY OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM HAMILTON MOORE ORIGINALLY LIVED IN SCOTLAND. THEY MOVED TO ULSTER PROVIDENCE NORTH IRELAND TO A SETTLEMENT UNDER THE DUKE OF HAMILTON. WILLIAM MOORE WAS BORN IN THE YEAR 1726. HIS FATHER'S NAME WAS ALSO WILLIAM MOORE AND HIS MOTHER WAS A HAMILTON. HE WAS GIVEN THE NAME OF WILLIAM HAMILTON MOORE. THERE WAS FIGHTING IN NORTH IRELAND THEN AS IT CONTINUES TODAY BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC IRISH AND THE PROTESTANT PRESBYTERIANS. HIS FATHER WAS ONE OF THE DEFENDERS OF DERRY. WE KNOW IT TODAY AS LONDON DERRY.

AT THE AGE OF 15, WILLIAM, WITH NINE OF HIS BROTHERS SAILED TO PHILADELPHIA WHERE THEY SETTLED BRIEFLY. LATER WITH SOME OF HIS BROTHERS MOVED SOUTH IN THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA TO BORDENS GRANT, AUGUSTA COUNTY.

THE COMMANDER OF COMPANY 3 OF THE LOCAL MILITIA IN AUGUSTA COUNTY WAS CAPTAIN JAMES CATHEY. THE MILITIA LISTING IN COMPANY 2 INDLCUDED WILL MOORE, JOHN MOORE, DAVID MOORE, ALEX MOORE, ANDREW MOORE AND JAS GREENLEE (WHO LATER SETTLED IN THE AREA THAT IS NOW MCDOWELL COUNTY.

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WILLIAM NEXT MOVED INTO NORTH CAROLINA AND SETTLED IN ROWAN COUNTY NOW MCDOWELL FIRST ON A TRACT WHERE LAKE JAMES IS NOW LOCATED IN SHADRACK'S CREEK GRANT 70-1779 AND LATER TO THE MILLFORK OF SOUTH MUDDY CREEK GRANT NO1232, DYSARTSVILLE AT PILOT MOUNTAIN WHERE HE BUILT A HOME AND HE AND ANN CATHEY HAD SIX CHILDREN, WILLIAM, THOMAS, ROBERT, SONS, AND DAUGHTERS, ALLIE MARRIED JOHN PENLAND; MARY MARRIED ROBERT PENLAND; RACHEL MARRIED GEORGE PENLAND.

A NUMBER OF WRITERS INCLUDING WILMA DYKEMAN AND HISTORIAN ASHE RECORD THAT WILLIAM MOORE WAS MARRIED TO MARGARET RUTHERFORD SISTER OF GENERAL GRIFFITH RUTHERFORD. IF SO IT WAS PERHAPS SOMETIME BETWEEN 1768-1774. (THERE ARE NO CHILDREN)

IT IS THOUGHT THAT HIS WIFE, ANN CATHEY, BECAME ILL AND WENT TO HER FAMILY IN SALISBURY WHERE IT IS THOUGHT THAT SHE DIED AND IS BURRIED IN THYATIRA CHURCH YARD (PRESBYTERIAN) IN SALISBURY.

ON AUGUST 4, 1774, WILLIAM MOORE MARRIED MARGARET PATTON (BORN 1749, SHE WAS 25 AND WILLIAM AT THAT TIME 48).

MARGARET PATTON WAS THE DAUGHTER OF BENJAMIN PATTON ONE OF THE SIGNERS OF THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION.

WE KNOW WILLIAM AND MARGARET HAD THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN:

ANN MARRIED JOHN RUTHERFORD
MARGARET MARRIED BENJAMIN TUTT
A DAUGHTER _____ MARRIED BALLEW
SONS: THOMAS C.; SAMUEL C.
CHARLES MARRIED MARGARET PENLAND, FIRST THEN LUCINDA KILLIAN.
CHARLES AND LUCINDA KILLIAN MOORE ARE BURRIED IN OAK FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY.

IN 1776, WHEN THE CHEROKEE ATTACKED THE WHITE SETTLERS ON THE CATAWBA. WILLIAM MOORE WAS A MEMBER OF GENERAL GRIFFITH RUTHORFORD'S EXPEDITION AGAINST THE CHEROKEES. LATER WITH 97 MEN HE ENLISTED ON OCTOBER 19, 1776, HE LED A SECOND ATTACK AGAINST THE CHEROKEES. IN NOVEMBER 1776, HE BUILT A FORT ON THIS LAND TO DEFEND AGAINST THE CHEROKEES AND MADE A VOW TO RETURN AND BRING HIS FAMILY AND SETTLE. WILMA DYKEMAN IN HER BOOK THE FRENCH BROAD BEST TELLS THE STORY OF HIS LIFE...

"THE FRENCH BROAD", BY WILMA DYKEMAN

WILLIAM MOORE DIDN'T MIND A FIGHT. HE WAS FROM ULSTER PROVIDENCE, IRELAND, AND WHEN, AFTER REMOVING TO AMERICA, THE REVOLUTION CAME, HE WAS GLAD TO JOIN IN ON THE SIDE OF REVOLT. IN 1776 HIS WIFE'S BROTHER, GENERAL GRIFFITH RUTHERFORD, WAS ASSIGNED TO MAKE AN EXPEDITION AGAINST THE CHEROKEES WHO WERE COMING TO BRITAIN'S AID AND MASSACRING COLONISTS ALL ALONG THE BORDER. MOORE BECAME A CAPTAIN OF ONE OF THE COMPAINES UNDER RUTHERFORD AND MARCHED WITH HIM OVER THE SWANNANOA GAP, DOWN THE FRENCH BROAD AND ALONG THE ROUTE ALREADY DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER TWO AS RUTHERFORD'S TRACE. BEING AT WAR NEITHER BLINDED NOR BEWILDERED YOUNG CAPTAIN MOORE. HE SAW THE UNTOUCHED, AND --BETTER-- UNCLAIMED, FERTILITY OF THE LAND HE PASSED THROUGH. PERHAPS HE RESPONDED TO ITS GREEN BEAUTY TOO, SEEING SOMETHING OF THE FRESH LANDSCAPE OF IRELAND IN THESE TREE-COVERED MOUNTAINS, THICK CANEBRAKES, GRASSY BALDS. THE NEXT YEAR FOLLOWING THE INDIAN EXPEDITION, IN 1777, CAPTAIN MOORE CAME BACK OVER THE BLUE RIDGE TO THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER, NOT IN WAR BUT IN PEACE. A FEW MILES WEST OF THE PRESENT CITY OF ASHEVILLE, HE BUILT A SMALL LOG-CABIN FORT, BUT BEFORE HE COUND BRING HIS FAMILY AND BEGIN THEIR NEW LIFE THERE, THE CONTINENTAL ARMY DEMANDED HIS SERVICES ONCE MORE.

SIX YEARS LATER, IN 1783, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA OPENED A TRACT OF THE LANDS WEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE FOR SETTLEMENT, AND WITH A GRANT OF SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY ACRES FROM GOVERNOR RICHARD CASWELL, EX-CAPTAIN MOORE RETURNED, IN 1784, TO THE FRENCH BROAD AND HIS "LAND ON HOMINY CREEK" NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH THE RIVER. WITH WIFE AND SLAVES, THREE DAUGHTERS AND THREE SONS, HE FORGOT SOLDIERING AND BECAME A HOMESTEADER, ONE OF A TYPICAL PATTERN FOR MUCH OF THE RIVER'S SETTLEMENT AS IT CAME: HUNTER, TRADER, SOLDIER, SPECULATOR, THEY SAW AND STAYED TO CONQUER OR BE CONQUERED. WILLIAM MOORE'S GRAVE IS ALSO IN A PUBLIC GROUND, NEAR ONE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY SCHOOLS. THERE LIES A FRAGMENT OF HISTORY ON THE CLASSROOM STEP, IF TEACHER AND PUPILS CAN LIFT THEIR HEADS FROM THE TEXTBOOK MONOTONY MEN HAVE MADE OF THEIR OWN LIVING PAST TO SENSE FOR A MOMENT ONE DAY OR ONE NIGHT OF THE FEAR, SATISFACTION, DRUDGERY, DETERMINAT IN THE LIFE OF THIS FIRST LONE SETTLER OF THEIR VAST REGION. THE STONE SAY SIMPLY: "WILLIAM MOORE, DIED NOVEMBER 11, 1812, AE 86 Y'S." BUT WHERE, IN WHAT BOOK, ARE THE COMPLEXITY AND WEALTH OF THOSE YEARS?

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

CAPTAIN WILLIAM HAMILTON MOORE (1726-1812) DESCENDANTS

COMMEMORATION OF THE RESTORATION THE CAPTAIN WILLIAM HAMILTON MOORE CEMETERY

NOVEMBER 8, 1981

2:30 P.M. CAPTAIN'S DIRVE (OFF SAND HILL SCHOOL ROAD)

Welcome and History of Captain William Hamilton Moore

F. Jack Cole

American Enka's Rehabilitation of the Cemetery, Introduction of Special Guest and American Enka Officials

Coke Candler

Introduction of DAN KILLIAN MOORE, Former North Carolina Governor

Robert Hall

Remarks DAN KILLIAN MOORE

Recognition of Other Guests Coke Candler

Closing Remarks and Appreciation F. Jack Cole

R E C E P T I O N

3:00 P.M. Enka Lake Club

Lake Drive, Enka

"The French Broad", by Wilma Dykeman

William Moore didn't mind a fight. He was from Ulster Province, Ireland, and when, after removing to America, the Revolution came, he was glad to join in on the side of revolt. In 1776 his wife's brother, General Griffith Rutherford, was assigned to make an expedition against the Cherokees who were coming to Britain's aid and massacring colonists all along the border. Moore became a captain of one of the companies under Rutherford and marched with him over the Swannanoa Gap, down the French Broad and along the route already described in chapter two as Rutherford's Trace. Being at war neither blinded nor bewildered young Captain Moore. He saw the untouched, and—better—unclaimed, fertility of the land he passed through. Perhaps he responded to its green beauty too, seeing something of the fresh landscape of Ireland in these tree-covered mountains, thick canebrakes, grassy balds. The next year following the Indian expedition, in 1777, Captain Moore came back over the Blue Ridge to the French Broad River, not in war but in peace. A few miles west of the present city of Asheville, he built a small log-cabin fort, but before he could bring his family and begin their new life there, the Continental Army demanded his services once more.

Six years later, in 1783, the General Assembly of North Carolina opened a tract of the lands west of the Blue Ridge for settlement, and with a grant of six hundred and forty acres from Governor Richard Caswell, ex-Captain Moore returned, in 1784, to the French Broad and his "land on Hominy Creek" near its junction with the river. With wife and slaves, three daughters and three sons, he forgot soldiering and became a homesteader, one of a typical pattern for much of the river's settlement as it came: hunter, trader, soldier, speculator, they saw and stayed to conquer or be conquered. William Moore's grave is also in a public ground, near

one of the North Carolina county schools. There lies a fragment of history on the classroom step, if teacher and pupils can lift their heads from the textbook monotony men have made of their own living past to sense for a moment one day or one night of the fear, satisfaction, drudgery, determination in the life of this first lone settler of their vast region. The stone says simply: "William Moore, died Nov. 11, 1812, AE 86 y's." But where, in what book, are the complexity and wealth of those years?

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A NEW GENERATION — Looking at refurbished graves in Captain William Hamilton Moore Cemetery near Sand Hill School Sunday were four of Moore's great, great grandsons. From left they were: F. Jack Cole, former Gov. Dan K. Moore, Robert Hall and Coke Candler. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

Descendants Meet For Moore Rites

By CLYDE OSBORNE
Staff Writer

More than 100 of his descendants attended the commemorative rites at the rehabilitated graveyard of Captain William Hamilton Moore near the Sand Hill School Sunday afternoon.

Moore, who built a log fort on Hominy Creek in the 1770s, was the first white settler west of the French Broad River.

The cemetery where Moore, family members and his slaves were buried was in a sad state of disrepair, overgrown with trees, brush, weeds and vines, until American Enka Corporation, informed of the situation, set about to remedy it.

The cemetery is on land owned by Enka.

F. Jack Cole, a great, great grandson of Moore, welcomed the commemoration group, which included cousins, aunts, uncles and others of his relatives.

The event turned into a big reunion. There were folks from California, Florida, the Carolinas and other states, all visiting with each other.

Former Gov. Dan K. Moore, a great, great grandson, thanked Enka for the work done on the cemetery. "You have preserved a part of North Carolina history," he said.

The Revolutionary War captain's descendants, said Moore, have played a large role in the development of Western North Carolina, North Carolina and the nation. They have been doctors, lawyers, government leaders, bankers, engineers and members of other professions.

Cole, Coke Candler and Robert Hall formed a committee that worked with Enka in the restoration project. The headstones found in the cemetery were broken and scattered over a wide area when Walter Batts, Enka manager of site operations, first visited the graveyard. The bits and pieces of the headstones were collected and cemented together.

The underbrush and trees were cut out of the area. Graves that had been marked with native stones were also refurbished. Now the site looks like what it is — a well-cared-for cemetery.

Cole, reviewing the history of his ancestor, said that Moore was born in Scotland, then moved into the Derry section of Northern Ireland where the situation in the mid-eighteenth century was pretty much as it is today with Roman Catholics and Protestant Presbyterians fighting.

William Moore was one of nine brothers who a few years later sailed to Philadephia, moved on into Virginia, then to Moore near Spartanburg, S. C. The captain later moved into the region of Rowan that is now McDowell County.

When Indians began massacring colonists of that region at the behest of the British, Moore joined his wife's

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brother, General Griffith Rutherford, on an expedition to drive the Cherokees back into the the mountains. The captain liked the looks of the land he passed through, and later built a fort and a cabin on Hominy Creek.

With the fort built, he went back into Rowan County to bring his family, but the war demanded his time again.

It was after the Revolution that he returned to the property with his family and slaves.

He had a 640-acre grant for the tract from Governor Richard Caswell when he returned in 1784.

William Moore was 86 when he died Nov. 11, 1812.

A reception at Enka Lake Club concluded the commemoration rites.

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These Moores were Scotch-Irish, part of the migration of the 1700s that peopled the Blue Ridge and the Appalachian with settlers of remarkable strength and vitality.

According to an historian named Hanna who wrote a book called "The Scotch-Irish," the Moores got to Ireland because an Irish clan leader named O'Neil got into trouble with the government of the English Queen Elizabeth.

Con O'Neil was chieftan of the northern half of Ireland's County Down, just across the North Channel of the Irish Sea from Scotland.

The English queen's minister was preparing to hang O'Neil when his wife made a deal with two Scottish lords that was to save his life.

The lords were Hugh Montgomery of Braidstone and Sir James Hamilton of Dunlop, both in northern Ayrshire.

Montgomery and Hamilton and their followers crossed the channel and rescued O'Neil as they had promised. Each received a third of O'Neil's lands.

O'Neil later "ran through" his third. The rights of Hamilton and Montgomery to hold their portions later were confirmed by King James with the proviso that the lands be resettled with people from Scotland.

The Moores were among the families resettled from Scotland to County Down. The resettlement took place in the early 1600s, mostly in 1606.

The Moores from Ayrshire were by no means the first Moores in Ireland: there had been Moores in Ireland since the Celtic wave of immigration in pre-Christian times.

The Ayrshire Moores are credited by Historian Hanna with having fought gallantly in the siege of Londonderry in 1688-89.

The fighting at Londonberry was part of the conflict between the Protestants of northern Ireland and the Irish Catholics. It is an argument not yet settled.

So the Moores who disembarked that day in Philadelphia were men not unaccustomed to conflict and violence.

They were, moreover, hardy men, survivors to the core. It was as well. They were about to tackle a continent that would test them to the fullest.

William Hamilton Moore, the man who became the first white settler west of the French Broad River, was born in 1726. If he landed in Philadelphia in 1739, he would have been 13 years old. If, as other reports have it, the Moore brothers did not arrive in this country until 1741, William Moore would have been 15 years old.

The Moore brothers next appear in Borden's Grant and Augusta County, Virginia.

It appears likely that at least one Moore brother, David, settled in Borden's Grant permanently and reared a family there.

The other brothers appear to have stayed for different lengths of time and then moved south as they pleased.

The doings of the Moores in Borden's Grant are discussed in Waddell's "Annals of Augusta County." Here, for the first time, appears a complaint that becomes familiar to anyone trying to trace the family.

Historian Waddell wrote, "On account of the great sameness of the given names of the Moore Clan, with many Williams and Johns, it is difficult to draw positive conclusions (about their history.)"

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John Moore, later settled near Blacksburg in upper York County, South Carolina.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, reared a family that is said to have included 12 sons.

Another brother, Charles, settled in the Tyger River section of South Carolina near Spartanburg.

While living on South Muddy Creek William and Ann Moore had six children. They were sons William, Robert and Thomas and daughters Alice, Mary and Rachel.

William Moore was active, certainly, in public affairs in the years leading up to the Revolution, but there is doubt about precisely what he did.

A man named William Moore was a justice of the peace in 1771, 1772, 1773 and a representative of the colony in 1774.

A man named William Moore was a member of the Committee of Public Safety for Old Tryon County when the committee was organized in July of 1775.

A man named William Moore was a signer of a declaration supporting the acts of the Continental Congress (as opposed to Parliament) in October of 1775.

A man named William Moore was named commissary officer for the Regiment of Tryon County in December of 1775.

Were all of these William Moores the man who later came to Buncombe County?

Perhaps.

But the late Dr. Christopher Crittenden, head of the North Carolina Archives, said in a letter that it is probable that the compiler of the index of the state's Colonial Records confused entries referring to individuals of the same prominent name.

In other words, too many Moores, and, particularly, too many Bill Moores.

What is certain, however, is that Buncombe County's Bill Moore during those years formed a friendship with Griffith Rutherford, prominent colonist and a noted Indian fighter.

It is certain that in 1776, the Cherokees, armed and spurred by British agents, were raiding white settlements in South Carolina and along the Holstein and Watauga Rivers in Tennessee.

It is certain, also, that in that same year Griffith Rutherford led an army of almost 2,000 frontiersmen on an expedition against the Cherokees.

William Moore went along as a militia captain in charge of a company of mounted infantry.

Rutherford's army moved west from Old Fort, up the Swannanoa Gap and along the Swannanoa River to the French Broad River.

Here William Moore got his first look at the land along the banks of the Hominy Creek that he later was to settle and where he was to live out his days.

He was then 40 years old, not ancient, certainly, but by pioneer standards certainly no longer a young man.

Rutherford continued on westward across the mountains, to the Cherokee towns.

The Cherokees wisely declined to give battle, preferring instead to fade away in front of Rutherford's 2,000 men.

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THIS STONE MARKS the final resting place of Capt. Bill Moore, the first white settler west of the French Broad River. The grave is in a private cemetery near Hominy Creek.

Rutherford was forced to content himself with burning the Indian villages and destroying their food supplies.

While he did not defeat the Cherokees militarily, Rutherford's scorched earth policy destroyed the Cherokees' ability to make extended raids. They were too busy trying to feed and shelter themselves to find time to go raiding.

After Rutherford had returned to Salisbury with his expedition, he apparently had second thoughts about the effectiveness of his campaign.

He sent Captain Bill Moore back again, on a second raid, this time with much less force.

Capt. Moore left Cathey's Fort on Oct. 19 with a company of mounted infantrymen. His orders were to proceed to Stekoa on the Oconoluftee River to punish any Cherokees he could find.

Capt. Moore was also ordered to rendezvous with a company of mounted infantry coming up from South Carolina.

The command arrangements were ambiguous and even with the South Carolinians present the detachment never numbered more than 97 men.

It is remarkable that the enraged Cherokees did not concentrate on Moore's little band and crush it.

But he moved fast, acted quickly and got away with it. He, too, burned and plundered.

By Nov. 7 he was out of Indian country and writing a report to General Rutherford.

It wasn't much; merely a workmanlike account of his conduct of the raid.

But he also wrote a private note to General Rutherford in which he let the general know about his expedition.

The note said:

"I have one thing to remark, which is this:

"That whenever there is separate companies united into one body, without a head commander of the whole, I shall never embark on such an expedition hereafter, for, when every officer is commander, there is no command."

It was plain common sense; it was the beginning of military awareness. It is a stricture that has been repeated many times since by military men.

In 1777, Moore returned to the banks of Hominy Creek where he supervised the construction of a blockhouse.

It reportedly was one of a chain of small forts that ran along the French Broad River valley and served the settlers as a sort of early warning system against Indian raids.

Not much of Capt. Bill Moore's career between 1777 and 1790 is known with any certainty.

There was, for instance, a William Moore present at the battle of Kings Mountain when a force of American rebels wiped out an equal force of American Loyalists.

Was that William Moore the one who later settled in Buncome County?

It is more of the familiar problem: too many Moores and, particularly, too many Bill Moores.

There were at least nine William Moores enlisted in the regiments of the North Carolina line, the regular troops who fought well against Cornwallis in eastern North Carolina.

Was one of them the Bill Moore who settled here?

It seems unlikely that a man with military experience would have sat out the Revolutionary War from 1777 on, but where did the man go and what did he do?

The noted historian and author Wilma Dykeman, in her book "The French Broad," included a chapter on Capt. Bill Moore. In it she eloquently expressed the dismay felt by historians over the lack of detail about his life.

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F. Jack Cole, presently a member of Asheville City Council, is a descendant of Capt. Bill Moore. In 1974 Cole wrote and published a monograph on the subject of his distinguished ancestor.

Cole wrote that two stories about Capt. Bill Moore's service in the Revolution prevailed across the years.

One was that he did, indeed, enlist in the Carolina Line and fought as an infantryman until the end of the war.

The other is that he played a key, although mysterious, part in bringing about victory in the battle of King's Mountain.

Sometime before the Revolutionary War, Moore's first wife, Ann, died. She is buried, according to Cole, in Salisbury.

There is a tale to the effect that Moore then married Margaret Rutherford, a sister of Griffith Rutherford. This has been repeated by some historians.

Cole, however, concludes that if Moore did in fact marry Gen. Rutherford's sister, the marriage lasted only a short time.

What is certain is that Moore married Margaret Patton, daughter of Benjamin Patton, one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, and proceeded to sire a second family.

He had not forgotten Hominy Creek. In 1787 he was awarded four grants to 1,200 acres on both sides of Hominy Creek. They were of the customary grants given to Revolutionary War veterans by the new (and moneyless) state of North Carolina.

The census of 1790 shows that Capt. Bill Moore still was living then on South Muddy Creek in McDowell County near the present community of Dysartsville.

But in 1794 this indomitable old man turned his back on the safety and ease of the well-settled farm in McDowell County, packed up his belongings and moved up the Blue Ridge to the banks of Hominy Creek.

He was then 68 years old, a great age for those times, patriarch of a growing family and well off, at least in terms of land and loved ones.

But there was something about Buncombe County, something that he couldn't escape. He had to live there and live there he did.

In 1795 he built a comfortable house that became the center of social life in the French Broad valley.

Shortly after he settled in what was to become Buncombe County, other families followed and settled here, too.

They were the Joneses (William and Thomas), the Robert Henrys, the John Penlands, Zachariah Chandler, Jesse Israel, John Hawkins, John Webb, Edmond Sams and the Morgans, among others.

Their children inevitably met, mingled with and married the children of Capt. Bill Moore.

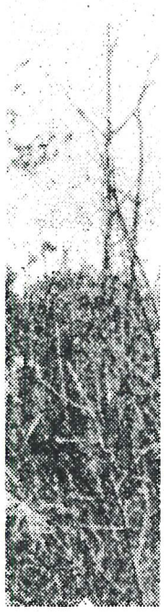
From them issued the doctors, lawyers, teachers, legislators, merchants, bankers, engineers, soldiers and just people who for almost 200 years helped make this part of the world a pleasant, functioning place to live.

On Nov. 12, 1812, Capt. Bill Moore, honored, respected and surrounded by a loving family, died. He was 86 years old.

He is buried in a private cemetery on the crest of a hill along Hominy Creek, overlooked by Mount Pisgah.

He was, in many ways, a remarkable man. He was, perhaps, more remarkable than we can say now with certainty.

But, despite the trouble with names, the missing details of his life and, even the missing years, he was and still is a little larger than life-size here in Buncombe County.



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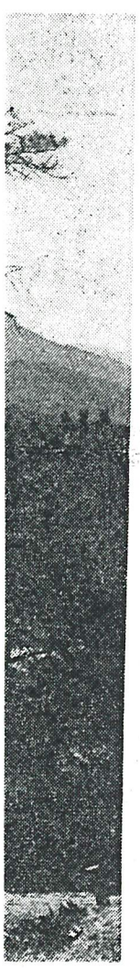

Eden's Land Revisited

William Moore, Indian Fighter, Decided His Destiny On The Banks Of Hominy Creek

By NANCY BROWER
Times Staff Writer

The man swung wearily from the saddle. He had been riding all day at the head of a column of soldiers. While his horse drank from the swift creek, he gazed around him at the valley chosen for the night's campsite. Struck by its beauty, he said to himself, "This is Eden's land." Silently, he made a promise.

The man was Capt. William Moore and his Eden was on the banks of Hominy Creek west of what is now Asheville. He first saw it on the last day of October in 1776 while autumn's colors still glowed on the mountainsides.

When the campfires were lighted, the valley took on a feeling of home for the 50-year-old man. He was leading a troop of lighthorse cavalry as a part of Gen. Griffith Rutherford's campaign against the Cherokees, who had murdered 37 settlers on the upper Catawba near Old Fort on two bloody days that summer. Moore vowed that when the expedition against the Indians was over he would return to this valley and make it his own.

Thus the man who became the first white settler west of the French Broad River decided his destiny. In the frontier era that followed, Moore's destiny and that of Western North Carolina were to become inseparable.

Part of the land where Moore stood and proclaimed his Eden and where he returned to establish a fort and later a homestead is soon to be developed into approximately 16 homesites by Carlyle E. Snuffer, Asheville builder. The tract recently purchased by Snuffer for development lies alongside a newly cut and unnamed road beside Sand Hill School in the Enka community.

With the opening of this road to serve Snuffer's land, the grave of Captain Moore was found in a small, overgrown cemetery which had been virtually lost and forgotten since its discovery in 1938 by researchers of the depression-era Federal Writers' Project compiling information for the North Carolina guide book.

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The old Moore family burial ground is on a knoll, which before it became overgrown, commanded a magnificent view of Mount Pisgah. Only a few headstones remain. Many graves, probably those of gravestone marks his death in 1812. Little is known of the eventful years between.

Writer Wilma Dykeman expressed the frustration many Moore researchers have felt due to the scarcity of records. In her book, "The French Broad," she ends a section on Moore with the question, "But where, in what book, are the complexity and wealth of those years?"

Miss Dykeman wrote that Moore's first wife was General Rutherford's sister and that she came with him to the new land. Other sources say that Moore's wife was a member of the Cathey family. (Could she have been Cathey Rutherford?) One account says Moore's wife died in Rowan County while he was off fighting the Cherokees.

All sources agree that less than a year after that fateful October night, sometime in 1777, Moore set out from his home bound for Hominy Valley with slaves and provisions. There on the banks of Hominy Creek in a place now known as "the old fort field" he cleared land and built a fort within sight of the little cemetery.

Historians say that once again Moore's services were required in the War for Independence and he left a slave couple, Jim and Sue, the first black people in the Western part of the state, on his new lands and went back to the fight.

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reinforced by a host of Cherokee warriors as he expected, the outcome of the historic battle of Kings Mountain would have been different. But, he wrote, Moore's men and forts held back the Cherokees and the victorious American forces took prisoner every British soldier on the mountain battlefield, dealing such a blow to the British army as to pave the way for the surrender at Yorktown a year later.

Gudger wrote that in the years that followed, Moore's series of forts continued to provide a barrier which made possible the safe passage across the mountains of thousands of migrants on the first great push westward.

When the Revolutionary War was won, the young nation found it had no money to pay its soldiers. It paid them in land.

Moore gathered all his possessions from his home in Rowan County and set out with three sons and three daughters to establish a homestead near the fort on the banks of Hominy Creek. The wagon loaded with his household goods was said to be the first ever to cross the French Broad River. He built a two-story log house —possibly incorporating the fort into it — on his cleared land in 1784.

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Historians agree that the Moore homestead was the last outpost of civilization in Western North Carolina for many years. Settlers passing through on their way to the new lands in the West found hospitality there.

Sometime soon after settling here, Moore took as his second wife, Margaret Patton, the daughter of Benjamin Patton of Black Mountain, a signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

History records that three of Capt. Moore's daughters and one of his sons married Penlands and reared families in Western North Carolina. Moore's children and his children's children created a civilization that pushed back the frontier

Charles, youngest son of Capt. Moore by his second marriage, married Margaret Penland, whose gravestone is still legible in the long-lost cemetery. There is no evidence of the grave of Charles, who founded San Hill Academy, early seat of learning in the mountains.

Charles Moore's daughter, Rachel Evaline, married George W. Candler, whose family gave the community of Candler its name. Rachel's gravestone, carved with the date of her death, Sept. 19, 1853, is still standing in the Moore family cemetery.

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When it became known that the area near the graveyard was to be developed, concern was expressed for the preservation of the historic site. Snuffer stressed that his plans for the adjacent tract will in no way jeopardize the cemetery.

F. Jack Cole, a direct descendant of Capt. Moore, doing genealogical research for the Sons of the Confederacy, had located the burial plot at about the same time it came to light as a result of the land transfer to Snuffer.

Cole's 13-year-old son, Russell, wrote a research paper for school on Capt. Moore's life. Partly as a result of Russell's research, Troop 4, Boy Scouts, who meet at Central United Methodist Church, have volunteered to cut away the underbrush and otherwise tidy up the historic cemetery as a community service, the senior Cole, chairman of the troop committee, reported.

At the close of a successful campaign against the Cherokees, who were allied with the British in the Revolutionary War, Moore returned to his home near Salisbury in Rowan County. He made preparations there to keep his promise to return to "Eden's land."

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But, Gudger explained, Moore knew the Cherokees and their strength and he had the support of such military strategists as John Sevier, a frontier fighter like himself, in his efforts to place his soldiers and their crude forts between the British and their Indian allies.

According to Gudger, Moore's holding action in the West changed the course of American history. He wrote that had England's Cornwallis been land in 1764.

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In its latter years, the Moore homestead was the home of Dr. David M. Gudger, who, according to Crowell, married Mary Moore, Capt. Moore's granddaughter. Owen Gudger, who served as judge of the city-county juvenile court in 1940 and was a former Asheville postmaster, was born there.

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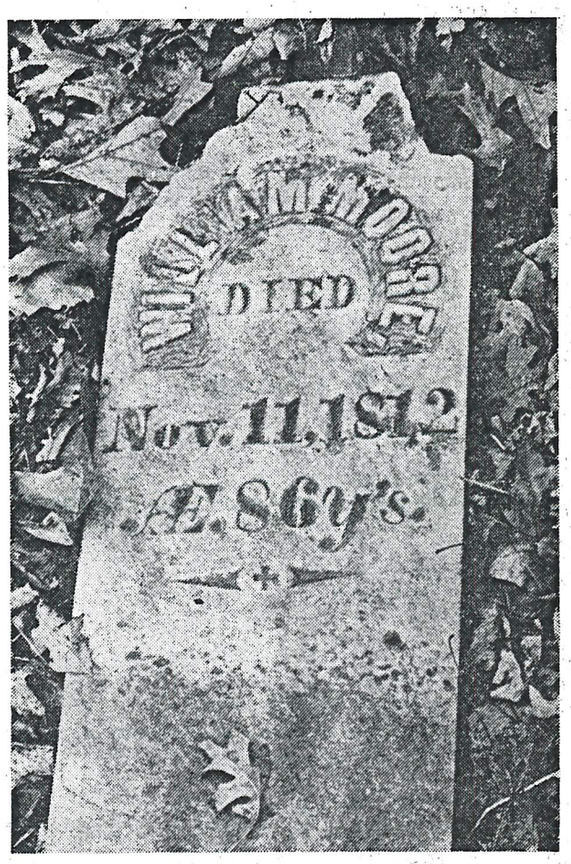
The Gaston homestead was on the banks of the French Broad River near old Owen Field. Josiah Perry Gaston, born in 1832, walked back from the Civil War battlefields in Virginia in the spring of 1865 with his discharge in his hand, bringing news of Lee's surrender at Appomattox to Asheville, where skirmishes were still being fought.

It took the soldier three weeks to make the walk, Cole's research shows, and Gaston's clothes were in tatters and infested with vermin. He called from a distance as he approached his home for someone to bring him clothes, Cole related. Gaston bathed in the river and put on the clean garments before attempting to convince townspeople that the war was over and the South defeated.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy ultimately placed a historical marker on Gaston's grave in the old Oak Forest Cemetery.

Cole, whose mother was Opal Jones Gaston, said the living descendants of Capt. William Moore include many area civic and business leaders, such as former Governor Dan K. Moore, Rep. Harkins, Robert C. Hall, an officer in the Bank of Asheville; Thomas L. Mallonee, Bryson, Walter Moore Gaston, Coke Candler, former chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Dr. Charles Z. Candler and Dr. Candler A. Willis. He said that many other Western North Carolinians share much the same heritage.

Capt. William Moore died on his homestead in 1812 at age 86, having held the fort for 36 years. He had changed his Eden from a frontier to a homeland. His destiny was fulfilled.



Moore's Gravestone

The fallen headstone marking the grave of Capt. William Moore in the ancient cemetery rediscovered this spring gives no hint that he was a man of destiny.

Staff Photos By June Glenn Jr., Malcolm Gamble

WILLIAM MOORE
DIED
Nov. 11, 1812
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The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Friday, April 7, 1961

G. G. Morgan Retires From Blind Shop

G. Gordon Morgan of 30 Vandalia Ave. retired today as manager of the Lions Workshop For the Blind after almost 20 years' service with the shop.

Morgan, a native of the Candler section, had been directing the blind workers at the Lions Club-sponsored shop at 639 Biltmore Ave. since 1941.

He has a 15-year perfect attendance membership with the Lions Club and has served on the board of deacons and as a Sunday School teacher at Calvary Baptist Church for 44 years.

Morgan attended the old Candler Academy, Mars Hill College and the old Emanuel Business College.

Prior to becoming manager of the Lions Workshop, which is now known as the Lions Club Industries for the Blind of Western North Carolina, he was secretary-treasurer of the old French Broad Laundry for 13 years.

Morgan's wife is the former Miss Elsie L. Parham. They have two sons, G. G. Morgan Jr., a major in the U. S. Air Force stationed in San Bernardino, Calif., and William C. Morgan, a district manager in the Asheville Citizen-Times circulation department; and a daughter, Mrs. G. W. Bentley, teacher and librarian at Erwin High School.

Morgan, who says he has never had much time for fishing, is seriously thinking of taking up the sport. He recently bought a vacation home near Daytona Beach, Fla., and he and his wife plan to spend much of their time there in the future.

MRS. C. M. MORGAN

A letter from Horse Creek, N. C. written by John C. Burgner to Mr. Wm. Francis and dated 1820. . . . A faded and hand-illuminated booklet on the "Grammatical Analysis of British Classical Poetry" inscribed by William Francis, and dated 1829. . . . A deed of conveyance on which both paper and ink are browned by the years since 1832. . . . A copy of the Christian Observer, Philadelphia, dated May 19, 1849, carrying an editorial on a meeting of the American Anti-Slavery Society attended by such historical characters as Wendell Phillips, Edmund Quincy, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, and Lucretia Mott, and regretting the absence of Hon. William Jay and Rev. Henry Ward Beecher "due to severe indisposition." . . . .

These and many other items of historical interest, all of them museum pieces, are from the souvenir and scrap-book collection of Mrs. C. M. Morgan, 45 Clinton Avenue, West Asheville. But these historic documents are secondary in her heart—her most prized possession being a page from her daughter's kindergarten scrap book. The William Francis mentioned in these documents was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Morgan who, before her marriage to Lt. Cassius M. Morgan of Biltmore station, Asheville Fire Department, was Miss Nora Francis of Waynesville. "I'm just a native western North Carolina girl," Mrs. Morgan told me.

Just a native western North Carolina girl? In my opinion that title carries with it the aristocracy of aristocracies in America.

It is unusual for our "News Personality of the Week" to be a woman. But then, Mrs. Morgan is an unusual woman. Her record of service to her community stands on a level with our most civic-minded men.

Daughter of the late John Francis of Haywood County, Mrs. Morgan finshed high school in Waynesville, then continued her studies at Western Carolina Teachers college, Asheville college, and the University of Alabama. She taught school for five years before her marriage to Lt. Morgan in 1922. Mr. Morgan was working for the Champion Fibre company at the time, having gone to Waynesville after his discharge from the 105th engineers following World War I. When I visited Mrs. Morgan's home this week I was impressed by her just pride in a framed certificate hanging on the wall of her tastefully furnished living room: a certificate signed by President Woodrow Wilson in recognition of Cash Morgan's having been wounded in the service of his country.

Mrs. Morgan did not continue her teaching career after the family moved to Asheville. She was too busy maintaining her beautiful little home and caring for her family. "But," she said, "I have always kept my teaching certificate up-to-date, because it is a firm belief of mine that women should be equipped to earn a living just the same as men do." The modern trend even in the South, where for so long it was considered "unusual" for a girl to work, bears out the good judgment of Mrs. Morgan.

Mrs. Morgan has been a member of the West Asheville Presbyterian church for twenty years. It was here that she began her first purely civic work, rising to the important position of Recording Secretary of the Asheville Presbyterial, which place she held for four years. Today she is chairman of the War Service roll, its

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records, and the service flag of the church.

For three years Mrs. Morgan was on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. Of this service, which was terminated only by a hospitalization last year, Mrs. Morgan said, "I believe I got more pure joy out of my work with the Salvation Army than anything, unless it was my American Legion work." Mrs. Morgan is a Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Kiffin Rockwell Unit. She served in 1938-39, and it was during her administration that the present very-much-alive Junior Auxiliary was formed.

When the occasion requires it, Mrs. Morgan wears a merit pin for the work she has done in emergency first aid for the American Red Cross. "And Mr. Cushing, you'd be surprised how often a teacher of a fourth grade has use for emergency first aid. Only today I had a little boy with a persistent bleeding nose. The usual things did not stop it. I was grateful that Capt. Lane Hall of the fire department had taught us how to employ direct pressure over the temple to stop such bleeding. Little boys in school just will get hurt. I'm glad to know what to do for them."

Being both a mother and a teacher, Mrs. Morgan has learned well "what to do" for children under almost any circumstances. And even her present teaching of the fourth grade at Sand Hill school is an expression of her fine patriotic spirit. Her daughter, Miss Kathryn Morgan, who is much like her charming mother, is grown and working as secretary to Dr. C. C. Crump; so Mrs. Morgan found much time from her household duties. With war industry taking so many of our teachers away to high-salaried jobs, Mrs. Morgan volunteered her services as a teacher. "When the war work is over and former teachers come back from industry to their regular profession, I will of course leave off teaching to make a place for someone who needs the work."

Until illness forced this patriotic woman and mother to give up many of her civic activities, Mrs. C. M. Morgan was one of the most dependable workers for our men going away to the armed services. For these men Kiffin Rockwell Post of the American Legion has a "Send-off" party, with coffee and doughnuts and a kit bag for each man. Until recently Mrs. Morgan never missed a day helping at these parties from their beginning more than two years ago.

Consistency and patriotism are both jewels. They shine brightly from the brown depths of Mrs. C. M. Morgan's flashing eyes.

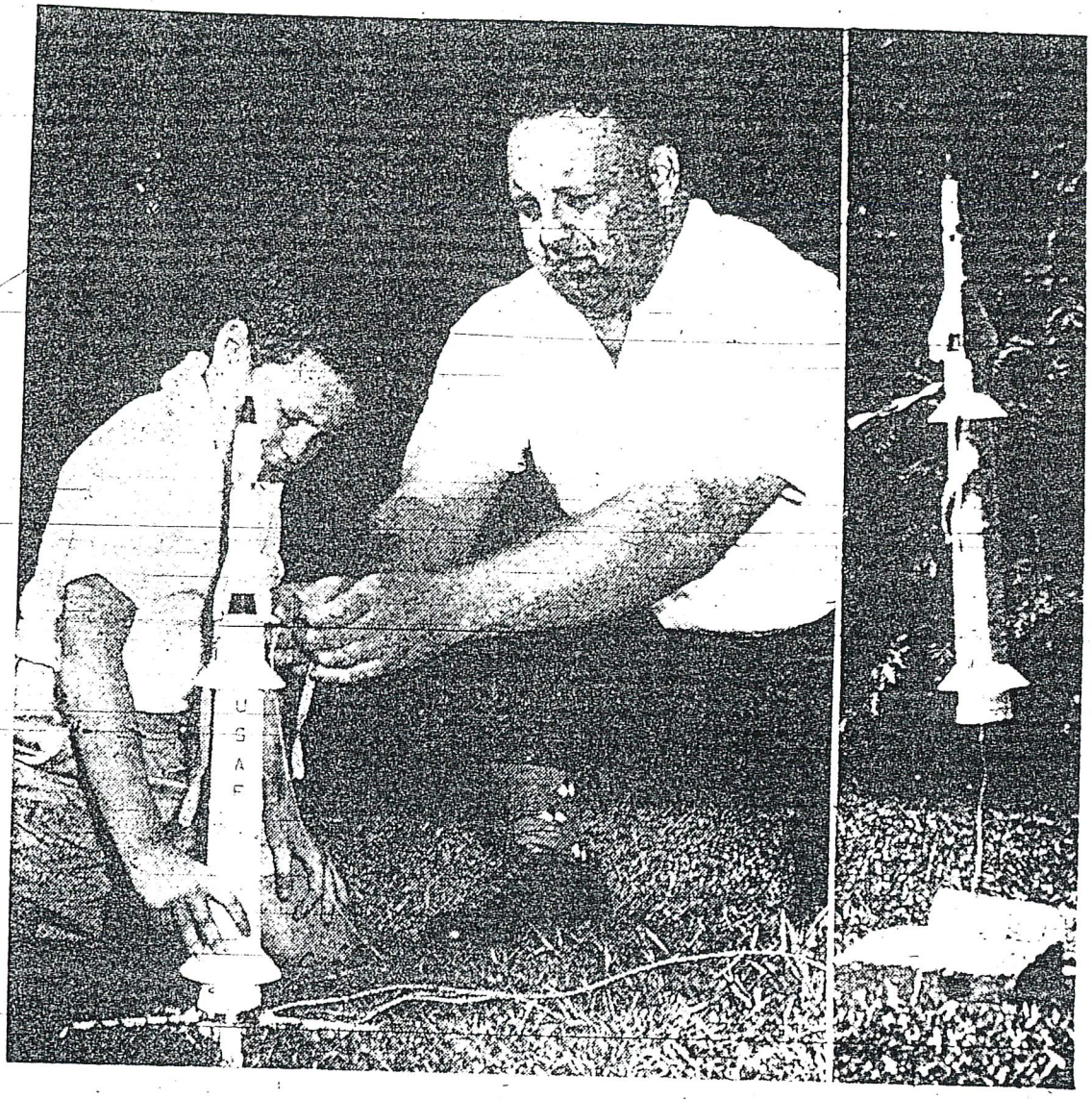
West Asheville News May 12, 1944

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE N.C.
Tuesday, May 6, 1952

DONALD MORGAN, left, newly-elected president of the student body of Lee H. Edwards High School, is congratulated by Joe Sevier, president of the students this year. Morgan's term includes the 1952-53 school year. He was president of the student government at Hall Fletcher Junior High School, is president of the junior class and was vice president of the sophomore class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Morgan of 846 Haywood Road. Sevier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sevier of Clayton Street, will be graduated from high school this year. The election for vice president will be held Wednesday with Terry Lathrop and Jim Shurling, presidential candidates with Morgan, as candidates. (Citizen Photo)

6D ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, Sun., Jan. 26, 1969

JAMES GARY MORGAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan of 85 Ormond Ave., has been awarded a scholarship by the French Broad River Garden Club Foundation Inc. He is currently on the dean's list at the University of Georgia, where he is a sophomore majoring in landscape architecture.



BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY is an apt phrase for Kyle Morgan's vacation here. Engaged in rocket research at the White Sands (N.M.) Proving Grounds, Kyle, formerly of Asheville, presented nephew Richie Harshaw with a toy rocket and they've been busily launching it ever since. At left, they prepare the water-compressed air "vehicle" for its flight, at right, the photographer catches it just off the "pad." Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. K. Morgan of 238 Westwood Pl., has been working for Western Electric Co. on the Nike series. He'll be here for about 10 days.

Asheville Citizen September 10, 1959

STUFFED SHIRTS—Three West Asheville youths have a trick to play with passing motorists, who from the road below might be inclined to think the stuffed gentlemen above are the real thing. "We just wanted to watch the expressions on the people's faces when they passed by," was the explanation of Stacy Morgan, 13, who alotg with brother Roger Morgan, 16, and Jimmy Snipes, 13, placed the dummies in the treetops above Trotter place in West Asheville near their homes. To the sports minded passer-by recalling the dismal record compiled last year by the coach of his favorite football team, such a sight might remind him the football season is rapidly approaching. (Times Photo by Malcolm Gamble.)

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1946

MAKINGS OF A FISH DINNER—Z. K. Morgan of 238 Westwood place, West Asheville, denies that he was fishing for his breakfast when he hooked the six and one-half pound small mouth bass proudly displayed above, but he does admit that it was about 6:30 o'clock last Wednesday morning when he made his catch at Beaver lake. Caught with a casting rod, using a Jitterbug plug, the bass measured 23 inches from stem to stern. However, this is not the largest small mouth bass Mr. Morgan has dragged from Beaver lake waters. He has one mounted at home measuring 25 inches and weighing eight and three-fourths pounds.

Asheville Citizen May 12, 1946

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1935

Does Her Part To Boost Cheer Fund

Little Betty Jean Morris, of 174 Dorchester avenue, West Asheville, is shown above as she added her dime yesterday afternoon to the growing number on the board on Patton avenue of the Salvation Army. The money goes toward providing Christmas cheer for the hungry and needy. And was Betty Jean happy to do her part? Take another look. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Morris.

Mulford's Monkeys

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See, Hear, Speak, But Mainly Eat

By LUTHER SHAW

People collect all kinds of things, stamps, books, records, rocks, insects—just anything.

Even monkeys.

Bentley Mulford of 302 Virginia Ave., and with the SPCA, has been collecting them for a year almost—he already has three.

Monkey collecting isn't like just any old collecting. Monkeys don't grow on trees.

Well not on trees around here anyway. Monkeys grow on banana trees.

ALL KINDS

Now there are all kinds of monkeys—spider monkeys, Rhesus monkeys, monkey monkeys and—oh well, that's enough to get us started because those are the only types Mulford has.

Spider monkeys, which don't resemble spiders, come from southern Mexico and South America.

The other ones, Rhesus monkeys, live in India. Incidentally, this species is used in connection with Salk vaccine testing.

How do you go about collecting monkeys? It's easy.

You just find an ex-GI who no longer wants his—the one he picked up in service and brought home to the dissolution, disappointment, dejection and eventual disposal of his wife.

BIG EATERS

That's how Bentley got his anyway—gifts from GI's who didn't want 'em.

Monkeys are big eaters—they like bananas best, and any rare tropical fruits you may happen to have around the house. Bentley says they eat sweet potatoes and like 'em.

They're really vegetarians, but will nibble at ground beef.

They love bugs.

Bentley won't sell — he just loves the hairy apes. But he'll show them to you if you ask him. Or, you can start your own collection.

—Citizen Photo

PLAYFUL PET in Citizen photographic studio screeched at the photographer and took a nip out of his master's helping hand.

Asheville Citizen January 1, 1957

FRANCIS McKENNA MULVANEY

Mr. T. R. Good, since March 1, Superintendent of the Asheville division, Southern Railway, walked into his office at the depot. Frank Mulvaney, his Chief Clerk, and I were sitting there talking. Mostly about beagle hounds and rabbit hunting. Mulvaney introduced me to Mr. Good, the eleventh railway superintendent under whom Francis McKenna Mulvaney has served as Chief Clerk since 1922.

"I'm with the West Asheville News. Just trying to see if there's anything good I can write about our new City Councilman," I said to Boss Good in a weak attempt at a joke.

"You can find a lot of good words to say about Frank," the big handsome man replied. And almost everyone who knows Frank Mulvaney says the same thing.

You've heard of the Rock of Gibralta, of course. Well, Frank Mulvaney is the man who is as steady as that rock. It may be that he inherited his loyalty to Southern Railway from his late father, Mr. S. John Mulvaney, who retired as assistant general superintendent of this Southern institution, and who once served for six years as superintendent of the Asheville division. Mrs. Mary Mulvaney, relict of John and mother of Frank and Paul and Pat (long well-known at the Southern Railway ticket office) and Mrs. A. S. Dixon of Fairview, lives at 26 Pearl Street and still watches fondly over her fine family.

Frank's father, originally from Kickapoo, Ill., was a railway man all his life. He served all over the Southern system, happened to be stationed at Vicksburg, Miss., back in the Gay Nineties, when Francis McKenna Mulvaney was born. Loyal Catholics all, this splendid family of Irish extraction sent their children to the best of schools. Frank's education began at parochial school in Greenville, Miss. He attended Marist College, a military school in Atlanta. His college work was completed at St. Bernard's, Cullman, Ala., where he graduated in its commercial course.

From that time to this Frank Mulvaney has known no other work except "railroading." His first job, at 18, was as stenographer and clerk at Bristol. In 1916 he came to Asheville as secretary to Mr. W. C. Hudson. Six years later he was promoted to Chief Clerk of the Superintendent, a position he has held without interruption for 24 years.

Now I've never known just what a Chief Clerk on a railroad did. Frank Mulvaney was too modest to tell me, but it's easy enough to learn the job's requirements from other sources. In the first place, there are several chief clerks on each division, each in a different line of work: Dispatcher's office, call office, yard office, maintenance office. But when we think of a railroad's chief clerk, the average person thinks first of Chief Clerk to the Superintendent. In this case, our capable friend, Frank Mulvaney. From my knowledge of Army organization, I'd say that a railway division's superintendent is like an Army brigadier general; who has as his executive officer a full colonel. The General sees what needs to be done. He issues necessary orders, and his Executive Officer (in this case Mr. Mulvaney) carries them out. On an important railway division the work is voluminous. So much that Frank has to forego much of the civic and club work he has done so long in the interests of his profession, "railroading." He works on correspondence, pay-rolls, personnel, repair, construction, and a thousand other details of the job all day long. Then at night he goes back to the office and talks his important letters into a dictaphone, from which his secretary, Mrs. H. B. Stroup (sister of my publisher-boss Walter Ward) will write them next day. Mrs. Annie Stroup has been Mulvaney's chief assistant for many years.

Many of you who know him recall the intense interest Frank Mulvaney always gives to every club or civic matter. "But," as he said to me, "I don't want to suggest a project unless I'm prepared to pitch in and do as much of the actual work as anyone. And during the war years there has literally been no time for anything but moving people and materiel by rail." Anyone can see the practical sense in that. All railroaders have really been on their toes every minute these past five years or so.

Only last week the Asheville City Council was faced by the important matter of selecting a citizen to succeed Vice-Mayor and City Councilman Jas. Divelbiss, Jr., who had moved to his new home outside the city limits. It is to the great credit of our Councilmen that they selected as their co-worker in Asheville's governing board as stable, sensible, and interested a citizen as Frank Mulvaney. Mr. Mulvaney is most humble in his attitude toward this responsible task. He has the best interests of his fellows sincerely at heart. "I am honored more than I can either express or understand," he said with his kindest of smiles, "but after all, I'm just an ordinary or 'garden variety' of citizen."

Which causes me to reflect that most of our American lives are nurtured by the "garden variety" of things. There is nothing spectacular about a potato, but without it there would be a lot of underfed, weak, and unhealthy people; so I think Frank Mulvaney's unguilded kind of citizenship is the very kind we need in responsible positions.

In 1926 Francis McKenna Mulvaney married Kathryn Bradford, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Bradford, who lived on Hiawassee street. They have five children: Frank, Jr., Asheville-Biltmore College; Mary Ann, Lee Edwards Hi; Joseph, Hall Fletcher; Marjorie and Kathryn, who attend school at St. Joan of Arc. The Mulvaney home is at 173 Brucemont Circle, West Asheville.

When Frank is not on his job or with his family at home or at church, he uses his spare time fishing and hunting. Mostly just in talking about those sports in recent years, since it takes quite a lot of attention on the part of a Chief Clerk when passing along The Boss's orders to some 2,000 railway employees on the Asheville division of Southern Railway. However, he does have some beagles which he at least likes to dream about as chasing rabbits. That was what we were talking about when Superintendent Good walked in. Frank was telling me quite a yarn:

"It was back in the days when hunting with ferrets was still permitted. You know what a ferret is? Somehing like a weasel. Hunters had them trained to go down in a den and chase Br'er Rabbit out after he holed up.

"Well, one day several of us were hunting in Haywood county. One of the boys had a ferret. The farmer whose land we hunted on went with us, saw the ferret for the first time when John took one out of a coat pocket and put it into the hole where a cottontail had hidden.

"About a week later we went back there again. First thing the farmer said when we arrived was, 'Mister, did yuh bring thatthere pocket-dog with yuh?'"

At which Frank Mulvaney laughed and laughed again. The Boss got up from his desk and left the room shaking his head rather sadly, I thought. He stopped at the door and said, "I'm going down the line to look over a construction job, Frank. If you see one of those pocketdogs while I'm gone, save it till I get back."

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

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By TOM CUSHING

West Asheville News March 15, 1946

Pick The Next Mayor of Asheville

FRANK MULVANEY

EARL W. ELLER

Either of these two city councilmen, who ran first and second in sday's Democratic primary, may be the next mayor. Standings in General Election, May 10, however, may alter the situation.

FRANK MULVANEY LEADS SLATE AT POLLS WITH LIGHT VOTE CAST

With only 20 per cent of tl registered Democrats of Ashevil going to the polls last Tuesda the seven incumbent city counci men are assured of retaining o fice for the next two years. The is no Republican opposition in tl general election, Tuesday, May 1

The main surprise of the ele tion was that Mayor Clarence J Morgan ran fourth in a close ra with 123 votes separating hi from Frank Mulvaney, of We Asheville, chief clerk with tl Southern Railway here, who le the ticket with 3,745 votes. Ea Eller was a close runner-up wi),773. Walter I. Abernethy plac third with 3,679.

In view of the surging flood rumors that have been rampa all over the city for the last s months, the primary campaign w remarkably free from mud slin ing. Opposition aspirants in the radio broadcasts spoke in genera ities and no names were calle Apparently the public did not ri to the bait of time worn accus tions. Many people expected se sational developments to come o of the widespread gambling one ations, but the powder was w and didn't explode.

Various reasons are given f the regular organization lam slide. In the first place oppo tion contenders filed at the la minute and only ten days remain for campaigning. The five m who sought to unseat the prese council had no organization or p litical backers and theirs was personal vote to a large exter For a month or more before tl filing deadline, April 9, a numb of businessmen were approach to enter the councilmanic ga without avail. For one reason another they held back. [illegible] [illegible] several months the City A ministration has given signs of i dependence of action and an u willingness to be dictated to l some of the old-time political lea ers. When Field Marshal E. Greene, due to failing health, r linquished his hold on the Dem cratic Party reins, his mantle fe to Weldon Weir, director of pu lic works. He is conceded to ha an almost air-tight precinct o ganization throughout the ci that even veterans boasting longer political service recor would find hard to crack. It is rumored that an undercover stru gle has been going on by at lea one powerful non-office holdi political chieftain to capitalize Mr. Greene's retirement, but M Weir and his lieutenants have he a firm grip. This apparently w reflected in Tuesday's election r sults.

The 19th West Asheville precin stood out as the rock-ribbed o ganization precinct of the cit leading all others, and casting vote ranging from 417 for M Mulvaney to 332 for Mr. Abern thy. Ed Burge led in one c precinct, the 18th, over all come with 90 votes, Mayor Clare Morgan being next with 85

Asheville's City Council: seated (L to R) Mayor Earl Eller, Vice Mayor Frank Mulvaney and Councilman Clarence E. Morgan. Back row: Councilmen Robert I. Presley, Theodore B. Sumner, W. F. Algary and J. Walter McRary.

Council Is Policy-Making Body

Since 1931, Asheville has had a Council-Manager form of city government.

The Council, under this form, acts with the authority and importance of a board of directors.

It is the policy-making body, making decisions that guide the City Manager in administration of city affairs.

Asheville has seven members of the City Council. Earl W. Eller is mayor, Frank M. Mulvaney is vice mayor. Clarence E. Morgan, Theodore B. Sumner, J. Walter McRary, Robert I. Presley and William F. Algary are the other members.

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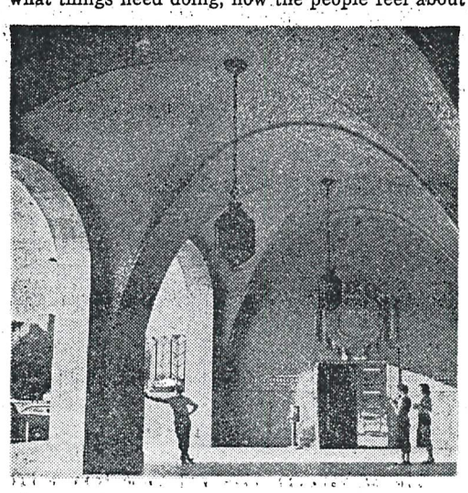
The Council holds regular weekly meetings at 4 p. m. each Thursday. These sessions are always open to the public and public attendance and participation in matters of public interest are encouraged by the Council.

City Council is elected by the voters of the city. Elections are held following party primaries every other Spring on odd-numbered years. The next city election will be in May, 1957.

What does the Council do? Elected by the people, it is directly responsible to them for decisions it makes. The Council sets the course of what the city government will do. The city manager determines how it will be done.

Council charts its course of policy in the form of ordinances and resolutions. The budget ordinance, for example, simply authorizes a plan of expenditures for a set fiscal period. A resolution may express the Council's viewpoint on an important public matter.

In every phase, Council operates to decide what things need doing, how the people feel about them, what the city government can both afford and practically accomplish, and, finally, to take action once the other factors have been resolved.



Foyer of City Building

Carrying out these policies and decisions then becomes the responsibility of the city manager. The Council, being responsible to the people, has the role of requiring effective administration. In all cases, this is done through the city manager. A close working relationship between council and manager, essential for good government has resulted.

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The Council makes other appointments, including the city clerk and corporation counsel, as well as a substitute Police Court judge.

It appoints members to a number of boards and commissions, among them being the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, City School Board, Library Board of Trustees, a director and one member on the Civil Service Commission and the Municipal Board of Elections.

The Council is the sounding board of public opinion. It is subject to public opinion at the polls. Thus, in exercising the ballot, each voter has a direct and clear voice in how his city is operated.

Six Incumbents Of City Council And Morrison File For Primary

ABERNETHY

ADAMS

ELLER

MORGAN

MORRISON

MULVANEY

PETERSON

Asheville Citizen March 2, 1951

T. C. Robinson Is Mentioned As Opponent

By FRED TOUNSLEY

Six incumbent members of City Council formally put themselves into the upcoming municipal primary race yesterday as the name of a retired police captain was injected into discussion of possible candidates who might contest the administration ticket.

Also recording himself as a council candidate yesterday was Graham Morrison, furniture store executive, who has been nominated by the administration to inherit the toga which Councilman C. Fred Brown plans to put aside at the end of his present term. Morrison has never before made a political race.

Although the principal himself could not be contacted for comment, a usually reliable source pointed to T. C. Robinson, former Asheville policeman, as one of four candidates opposition forces have corraled to pit against the administration. Robinson, a former police captain, retired from the force three years ago. He resides at 58 West Haywood Street.

Council members' action in officially going on record that they would seek renomination in the April 17 primary merely confirmed an earlier announcement by Mayor Clarence E. Morgan that all incumbents except Brown again would stand for office.

Filing yesterday, in addition to the mayor, were Councilmen Frank Mulvaney, Earl Eller, James Adams, Walter I. Abernathy and Myron Peterson.

With the administration ticket formally declared, main interest yesterday shifted to "who was going to get what" in the incumbent slate is returned to office.

Sources close to Council predicted that Mayor Morgan would be renewed to that post, provided he is renominated, but were less positive about who would fall heir to Brown's office of vice mayor. It was pointed out, and possibly significantly, that Councilman Eller will become the senior member of the group, from the standpoint of years of service, when Brown bows out. Eller is now completing his fifth term.

It was further claimed that Eller's loyalty to the administration had been tested and proven when the councilmen reportedly rejected a bid to accept a place on the opposition ticket. Mulvaney, too, was understood to have received and spurned a similar offer. The anti-administration group has let it be known that it does not intend to enter candidates against this pair but will content itself with contesting for the five remaining posts.

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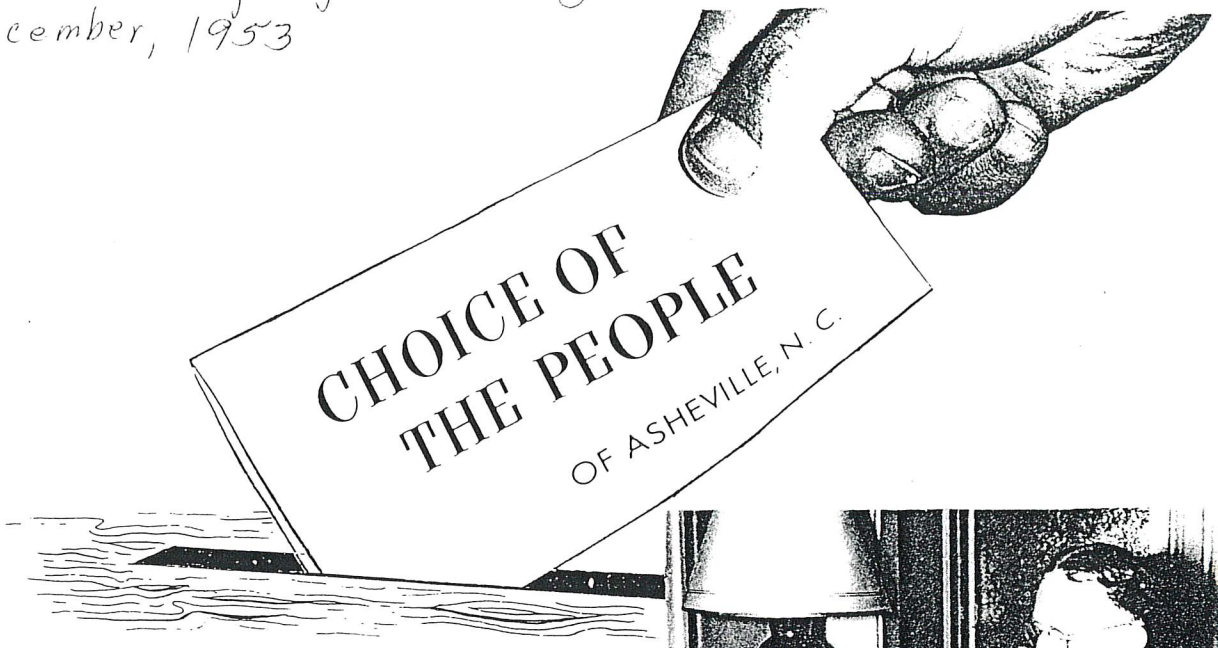


Standing but five and a half feet tall, Francis McKenna "Frank" Mulvaney, chief clerk to the Southern's superintendent at Asheville, N. C., nevertheless is a "big man" in the minds of many residents of the mountain resort city.

In four consecutive city elections (1947, 1949, 1951 and 1953) Asheville voters have shown their confidence in Frank Mulvaney by re-electing him each time to city councilman, a post to which he was first appointed by the city's mayor in 1946. In the last three elections, Mulvaney "led the ticket," receiving the highest number of votes among the seven men on th "incumbent ticket" who were re-elected councilmen.

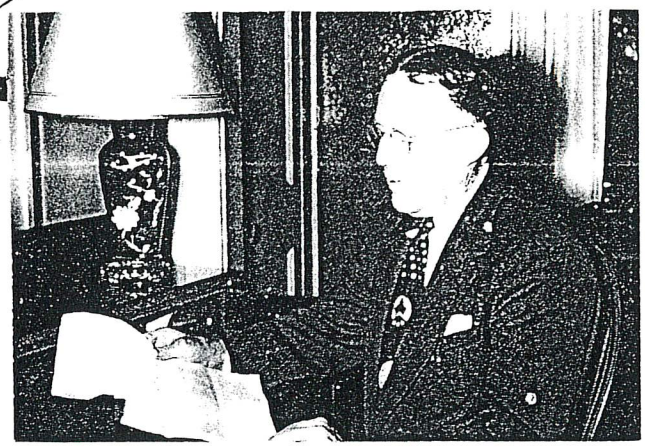
Frank speaks with open humility when he discusses his work as a councilman in his adopted home town (he was born in Vicksburg, Miss.). Quiet and unassuming, he accepts the role of "servant of the people" with sincerity, saying his principal aim is to "do the best for the most."

Moreover, he is not a politician in the normally accepted sense. He has never taken even an hour off from his job with the Southern to campaign for votes. His job always comes first.

In March, 1946, when a letter from the mayor of Asheville informed him of his selection to fill the unexpired term of a councilman who had moved from the city, his first reaction was: "Will it affect my job?"

Reassured by the fact that council members met once a week at a time which wouldn't interfere with his railway job, Frank accepted the appointment. Shortly afterward his "political career" began.

Those who know Frank Mulvaney wouldn't be surprised that he would consider declining the honored position of councilman if acceptance meant his job would suffer even slightly from it. Like hundreds of other chief clerks on the Southern, he is assigned many and varied duties, each, as it is dealt with, demanding his full attention.



In the evenings Southern Chief Clerk Frank Mulvaney devotes time to the second of his two careers. As a councilman for the City of Asheville, he studies a report on a proposed city improvement project.

An attempt was made to describe the job of chief clerk to a railroad division superintendent by an Asheville newspaper writer who "introduced" Mulvaney to the paper's readers shortly after his appointment to city councilman.

"From my knowledge of Army organization," the reporter wrote, "I'd say that a railway division superintendent is like an Army brigadier general, who has as his executive officer a full colonel. The general sees what needs to be done. He issues necessary orders, and his executive officer (in this case Mr. Mulvaney) carries them out. On an important railway division the work is voluminous."

The reporter was partly right, but Mulvaney will tell you that an attempt to describe any railroad chief clerk's duties so briefly is as impossible as trying to pass a diesel locomotive through the eye of a needle. His main job, of course, is coordinating the countless details necessary to the orderly operation of the superintendent's office. Many of the chores he handles himself.

Even 40 years of service haven't dimmed the likable chief clerk's love for the railroad. You might say that Frank Mulvaney was born to railroading. His father, S. John Mulvaney, worked on the Southern for many years beginning as a brakeman back in the "link and pin coupler" days. At that time a man's reputa-

tion as a railroader sometimes rose proportionately with his ability to preserve his fingers intact.

To an impressionable young boy, the fourth of ten children, the tales of accidents and near-accidents told by the elder Mulvaney served only to heighten desire to be a part of the excitement and adventure of railroading.

S. John Mulvaney worked his way up to superintendent of the Southern's Asheville division, serving on that job from 1920 until 1926 when he retired as assistant to general superintendent. He died in 1934.

Frank, himself, established at least a chronological tie with the Southern when he was born on March 25, 1894, almost coincident with the birth of the Southern Railway Company occurring a few months later.

Shortly after his nineteenth birthday his own career with the Southern began when he was hired as a clerk-stenographer in the division engineer's office at Bristol, Va.-Tenn. Three years later, in 1916, Frank's father was transferred from his job as trainmaster at Bristol to the same position at Asheville. Frank moved there with his family. Wishing to continue his already well-started Southern career, the younger Mulvaney got a job as clerk-accountant in the Asheville division engineer's office.

Mulvaney became chief clerk to the Asheville division superintendent in July, 1921, and has held the job ever since. During his 32 years as chief clerk, 13 different superintendents at Asheville have learned to rely on the ever-helpful son of one of their predecessors. Frank's experience and his knowledge about the division's operations are well known and always respected.

Once a week the popular Southern chief clerk assumes the role of "city father." Every Thursday at 4 p.m. he and his fellow councilmen assemble in the large, courtroom-like council room at Asheville's city hall and carry out their duties as the city's governing body. All matters relating to the health and welfare of Asheville's citizens are referred to the council. City ordinances are enacted or repealed, as the need demands, after careful consideration by the seven councilmen. The public is invited to add its voice to council discussions on proposed actions.

Asheville has what is commonly known as a "city manager" type of government. Council members appoint a mayor and vice-mayor from among themselves but the offices are chiefly honorary and for organizational purposes. The elective body names the city manager, corporation counsel and city clerk. It designates depositories for city funds and since all city officials must be bonded it establishes the amount of each official's bond. A number of other miscellaneous duties come under the council's direction.

Public approval of Frank Mulvaney as a member of the city's lawmaking group bears out the remarks of two Asheville newspapers made shortly after his appointment in 1946.

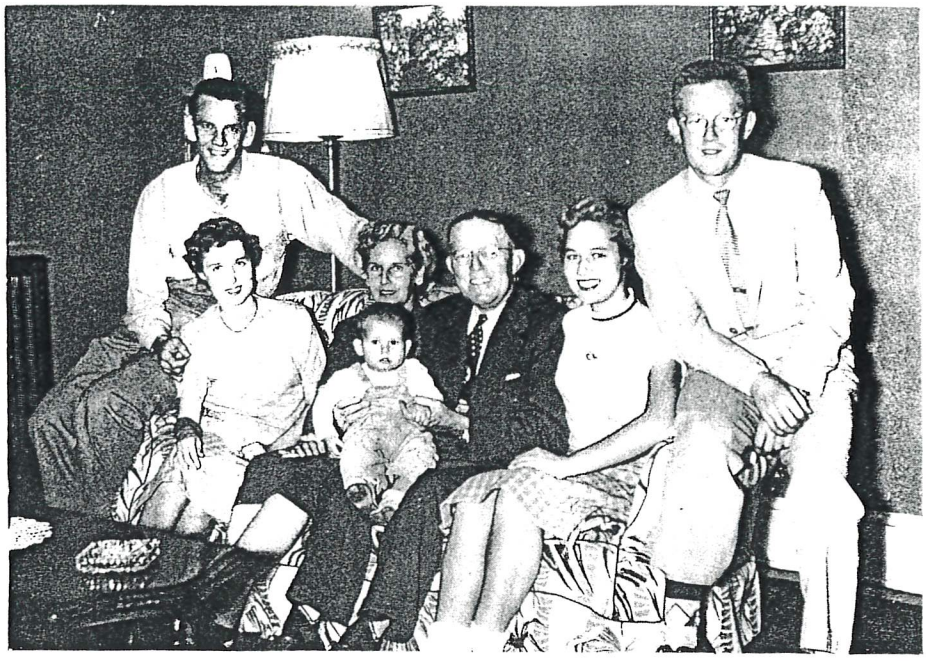
One paper, the *Asheville Citizen*, said: "In the selection of Mr. Mulvaney, members of the council feel that they have named a man who is eminently qualified to render service to the community."

The *West Asheville News* said this: "It is to the great credit of our Councilmen that they selected as their co-worker in Asheville's governing board as stable, sensible, and interested a citizen as Frank Mulvaney."

Despite these editorial sentiments and subsequent "votes of confidence" from Asheville voters, Frank

At work in the office of the Southern's Asheville division superintendent, Mr. Mulvaney deals with many things that have become very familiar to him in 40 years of railroading.

Councilman Mulvaney visits informally with Asheville City Manager, J. Weldon Weir (right), and City Attorney, Robert Wells, in Mr. Weir's office.



The Mulvaney family at home. Beginning at left, son-in-law Guy Morris, Sr., Mary Ann (Mrs. Morris), Mrs. Mulvaney, baby Guy Morris, Jr., Mr. Mulvaney, Kay and Frank, Jr. Not present were another son and daughter, Joseph and Marjorie.

Rabbit hunting with his beagles in the mountains near Asheville, Frank Mulvaney enjoys complete relaxation from his railroading and civic duties.

still maintains that he's just an ordinary, "garden variety" citizen. He originally mentioned this appraisal of himself to the *News* reporter who interviewed him for the above-mentioned article, leading the reporter to remark:

"Most of our American lives are nurtured by the 'garden variety' of things. There is nothing spectacular about a potato, but without it there would be a lot of underfed, weak, and unhealthy people; so I think Frank Mulvaney's ungilded kind of citizenship is the very kind we need in responsible positions."

Although he may modestly turn aside any attempts to describe him as a city leader, Mulvaney is still a hero to his family, and especially to his youngest daughter. Sixteen-year-old Kay thinks her dad is "the mostest" and has kept a scrapbook of all local newspaper accounts of Frank's civic activities.

The Mulvaney family lives in a well-kept, two-story white house located in a quiet, wooded residential section of West Asheville. In addition to Kay, the family consists of Mrs. Mulvaney, Frank, Jr., Joseph, Mrs. Guy Morris (Mary Ann), and Mrs. Charles Kenna (Marjorie). Of the children, only Frank, Jr., recently discharged after a tour of duty with the U. S. Army in Korea, and Kay live at home. Mary Ann lives in Asheville and Marjorie makes her home in Falls Church, Va. Joseph is a staff sergeant serving with the Air Force in Phoenix, Ariz.

In hunting season, when he is not railroading or helping to run the city government, Frank Mulvaney usually can be found in the mountains surrounding Asheville where he wages a private battle against high meat prices. Rabbits abound here and with the help of a 12-gauge shotgun and his seven beagle hounds—which he boards out between hunting seasons—he seldom comes home without a few bunnies to augment the family meat larder.

People who have known the Southern chief clerk for some years say that he has a stock of jokes which any Hollywood gag writer would envy. He seldom tells the same one twice. And no one enjoys a Mulvaney joke better than Mulvaney himself. After he reels one off he claps his hands, leans back in his chair and roars with laughter.

Frank Mulvaney's wit and good humor undoubtedly account for much of his popularity with Asheville citizens and with Southern Railway folks with whom he comes in contact. Local Southern employees are among his most faithful voters. Even those from Southern points far removed from Asheville, whose only contact with him has been through telephone conversations, know him "by ear" as the same fun-loving, courteous gentleman who always demonstrates genuine desire to be of service.

Asheville's present city manager, J. Weldon Weir, gave a rock-solid reason for Mulvaney's appeal to voters when he said recently, "Frank does more for other people than he does for himself."

With a reputation like that it is not difficult to see why Francis McKenna Mulvaney, a little man with a big heart, merits the title "Choice of the People of Asheville, N. C."

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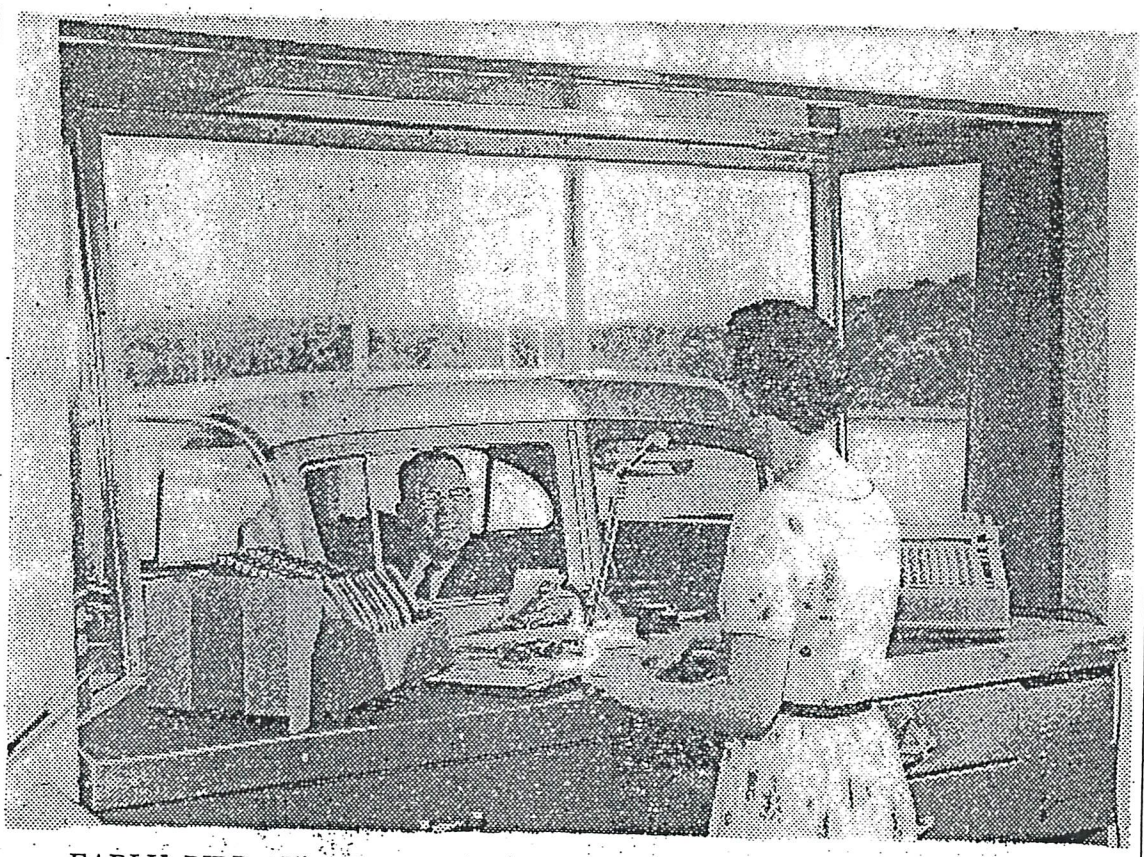

EARLY BIRD—Vice Mayor Frank M. Mulvaney is among the first customers to utilize the drive-up window at the brand new West Asheville Branch of the Bank of Asheville at Westgate. The bank opened for business at 9 a. m. today. The teller is Mrs. George W. Ledford.

Asheville Times May 245 1957

FRANK MULVANEY
. . . retires

Retires From SR Post

Frank Mulvaney Winds Up 46 Years Of Railroading

Frank M. Mulvaney, chief clerk to the Asheville division superintendent of the Southern Railway System, closed out 46 years of railroading with his retirement Saturday.

One of the city's best-known citizens, Mulvaney is vice mayor and has been a member of City Council since 1946. He has held his present Railroad post since 1922.

E. R. Oliver Jr., Southern division superintendent, said of Mulvaney's retirement, "I hate to see him leave. He certainly has been a wonderful co-worker. His retirement means for us the loss of a fine fellow and an honest, faithful and conscientious worker for the Southern Railway. We all wish him all possible happiness in his retirement."

Mulvaney himself said, "Physically I am not ready for retirement as I am in good health, and I'm not retiring in the true sense of the word. However, since I have qualified for retirement with the railroad, I am retiring from that particular vocation."

He said he has no immediate future plans, other than continuing his present governmental duties.

Mulvaney is famed as a storyteller, and frequently livens up informal City Council sessions with items from an apparently boundless supply of humor, much of it from his long railroad experience.

A native of Vicksburg, Miss., he is the son of the late S. John Mulvaney, who was assistant to the general superintendent of the Southern Railway at the time of his death.

He started his railroad career in 1913 as a clerk-stenographer for Southern at Bristol, Va. He came to Asheville as a clerk-accountant in 1917, became secretary to the Asheville division superintendent in 1920, and was made chief clerk to the Murphy division superintendent in 1921. He took his present post in 1922 and has served as chief clerk to 13 division superintendents.

Mulvaney's favorite vocation is hunting rabbits with beagles.

He is an active member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in West Asheville. He and Mrs. Mulvaney live at 173 Brucemont Circle. Their five children are Frank M. Mulvaney Jr. of Canton, Mrs. Russell Roland of Topeka, Kan., and Joseph Mulvaney, Mrs. Guy Morris and Mrs. Marjorie Kenna, all of Asheville. There are nine grandchildren.

Asheville Citizen August 2, 1959

DESPITE WINDY WEATHER, which made it difficult for the beagles to trail, competition in the 13-inch female class got under way Monday in the first day of the four-day Western Carolina Beagle Club trials at the club's enclosed grounds off the Fanning Bridge Road near Fletcher. A total of 81 dogs are entered in the class, which ends Tuesday morning. Competition in the male 13-inch class will begin at noon Tuesday. The above Asheville trio has entered dogs in the trial. They are, left to right, Dick Chandler, Asheville city police patrolman, Frank M. Mulvaney, member of the City Council, and Arnold Phillips, long-time president of the Western Carolina Beagle Club. The trials end Thursday. Competition in the 15-inch beagle class begins at noon Wednesday. Judges for the trials include Harold Estes of Gaffney, S.C., and R. A. Webster of Graham, N.C. (Staff Photo by Al Geremonte)

Frank Mulvaney was the voice of the railroad in Asheville

Visiting our past

Frank Mulvaney and the Southern Railway were born in the same year, 1894. In 1916, he came to Asheville, following his father, S. John Mulvaney, superintendent of the Virginia and Southwestern line in Bristol, whom the Railway had called to remedy the destruction caused by a historic flood.

Rob Neufeld

During a 1976 interview with Dr. Louis Silveri of UNC Asheville, Mulvaney, who died in 1993, said "My father "was a man who always wanted his family at home ... After the flood, it was necessary to put on an extra clerk in the roadway department here ... and he persuaded me to come and take the job. I was reluctant to do so because I had all my friends (in Bristol), but I considered his feelings and my mother's feelings, and I have been here ever since."

Mulvaney retired after more than 46 years from his position as Asheville's Division chief clerk, people would not let him shed the mantle of expert. "One of my friends said, 'Frank, you'll be able to retire from retirement,'" Mulvaney told Alice C. Smith in 1986 when he was 92.

Weldon Weir tapped Mulvaney to run for City Council in 1946, and Mulvaney went on to parley his popularity into 23 years of elected office positions. His love of the railroad was never far from his mind.

In his account, "Railroad History in Western North Carolina and Asheville," Mulvaney looks back to the "linking pin days," when yardmen had to go between cars to insert pins in couplings. "You don't see it now," Mulvaney told Silveri, "but at that time there'd be a majority of railroad men with fingers off, arms off, legs off." Brakemen rode atop cars to apply hand brakes while descending steep grades. Hot boxes dried up, causing axle bearings to heat and lead to derailments.

Yet, Mulvaney always waxed nostalgic about old-time railroading and passenger service. The railroad man provided an important service, made good wages, shared his good fortune with the community and was very visible. "Every boy," Mulvaney told Smith, "seemed to be attracted to the casual way that a railroad man in full brass-buttoned uniform boarded trains and started on long journeys, filled with excitement."

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> FRANK MULVANEY

Then, there's the taste of that sausage, procured by the manager of dining cars from local markets — and more: stately porters, china dishes, fresh fruit vended by "news butches," strolls to the water fountain, nights in Pullman cars. You could leave Asheville in the early evening and arrive the next morning in Washington D.C., Jacksonville, or Cincinnati.

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SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Frank Mulvaney, shown in this undated photo, recounted many tales of the railroad industry in Asheville, including his account, "Railroad History in Western North Carolina and Asheville."

Frank Mulvaney died, a half year after the death of Kathryn Mulvaney, his wife for more than 60 years.

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Local High School girls pictured above will model in a 7-hour Back-To-School Fashion Show at Belk's Friday . . . L to R: (front row) Sarah Ann Livingston, St. Genevieve; Rosalind Harris, Rebecca Parris, Lee Edwards; Annette Hawkins, West Buncombe; Pat Horton, Lee Edwards; (back row) Gwen Shipman, Lee Edwards; Shirley Merrill, Sand Hill; Sarah Dillingham, Swannanoa High; Kay Mulvaney, Lee Edwards; Ann Monteath, Lee Edwards. Not present when photo was made: Joanna Huff, Lee Edwards and Ann Dillingham, Barnardsville High.

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'SNIFFY'S MAGIC BLOCKS,' designed by William J. Murphy, 100 Cordova Street, are being manufactured by the Morgan Manufacturing Company and will go on sale tomorrow. Murphy is shown above with a box of the new blocks which are made of lacquered maple.

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New Type Of Alphabet Blocks Being Made Here

William J. Murphy, 100 Cordova Street, has designed a new type of children's alphabet block set which has been put into production by the Morgan Manufacturing Company.

The blocks go on sale in Asheville and at other points across the country tomorrow.

The novelty feature of the blocks is the design which permits the spelling of 16 three-letter words in such a way that when the word has been spelled correctly a picture of the object designated by the word is shown on the side of the blocks. This feat is made possible by ingenious designs so that the central portions are the same for several of the pictures.

The blocks are made of lacquered maple and are printed on a printing press in several colors. The complete set shows a jigsaw puzzle picture showing a child's prayer. On the other side of the set a house, a train and other objects are shown. The letters are stamped on the ends of the blocks and when they are set up to spell any of the 16 words the composite or section pictures illustrating the words appear.

Murphy and his wife, operating as the Eurasia Corporation, have been engaged for some years in importing toys from Europe. They have also manufactured other block sets through another production company, but the rapidity with which orders piled up for the new blocks makes them feel that this portion of the business is the one that is destined to run into heavy volume.

The set is known as "Sniffy's Magic Blocks", being named after a forlorn looking little rabbit whose image appears on the corner and on some of the blocks.

PAN HANDLE PETE AND "RE-PETE" BIG PICNIC ATTRACTION

Star attraction at the 1955 Federation picnics is the combination of Panhandle Pete Nash, the one man band, and Eddie "Re-Pete" Nash, his nine year old son who is following right along in his father's footsteps.

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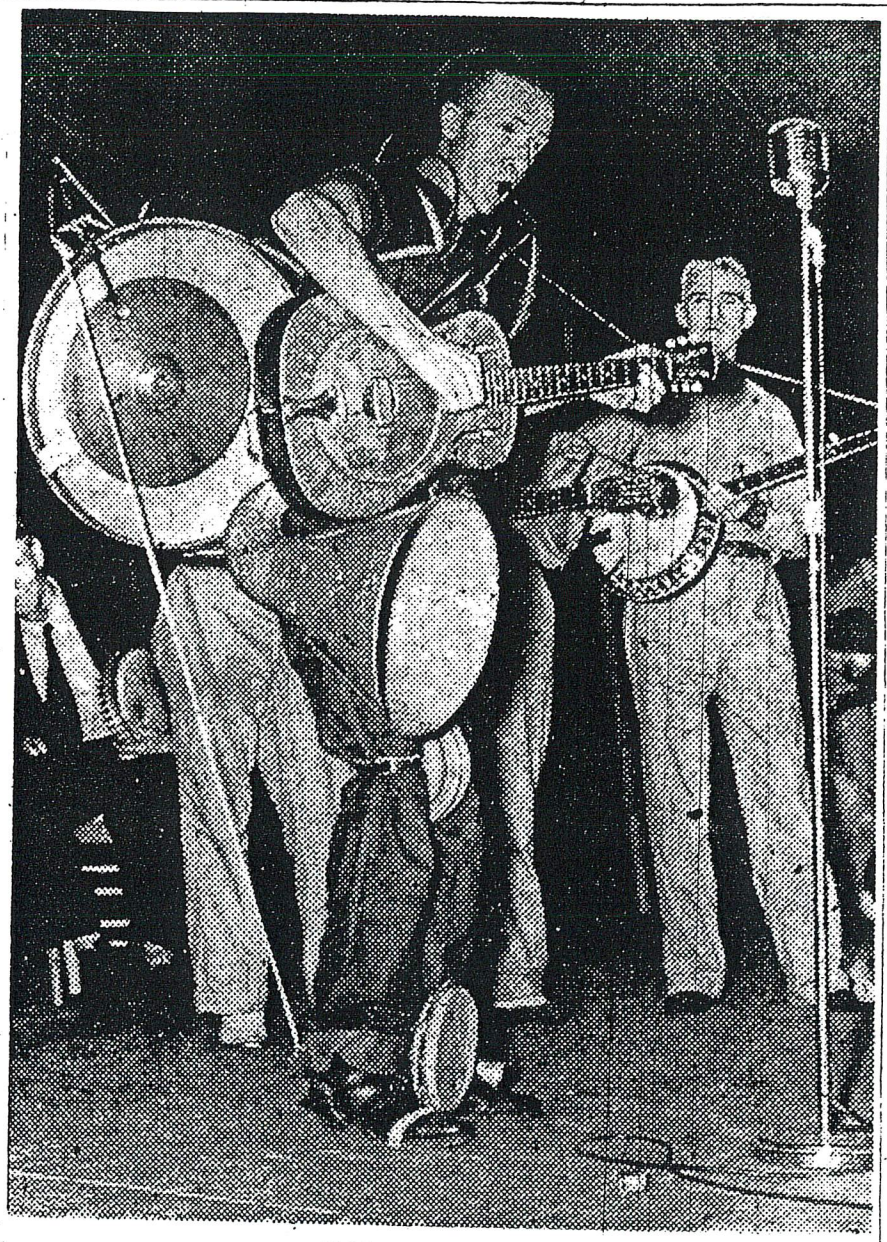

HOWARD NASH

TO PERFORM AT FESTIVAL — Howard Nash, variously known as "Pandle Pete" and "the one-mand band," will perform again at the 20th annual Mountain Dance and Folk festival in the City auditorium July 24-26 after several years' absence from the fete, it has been announced by Bascom Lamar Lunsford, founder and director. The performer is said to play more instruments at one time than most persons can play separately, some of them being of his own contrivance, and it is his delight to burlesque such venerable old tunes as "Wabash Cannon Ball," "Little Brown Jug," and "Worried Man Blues."

Youth Jamboree Opens Wednesday

Youngsters from throughout the Appalachian Highlands are polishing up their dancing shoes and tuning up their fiddles for Asheville's finest annual festival of mountain dancing and singing.

It's the four-day, 11th annual Mountain Youth Jamboree, opening Wednesday night in Asheville City Auditorium.

Children of school age and younger from the western counties of North Carolina and at least eight other states will perform in the colorful springtime event.

Twenty - eight square dance teams in three divisions — elementary, junior and senior — will whirl through lively, intricate patterns the first three nights of the Jamboree in hopes of reaching the finals Saturday night.

Division winners in the square dance team competition Saturday night will vie with last year's champions for handsome trophies. The 1958 division champions were: Elementary, Haw Creek; Junior, David Millard; and Senior, McKee High School, Cullowhee.

For the first time this year, distinction in presenting awards will be made between clogging and smooth dancing teams. Heretofore, the "cloggers" have been judged with the smooth dancing teams.

In addition to the teams competing for awards, at least four teams will give exhibition performances.

Another highlight of the Jamboree will be what has come to be known as the "individual talent" portion of the festival.

Some 150 youngsters with their old time fiddles, guitars, mandolins and dulcimers will ring out with strains of such folk tunes as "Molly Malone," "Barbara Allen," "Coming Around the Mountain" and "Old Joe Clark."

The tunes will be quickly recognized as part of the priceless tradition and heritage of folklore handed down by generations of mountain folk.

The Jamboree was founded by Hubert Hayes, who continues to be its moving spirit. Over the years, his enthusiasm for the traditional songs and dances has become boundless.

Sponsored by the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Jamboree has attracted nation-wide publicity, with articles and pictures in many leading newspapers and magazines.

Capacity crowds often jam City Auditorium to see the earnest rivalry between square dance teams, individual and group talent performers.

The Jamboree will begin each evening at 7:15 p.m., except Saturday, when it will start at 7 p.m. Participating teams have been asked to be present by 6:25 p.m. on nights they are to perform.

the boy with the banjo is Eddie Nash, 13, of Hall Fletcher Junior High, Asheville.

Rickey Ray, 9, of St. Joan of Arc School, who'll be singing "Tom Dooley" at the Jamboree.

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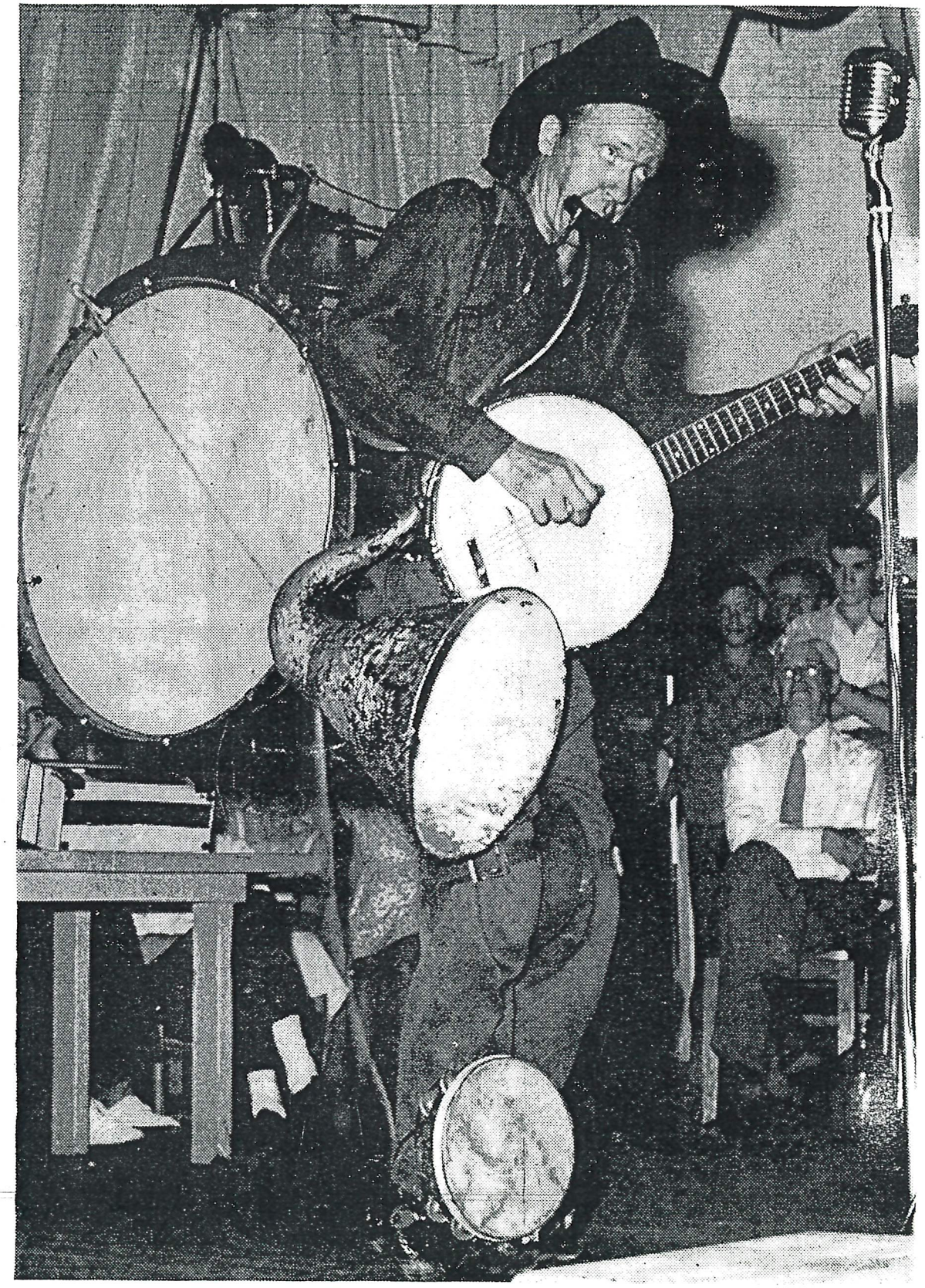
THE 1955 PICNICS — BETTER THAN EVER!

Howard "Panhandle Pete" Nash was pictured at the Hayesville picnic as he participated in a fiddling contest with Steve Ledford of Mitchell county. Pete uses a "bull" fiddle and attempts to keep pace with Ledford's fancy fiddling.



Howard "Panhandle Pete" Nash, The One-Man-Band is attending all the picnics this year where he plays 17 musical instruments at one time.

N.C. - Asheville

'Whippoorwill' Will Have A Strong Southern Accent

By BOB CONWAY

"The Whippoorwill," the Robert Mitchum movie now being filmed in the Asheville area, promises to have a strong Southern accent —with some 225 North Carolinians and three Virginians in the cast as compared with only 11 professionals from Hollywood and two or three from New York.

Leading the Southern forces in this saga of mountaineer dewers and revenuers are members of three dramatic groups—Asheville Community Theater, "Horn in the West" at Boone, and the Barter Theater at Abingdon, Va.

ACT thespians have nine speaking parts, "Horn in the West" performers two, and Barter Theater players four.

Mrs. Frances Koon, a charter member of ACT, will have one of the most important roles in "Whippoorwill" to be portrayed by a non-professional — that of Mrs. Sarah Doolin, mother of Lucas Doolin (Mitchum).

Other roles to be played by Asheville Community Theater members are:

John Stamberger as chief of Memphis detectives, Ed Wilkinson as chief ATU enforcement officer, Holmes Bryson as a regional ATU agent, John Beakley and John Hunter as moonshiners, Dan Bly as a gas station attendant, Donald Remer as a court clerk, and Hershel Ponder as a pool hall wisecracker.

Charles Elledge, principal of Marion High School, still wearing the beard he grew for "Horn in the West" this summer, will portray a mountaineer.

Phil West, another veteran of the Boone outdoor stage, will play the part of Mr. Edwards, an ATU agent.

Heading the Barter Theater contingent will be the Virginia dramatic group's founder and producer, Robert Porterfield, who will be seen as a preacher. With him will be three other Barterites —Jerry Hardin, Mitch Ryan, and George Fontaine, the latter from Kernersville (Forsyth County), N. C. 9/11/57 Mail

Taking a break from his desk at the Asheville employment office, manager B. C. Wilson will assume the role of Mr. Ledbetter, a store owner and the father of the female lead in the picture, Roxanna Ledbetter (Sandra Knight).

Four local people in "Whippoorwill" have the comparatively easy task of merely being themselves. Grappler Pete Managoff will be seen as a wrestler; Jack Fortune of the Sky Club will play a waiter captain; Sara Catonia of Chez Paul a waitress, and Fred Brown of WLOS-TV a television commentator.

Jack Kosslyn, casting director for DRM Productions, said last night that he is still looking for an experienced actress to play the role of a housewife.

He explained she should be approximately 30 years old and attractive, but not the glamor type.

Interviews for this role will be held from 2 to 4 p. m. today in the offices of DRM Productions at the Battery Park Hotel.

R. L. Sluder, former Asheville detective who now operates at the switchboard at police headquarters, will wear the same uniform, but will portray a different role—that of a jailer.

Karl Fleming, Citizen staff writer who has chronicled the exploits of Alcoholic Tax Unit agents for this newspaper will appear on the screen as an ATU man himself.

Larry Scruggs of Canton, who sought film roles unsuccessfully in Hollywood for two years, and then returned home to break the ice, will play the part of a truck driver.

Betsy Justice Willingham will be seen as the girl friend of Kogan, the movie's No. 1 villain, while Mrs. Lucy Masters will appear as the mother of Jed Moultrie, a moonshiner.

Russ Offhouse, known as "Farmer Russ" on WLOS-TV, has the part of an obnoxious character in a night club.

Two Asheville ABC men, Luther Anderson and Charles Giglia will portray Eastern gangsters, while a third, Harry Horton Sr. will play a mountaineer. Howard Rowe also will depict a mountaineer, and Gard Chandler, Jack Cannon and Jim Case Jr. will act the part of corn squeezins' specialists.

Dean of the cast is Blackwell Lunsford, 75, who will also be seen as a mountaineer.

Pauline Quinn, who had a bit part in "The Swan," filmed here in 1955, will appear in "The Whippoorwill" and is acting as a stand-in for the female lead.

Two country music singers who will have non-musical roles are James Howard Nash, better known as 'Panhandle Pete," who will be seen as a moonshiner, and "Cowboy Claude" Casey, who plays a gangster.

Slated to face the camera behind bars are Gaither Benison, maintenance man at the Battery Park Hotel, as a drunk in jail, Sam Dinkins of the employment office, as another prisoner.

In a church sequence in the movie will be adults Gaither Robinson, James Sluder, Gene W. Chandler, Abe Masters, C. B. Joyner, and Kelly Shope and children Susie Brown, Jane Page, Diana and Sharon Cole, Jerry Strange, Brenda Snyder, and Gwendolyn McCracken.

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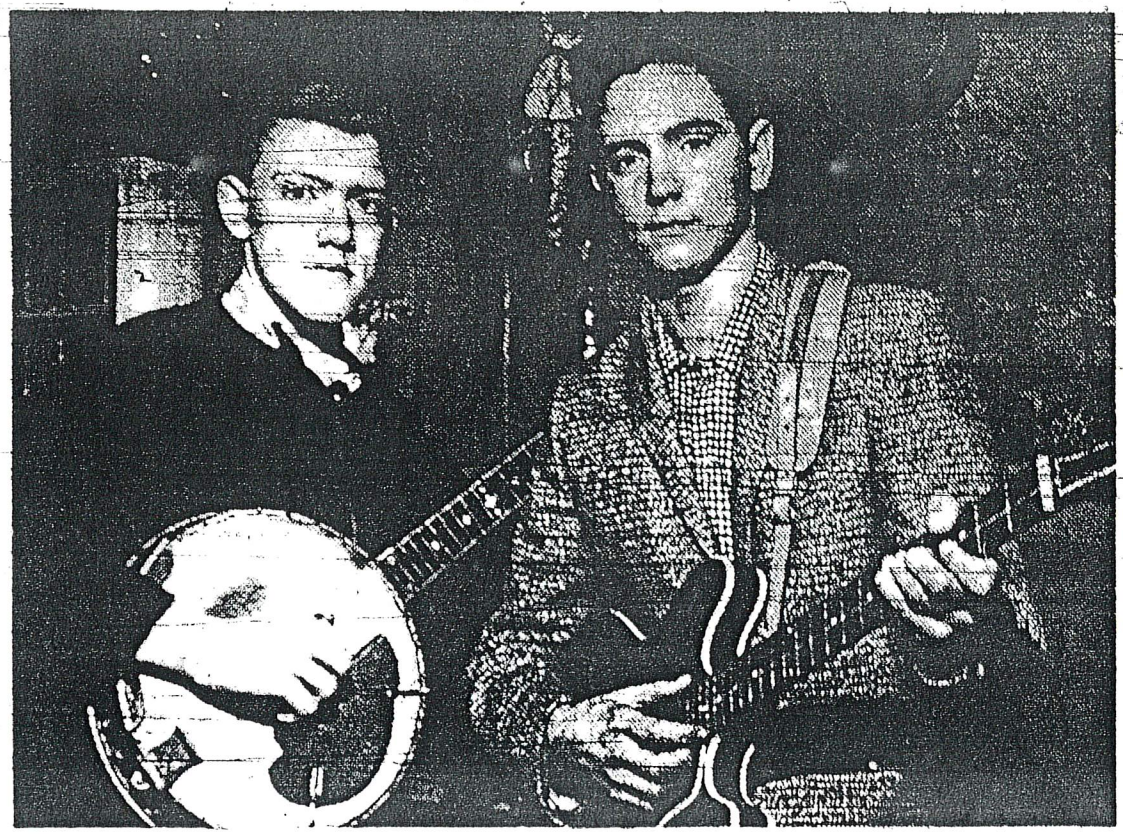

—Citizen-Times Photo

CERTAIN TO BE SEEN in the 1960 Mountain Youth Jamboree opening Wednesday night in City Auditorium are Eddie Nash, 14 (left), of 21 Hayes St. and Larry Hensley, 17, of Leicester RFD 1. Nash attends Hall Fletcher Junior High School and Hensley, Erwin High School. The Jamboree, also to feature 25 square dance teams, will continue through Saturday.

Youth Jamboree Opens Wednesday

The Mountain Youth Jamboree annual folklore spectacular for the dancing and singing youth of Western North Carolina, will be held Wednesday through Saturday night in City Auditorium.

The annual Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce event promises top entertainment this year with 25 square dance teams and dozens of talented individuals scheduled for appearances.

Founded by Hubert Hayes, the Jamboree each year has continued to attract more dance teams, more individual talent performers and increasingly more spectators.

Bill Peyton of the Jaycees, a veteran leader of the Jamboree, heads this year's show committee.

Auditioning for the individual talent phase, hampered earlier by the snowy weather, has recently gotten under way. Show officials say the tryouts have revealed "exceptional" talent.

Howard Nash, Known As Panhandle Pete, Dies

After many years of entertaining people all over the United States, J. Howard Nash died Tuesday morning in a Lumberton hospital following a long illness.

Known especially to Western North Carolina residents as Panhandle Pete, the One Man Band, Nash played his own conglomeration of instruments, conventional and unconventional.

Nash, 59, developed his "band" until it included 32 instruments weighing more than 100 pounds, which he carried, tied on, or slung around his shoulders.

He started learning to play when he was seven years of age and started his novelty act in 1937. He used such things as cowbells, automobile horns and exhaust whistles to add to his instrumental sound.

He appeared at folk festivals, including Bascom Lamar Lunsford's Mountain Dance and Folk Festival in Asheville, for years; won awards at the Farmers Federation's annual picnics during the 1940's and '50s; appeared on the Arthur Godfrey television show in 1953; and toured New York for the Farmers Federation.

J. HOWARD NASH

Groce Funeral Home will announce arrangements.

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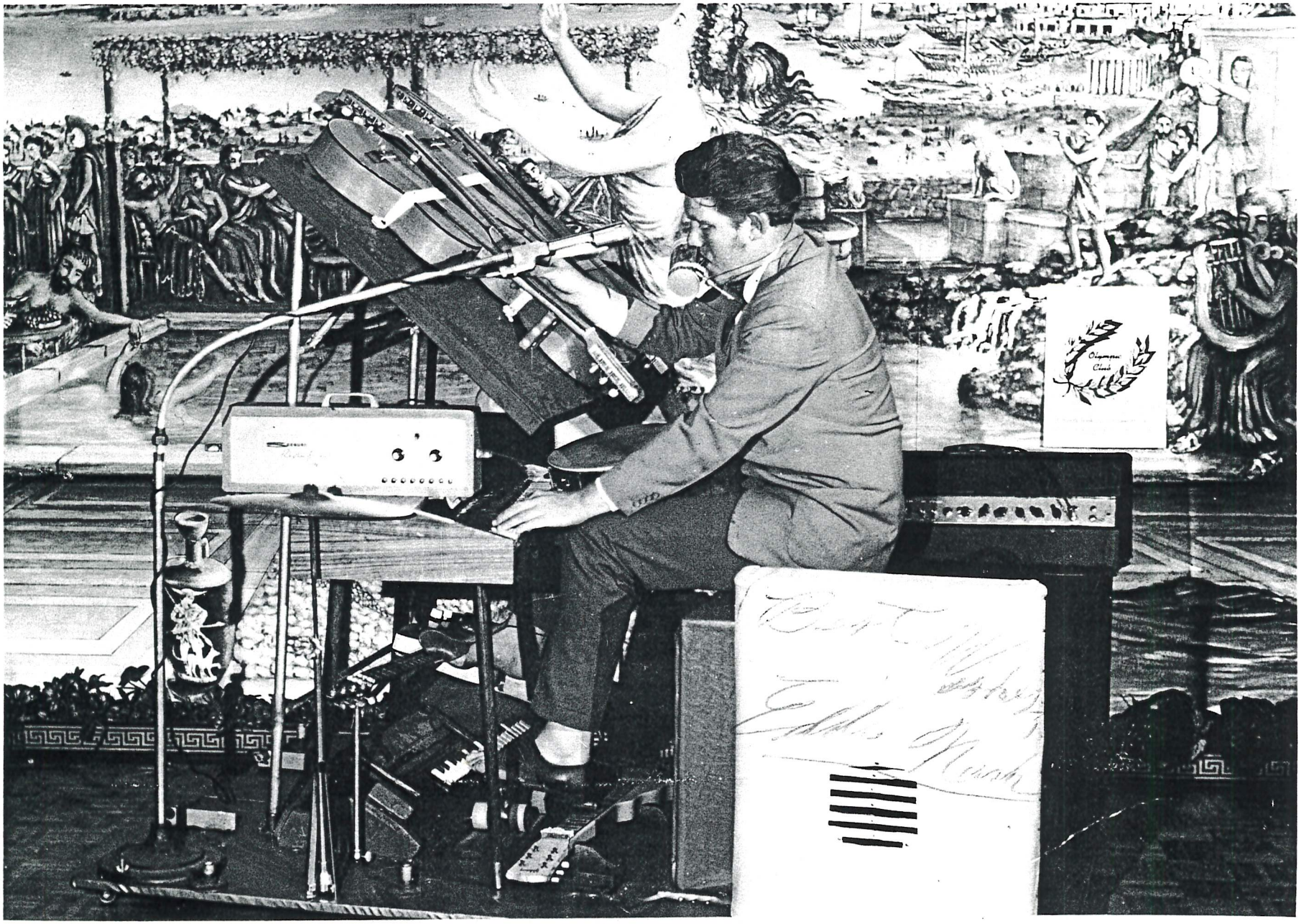

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EDDIE NASH

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THESE STUDENTS have been selected by the West Asheville Memorial American Legion Post Auxiliary to attend the annual Girls' State June 13-19 in Greensboro: L to R, Miss Joyce Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beach Keller, 33 Sand Hill School Road; and Miss Virginia Nave, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Nave, Brevard Road. They were picked on the basis of their scolastic records, leadership ability and character. The Girls' State will be held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. (Citizen Photo)

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SHOOTS WOMAN, DEFIES CROWD AT GUN POINT

Robert Neighbors Kills His Wife On Road West Of City

HOLDS DYING WOMAN IN ARMS

West Asheville Man Is Lodged In Jail After Shooting

After firing three bullets from a small calibre automatic into her body Robert Neighbors, 45, of 1554 Haywood road, lifted his wife's head from the pavement and flourishing the gun defied witnesses to the shooting to approach while she lay dying in his arms.

The slaying occurred about 7 o'clock on Deaverview road when Neighbors approached a car in which his wife, Nannie Neighbors, 36, was seated with Cecil Hughes, of Emma, whose aid she had enlisted at the Neighbors home a few minutes befor to search for her husband who had left saying he was going after more liquor.

After holding the small crowd that had gathered following the shooting off at the point of a gun, Neighbors attempted to resist when members of the sheriff's department arrived to place him in custody. The officers, however, were able to subdue him without difficulty and found that his wife, who was still in his arms, was dead.

Brought To Jail

After being placed under arrest he was rushed to the Buncombe county jail and refused to talk of his act. From several witnesses officers last night were fabricating the story of the shooting.

Neighbors left his home about 45 minutes before the shooting, his father-in-law, J. L. Sluder stated, and Mrs. Neighbors pleaded with her son Jack Cannon and a step-son of Neighbors, to follow and prevent him from securing additional liquor. Having the son refuse to follow his step-father, Mrs. Neighbors enlisted the aid of Cecil Hughes of Emma to accompany her in quest of her husband. Hughes was driving the family coupe with Mrs. Neighbors down Deaverview Road when they noticed Neighbors walking toward the car his hand on his hip pocket.

"I advised Mrs. Neighbors," Hughes stated, "to get out of the car and avert possible trouble. She replied that he would not harm anyone. Reaching the car, which I had stoped, he opened the door where Mrs. Neighbors was sitting and said: '—— you this is my chance.' He then began to fire and I opened the door on my side and ran across a field. I heard three reports and hurried to Mrs.

bors was sitting and said: '—— you this is my chance.' He then began to fire and I opened the door on my side and ran across a field. I heard three reports and hurried to Mrs. Neighbor's home to advise her family."

Falls From Car

After firing upon his wife who fell from the seat of the car to the pavement, Neighbors is said to have walked away for about 20 feet, returned to his wife, and lifted her head from the road. He sat down on the pavement and rested his wife's head in his lap.

Carey Sumner, employe of the Southern railway, who was passing the scene at the time of the shooting stopped his car and approached Neighbors. Sumner stated he asked Neighbors what was the matter and that Neighbors stated "What does it look like." Summer stated he made a gesture as if to place his hand on Mrs. Neighbors to ascertain if she was dead and that Neighbors became indignant and ordered him away.

Mrs. F. B. Spoons, who was near the shooting, advised deputies she approached Neighbors and asked him what was the trouble. "She was in my car with another fellow and that is no way to act. She had no business with him." Mrs. Spoons said he replied.

When deputies A. G. McDowell and Sam Coggins reached Neighbors they claimed he made efforts to get his pistol but was overpowered by the officers and placed under arrest. Enroute to the county jail he declined to talk, officers stated.

Handcuff Father

J. L. Sluder, father of the dead woman, made an effort to attack Neighbors with a knife and was handcuffed by the officers until the removal of the defendant. According to Sluder, Neighbors had been drinking earlier in the day and left his home on the Haywood road to secure more liquor.

Coroner W. E. Baker ordered the body of the woman moved to Clayton and Hyer's funeral home in West Asheville and set the inquest for this morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Baker stated the woman had been shot three times the bullets entering the chest and ranging toward the heart. It was not determined how long she lived after being shot by her husband.

The woman is survived by the defendant, her parents, three children, Jack, Mary, and Harry Cannon, and two brothers, Bryan Sluder of Asheville and G. Sluder of Haywood county. Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night.

Asheville Citizen April 21, 1930

Neighbors Is Charged With Murder Of Wife

True Bill Found While Victim's Funeral Progresses

Even as the wife whom Robert Neighbors, of 1554 Haywood road, killed early Sunday night was being buried yesterday, the Buncombe county grand jury returned a true bill of indictment for murder against the 45-year-old ex-service man.

Immediately upon report of the grand jury in the case, Solicitor R. M. Wells announced that he would not attempt to try the case at the current term of superior court, but would be ready to call the case for trial at the May term.

Neighbors still is held in the county jail without bond. He maintains that he remembers nothing of the shooting or of events leading up to it.

Meantime, funeral services for the victim of the shooting, Mrs. Nannie Neighbors, 36, were held yesterday afternoon at the funeral establishment of Clayton and Hyer. The Rev. T. G. Mangham officiated, and burial was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

The tragedy was enacted on Deaverview road about 7 o'clock Sunday night. Mrs. Neighbors and Cecil Hughes, a friend of the family, had set out in the Neighbors automobile to search for the husband, who supposedly had gone in search of liquor. As they drove up beside him, Neighbors was said to have wrenched open the door of the car fired three bullets into Mrs. Neighbors' heart. She toppled to the roadside and died almost at once. Neighbors, seated on the ground, held his wife's head in his lap, calling her name and talking until officers arrived, disarmed him and took him to jail.

A strange light was thrown upon the case yesterday when it was learned that on the very day of the shooting arrangements for Neighbors to enter a veterans hospital had been completed and along with the commission a transportation order was received. Had the letter borne a special delivery stamp and been delivered Sunday instead of Monday, it is quite probable that Mrs. Neighbors would still be alive.

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Sunday, June 27, 1999

MAURICE W. NEIGHBORS

ASHEVILLE – Maurice Weldon Neighbors, 73, of 64 Trotter Place, died Friday, June 25, 1999, at the Asheville V.A. Medical Center Nursing Home.

A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, he retired as the former owner and operator of Neighbors Specialty Sales, was a member of Abernethy United Methodist Church, a graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School and Cecil's Business College. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

M.W. Neighbors

He was a member of the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce, where he received the Key Man Award; member of the Asheville Jaycees, where he served as state chairman of the Jaycees Prisoner Rehabilitation; president of the Asheville Area Tourist Association; served on the board of directors of Parents Without Partners (PWP).

Neighbors was the designer of the "I like calling North Carolina home" promotion, the North Carolina bicentennial plates, the "Welcome to North Carolina" license plates and the Lady in Distress (restoration of Statue of Liberty) promotion.

He was the son of the late Thomas Newton and Alva Lee Burnette Neighbors. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Katherine Plemmons and Betty Penland.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Dallas Lunsford of Belmont; one son, Robert T. Neighbors of Greenville, S.C.; two grandchildren, Melanie Lunsford, Dallas Lunsford Jr., both of Belmont; three sisters, Martha Brown of Madison Heights, Va., Carolyn Lindsey of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Sandy Knapp of N. Lauderdale, Fla.

Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday at Abernethy United Methodist Church. The Rev. Patrick Welch will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at 11 a.m. until the service hour on Monday at the church.

Anders-Rice Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sunday, June 27, 1999

Entrepreneur who wrote several famous jingles dies

By Phil Alexander
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE – Anyone who has been a resident of North Carolina for 20 years or more may remember the simple little jingle to "I Like Calling North Carolina Home," a tourism promotional campaign in the late 1970s.

Maurice Neighbors, the Asheville entrepreneur who came up with the idea that appeared on television and on car plates and T-shirts, died Friday at Oteen VA Medical Center Nursing Home. He was 73.

Neighbors was a hawker by trade, selling promotional items to such customers as the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce under the neighbors of Neighbors Specialty Sales. He operated the business out of his Trotter Place home in West Asheville.

So it came naturally for him to market the car plates not only for the tourism campaign but also for the state bicentennial and "Welcome to North Carolina." A 1977 photo in the Asheville Times featured Neighbors with a shirt inspired from watching South Carolina tourists buy up Myrtle Beach T-shirts. "I'm bullish on Asheville, N.C.," Neighbors' shirt read.

"He was just a normal person with a lot of heart and a lot of interest in the City of Asheville," former Mayor Gene Ochsenreiter said. "He was a real nice guy, just very congenial with a plus-plus personality."

Neighbors was active in the community, receiving the Key Man Award from the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce, later the Jaycees. He was state chairman of the Jaycees Prisoner Rehabilitation program and served as president of the Asheville Area Tourist Association.

"He was just a real advocate for Asheville," said former Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Jim Ellis, who described Neighbors as a go-getter with a gentle personality. "He was aggressive and bullish, and yet I saw a real gentle side to him, too," Ellis said.

Neighbors' family, which includes a son and a daughter, will receive friends at 11 a.m. Monday at Abernethy United Methodist Church, where Neighbors was a member. The memorial service will begin at the church at 12:30 p.m., and he will be buried in Riverside Cemetery.

NEIGHBORS' PROMOTIONS

- "I Like Calling North Carolina Home"
- The North Carolina bicentennial plates
- The "Welcome to North Carolina" license plates
- The Lady in Distress (restoration of Statue of Liberty) promotion

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE N. C.
Thursday, May 14, 1953

— Army Photo by Sgt. Ed W. Chabet

TAKING TIME OUT from his duties to show a couple of Korean natives his musical instrument is Cpl. Grady Nichols (center), husband of Mrs. Rubye E. Nichols of 21 Mitchell Avenue, West Asheville. Nichols plays in the 45th Infantry Division Band somewhere in Korea. He arrived in the Far East last April and is expected to return home within the next few months.

Paul Nichols: 'Those Butterflies Are There...'

30 Years Of Big Band Music

You Name It — They Play It

By TONY KISS
Staff Writer

He's been doing it for 30 years, but he says the butterflies still soar in his stomach.

Several times a week, Paul Nichols climbs onto the bandstand, fires up his 12-person orchestra and pounds out tunes made famous in the big band era.

"Those butterflies are there until I strike up the music," Nichols said a few days ago. "Each job is a challenge. No two dances are the same.

"It's a case of winning over the audience every time we play."

Nichols has apparently had little trouble winning audiences. His orchestra has been making music in these mountains since the mid-1950s.

The group plays an assortment of sounds — Latin American, waltz, soft rock, disco and even country — but is best known for big band hits, Nichols said.

To mark the orchestra's 30th anniversary, Nichols and his crew will perform a special show June 1 at the Edgewood Restarurant on Merrimon Avenue, where they frequently appear.

The program will be taped and broadcast later on a local radio station, the band leader said.

Nichols and his brother Grady launched the band after the orchestra they were playing with folded.

For several years, the band was known as the Grady Nichols Orchestra.

"This group had some some outstanding contracts, and so we put together a new band and picked them up," Nichols said.

Prior to starting the band, Nichols spent a decade playing in various big bands. "I played with a band while I was still in high school, in Illinois," he said. "In those days, a lot of the fellows were in the service, and so some of the local bands used high school kids."

In the early days, the Grady Nichols Orchestra played for civic groups, fraternal clubs, conventions and even high school proms. Their first show was staged at the George Vanderbilt Hotel, now an aparatment building next to the Asheville Civic Center.

Over the years, the band has changed in lineup. Grady Nichols left about 17 years ago, and the group became known as the Paul Nichols Orchestra.

Members have come and gone, but one musician who stayed is 85-year-old pianist Mary Glass. "She's remarkable," Nichols said. "She's been a choir director for years. And she used to play the piano for the silent movies."

Nichols said when he started the band, he never expected it to last three decades.

"The other bands I've been with never lasted this long," he said. "I don't know why we've stayed so together so long. I guess its because we try to please the people.

"We don't tie ourselves down to just the past. We do a variety of music. And we try to play every request we get."

Nichols, who also runs a furniture store in west Asheville, said he's not planning to retire anytime soon and has brought several of his children into the musical fold.

"I've not given any thought to retiring," he said. "Things have been going along so well."

It's 'all in the family' at this furniture store

By LeeAnn Donnelly
STAFF WRITER

For nearly 60 years, Home Furniture has been a familiar fixture among the businesses dotting Haywood Road in West Asheville. The Weddle/Nichols family has owned and operated the business since 1933.

Tim Nichols, grandson of the original proprietor, A.C. Weddle, currently manages the three-level store at 797 Haywood Road.

Sofas, loveseats, bedding and accessories appear at every turn throughout the 10,000 square-foot space. Matching art pieces, homey throw blankets, flowers and plants compliment each furniture group, lending ideas to customers making decorating decisions.

The luxurious surroundings are a far cry from the 2,000-square-foot store Weddle started with during the Depression, Nichols said. The original store space on Herron Avenue had a dirt floor basement, he added.

"We're the oldest business, yet we're the newest," said Nichols of maintaining current styles and trends. "You can't stand still."

Weddle took a gamble, said Nichols, when he decided to open up a business smack in the middle of the Depression. But Weddle's years as a manager with Sturkey Furniture gave him the experience to make a success out of the store.

"He started it with a $2,000 life insurance policy," said Nichols.

Wartime presented problems in that most folks couldn't afford to buy new furniture, so Weddle made profits from reconditioning used pieces.

Nichols' father, Paul, worked alongside his father-in-law for a number of years at both the original location and in

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Three generations of the Nichols Family at Home Furniture have worked hard to keep customers happy for nearly 60 years. The West Asheville store is located at 797 Haywood Road. Standing left to right, Tim Nichols, Al Nichols and Janet Nichols. Seated, left to right, Roy Rathbone, Paul Nichols and Clara Nichols.

Family store

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the store's present location.

Now, though, Nichols' father acts as adviser.

Family businesses, according to Nichols, are a "dying breed," largely because of chain operations.

"The chains can many times gang up on you. Their buying volumes make a big difference," he said. Although, with the Rowe Furniture and Sealey City programs, Home Furniture has been able to compete with the bigger stores.

By selling those two lines exclusively, Nichols said the store can receive special attention from either manufacturer – as well as the benefits of being one of the only furniture stores that sells those lines.

"Even though I'm a little business, I have the buying volume of (a chain-operated store). We've had a 22 percent increase this year. We did as much in sales in June during a recession year as we did in the year 1986," he said.

Nichols attributes the store's success to the eight-member staff and their professional work attitudes.

MISS NICHOLS DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME HERE

Veteran Teacher Stricken While Preparing To Leave For School.

Miss Rena Nichols, dean of girls at Hall Fletcher junior high school and a member of the city school system for the past 35 years died suddenly this morning at 9 o'clock at her home, 210 Merrimon avenue, as she was preparing to go to school.

A native of Henderson county, Miss Nichols resided here since early childhood, and was well known in educational circles. Her first experiences in teaching was in Yancey county, where she spent four years in community work.

In 1908 Miss Nichols returned to Asheville and since that time has taught all grades from the third to and including high school. When Hall Fletcher opened in 1926 she was appointed dean of girls.

Attended School Here

Miss Nichols attended Montford grammar school and graduated from Orange street school when it was a high school. She also was graduated from Asheville Normal and Collegiate college, which is now known as Asheville college.

Following graduation from the latter she worked for four years with the Presbyterian Home Mission board of New York city, being stationed near Burnsville. Her duties consisted of some teaching, but mostly of welfare work.

Miss Nichols served on the Community Chest board for a number of years, serving as treasurer of this organization for one year. She also is a former president of the Business and Professional Women's club, and was on the Y. W. C. A board of directors for six years.

DIES SUDDENLY

MISS RENA NICHOLS

Club President

She was also a member of the Fortnightly Book club, and a former president of this group. Miss Nichols also was a member of the North Carolina Education association, the National Dean's association, which is a branch of the National Education association, and the State Dean's association. A member of the Central Methodist church she was a Sunday school teacher there for many years.

Traveling was one of Miss Nichols' hobbies. She had traveled in every section of the United States, in Eastern and Western Canada, Cuba, and went to Europe in 1924.

Surviving are two brothers, J. W. Nichols, with whom she made her home here, and S. H. Nichols of Meridian, Miss., one sister, Mrs. William O'Neill, Jr., of Chicago, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Morris-Gearing Funeral home, are incomplete.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1916.

WEST ASEVILLE TOWN BOARD HOLDS MEETING

DECIDES TO GRADE ROAD TO SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Considerable Business Transacted by the Aldermen, and Permits For New Building Are Issued.

One of the busiest meetings for some time past was held last night by the members of the West Asheville board of aldermen who meet every Friday night. To a committee of property owners, residing along Beverly road, who presented a petition asking for a sewer line about 300 feet in length, the board offered to furnish the engineers to survey the line if the petitioners will pay for the construction of the line. A similar proposition was offered to property owners of Majestic avenue who presented a similar petition. The board will hear the petitioners again next week and in the intervening time the propositions will be considered.

The board made an agreement with A. S. Nicholson, appointing him to take charge of the sanitary department of the town. Mr. Nicholson is to furnish his own team, and will be permitted to retain the fees collected for his work from the citizens of the town.

It was decided to survey Haywood road from Sand Hill road to Sulphur Springs and to lay off the road forty feet wide. The road is one and one-half miles in length, and will be graded forty feet wide to C. M. Dill's place. From then on to Sulphur Springs it will be graded to a width of twenty-four feet.

It was decided to open a street on the car line from Beacham's curve to the concrete bridge, provided the right of way may be secured free of any cost to the town. It is proposed to grade the street to a width of thirty-five feet if the deal can be consummated.

A consolidation of the two fire companies of the town was authorized, company No. 2 to move its equipment to the quarters of company No. 1.

The board will meet next Wednesday night in session with the committee of the chamber of commerce of West Asheville and the citizens' committee to select a site for the proposed new city hall. This matter has been under consideration for some time past and although no action has been taken other than the appointment of committees it is thought that the matter will soon be brought to a head.

The building activity in West Asheville, which has been so marked for the past few months shows no signs of abatement. The board granted last night two new building permits, the estimated cost of which totaled $1,800.00.

N. C., SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1929

Pals For Sixty-Two Years

Mr and Mrs. J. H. Nicholson, of West Asheville, who today will celebrate together Mrs. Nicholson's 80th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. J. H. Nicholson Is Eighty Years Old Today

Happy Couple To Join In Celebration Of Anniversary

Today Mrs. J. H. Nicholson, who for over 62 years has been the "partner" of J. H. Nicholson, pioneer Asheville business man, will celebrate her 80th birthday anniversary with her husband at their little cottage home on 6 Mildred avenue, West Asheville.

The festivities today will mark the celebration of three important events in their lives in less than a year. One was their 62nd wedding anniversary last November 8, and the other was the 81st birthday of Mr. Nicholson which came February 8.

"We're going to get all the children who are living back home Sunday, mother and I, and we're going to have one more birthday dinner," Mr. Nicholson told a Citizen reporter yesterday.

Four Children

Of eleven children who have blessed the home of the aged couple, only four will gather for the birthday dinner today. Seven have gone into the Great Beyond. Those living are Mrs. Sarah McKinney, T. P., J. R., and D. L. Nicholson, all of Asheville.

After years of hard work together, many of which they spent conducting a mercantile business in West Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson have retired to their little home to rest and grow old together. Both are charming conversationalists, and their reminiscent stories of life together for over 62 years and the old days when Asheville was only a small and somewhat isolated city on a mountain frontier, and West Asheville, "the west" of the Blue Ridge metropolis, was a mere village, are very interesting.

Take Things Easy

"You know," Mr. Nicholson remarked recently with a merry twinkle in his eyes, "when folks begin to get old they ought to slow up and take things easy. That's the very reason why I closed out my store in 1925 after mother and I had run 'er for 26 years. My wife is almost as old as I am, and we've worked hard together. She has been a real helper and companion to me, and so we're taking a rest now."

Since coming here from Transylvania county in 1899, thirty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson have moved only once. "Wasn't much of a move then, we only moved across the street," was the way he put it in his story.

Mr. Nicholson was born in Transylvania county February 8, 1848 and has spent his entire life in Western North Carolina. He and Mrs. Nicholson have seen some remarkable changes in this section during the past fifty years. After several years of gradual and progressive growth they have seen West Asheville united with Asheville in a move for a greater city, and business and industrial development grow from comparatively obscurity in the South to national prominence.

Conditions Change

When they came to Asheville in 1899 conditions were far different to what they are now, or even ten or fifteen years ago. Good roads, especially the network of State and national highways which have materially reduced the distance from Asheville to all parts of America, and the present street system were only realistic as a part of the hopes and plans of a growing city and section of the state. The school system as it now is had not made its advent, and educational facilities were only in the course of development.

Automobiles so far as Western North Carolina was concerned were not, and carriages and horses, the property of livery stables and private owners, were the only means of conveyance except the single railway line of the Southern.

So, after a comparison of conditions then and now, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, with many other pioneer men and women of this section, willingly admit that the "good old days" were not so good when compared with the modern age.

Mr. Nicholson is one of the oldest Citizen ubscribers in the State, having read the paper for years.

Married 64 Years

Here we have Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nicholson, of 6 Mildred avenue, West Asheville, whose combined ages total 163 years. They will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary October 8. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson came to Asheville from Transylvania in 1899, 31 years ago. For many years, he was engaged in business here. The couple are two of the oldest Citizen subscribers in Western North Carolina. —Staff Photo by Michael.

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FUNERAL RITES WILL BE TODAY

West Asheville Man, 88, Had Lived Here For 40 Years

Funeral services for James Harrison Nicholson, 88, widely known West Asheville resident who died early yesterday morning at his home, 6 Mildred avenue, will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at Calvary Baptist church.

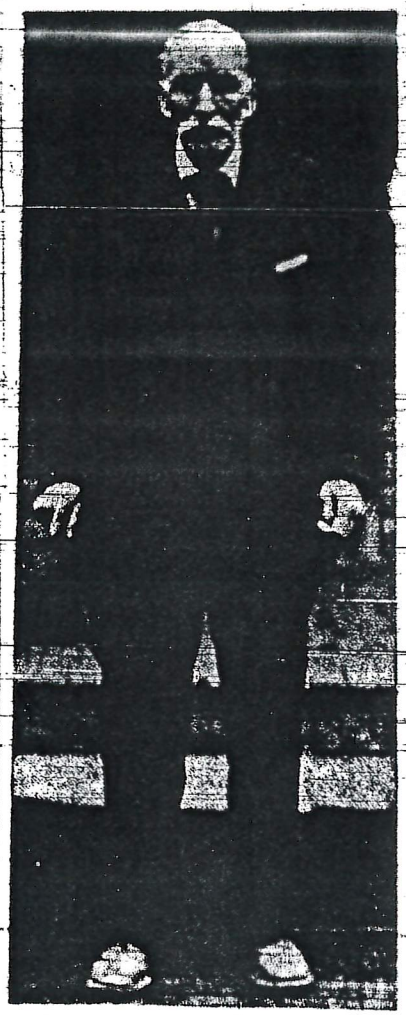
The Rev. J. B. Groce, the Rev. E. Nane Starnes, the Rev. J. R. Owen and Captain H. M. Jones will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church from 2 o'clock until the hour of burial.

Active pallbearers are to be A. C. Rhudy, J. D. Dermid, W. E. Lyday, J. A. Sluder, H. A. Graham, C. A. McLean. Honorary pallbearers: E. P. White, Dr. P. B. Ort, Judge R. M. Wells, Zeb Curtis, Don Young, W. E. Shuford, J. D. Sallade, Cleveland Franklin, H. A. Fuller, C. R. Steelman, C. A. Robeson, Homer Davis, Anson Brown, Fred chael, E. R. Glenn, F. C. Johnson, G. R. Murphy, M. A. Farlow, R. V. Evans, J. W. Hedge, J. W. McElroy, M. W. Hamrick, C. H. Miller, H. W. Elliott, W. T. Duncan, Percy Franklin, L. D. Warren, C. E. Wood, W. P. Miller, G. W. Fairchild, L. G. Miller. Flower bearers are to be Misses Virginia Seay, Jean Swett, Wanda Rhudy, Letia McKinney, Hazel Nicholson, and Virginia Sluder.

Surviving Mr. Nicholson are three sons, G. P., D. M. and J. R. Nicholson, all of Asheville; one daughter, Mrs. Lulu McKinney, of Asheville; five brothers, F. M. and H. P. Nicholson, of Henderson county, A. S. and J. E. Nicholson, of West Asheville, and A. P. Nicholson of Greenville, S. C.; and one sister, Mrs. Maurice Rickman, of Greenville.

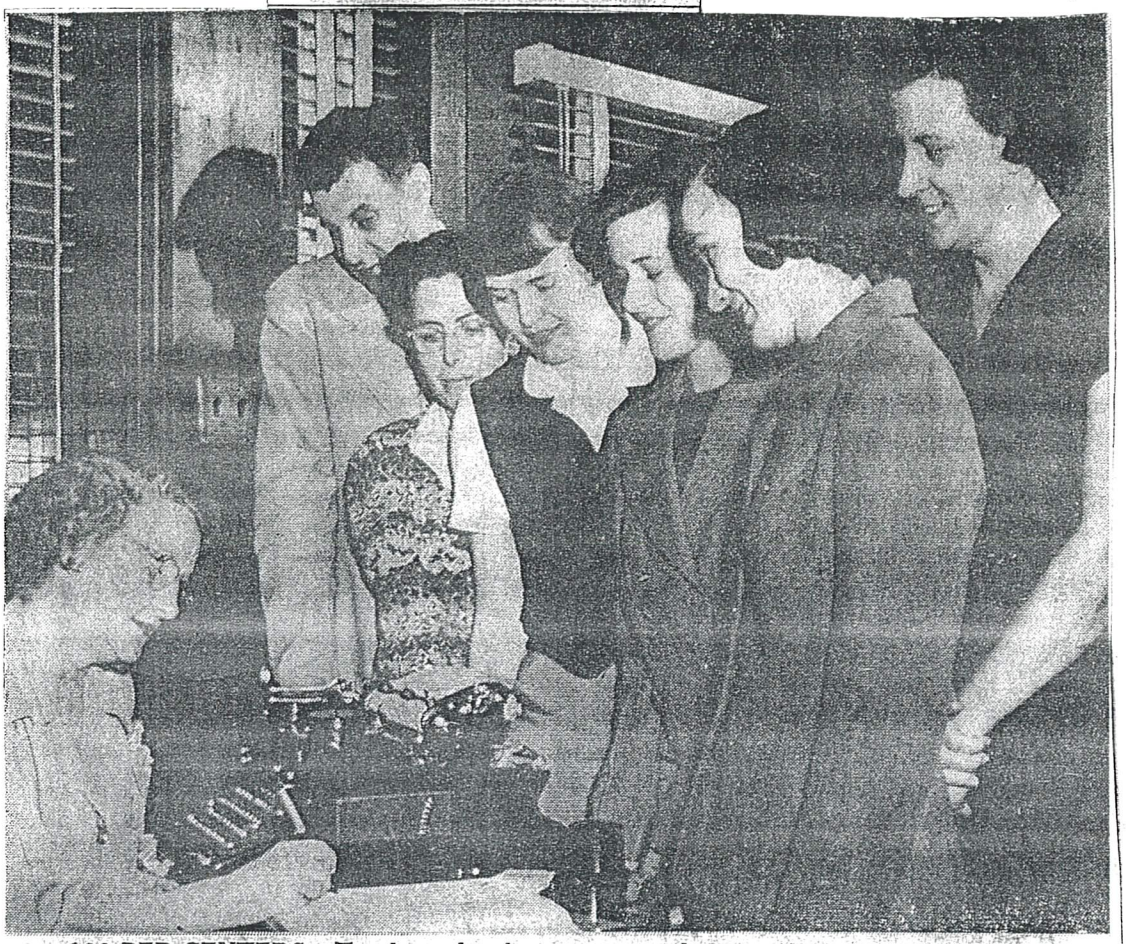
Mr. Nicholson came to West Asheville from his father's farm near Brevard about 40 years ago. For 26 years he was in the grocery business in West Asheville and was the first resident of West Asheville to have lights, telephone and water in his home.

Dunn-Groce funeral home is in charge.



J. R. NICHOLSON

Friday, November 16, 1951



100-PER-CENTERS—Teachers, lunch room attendants and janitors of Hall Fletcher Junior High School—all 27 of them—reported 100 per cent to the Red Cross Blood Center this afternoon to donate blood for Americans fighting in Korea. Meanwhile, the some 500 students at the school, impressed by their teachers' response to the nation-wide appeal for blood went home for the afternoon to sell their parents and friends on the idea of making a contribution. Shown registering with Mrs. Horace G. Posey are, from left to right, Marvin Nockow, Mrs. Frances Brown, Mrs. Clara Silvey, Miss Jean Brown, Miss Betty Robinson and Mrs. Sylvia Airheart.

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THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

'GOLD STAR' MOTHER OF ASHEVILLE TELLS OF TRIP TO FRANCE

An account of the pilgrimage of American war mothers and widows to the graves of sons and husbands who gave their lives in France at least 12 years ago, was related to The Times Wednesday by Mrs. Emma A. Ogilvie, 1334 Haywood road.

Mrs. Ogilvie returned to her home here last Sunday after completing her pilgrimage to the grave of her son, Lester W. Ogilvie, buried in the Oise-Aisne cemetery. Sgt Ogilvie was killed near Soissons Aug. 25, 1918, by shellfire.

The picture of the bereaved mothers and widows, kneeling before graves of loved ones they had not seen for many years, was a touching one. Many mothers broke down completely when they arrived at the cemetery, Mrs. Ogilvie said, but the beauty of the place, the thoughtfulness of the U. S. Government in providing everything for the mothers' comfort, made it less painful.

"It was hard to believe that our sons had given their lives on that site," Mrs. Ogilvie said. "Poppies were blooming everywhere. The grass was very green and the white crosses, 6,000 of them, made a scene of beauty hard to imagine."

Mrs. Ogilvie's greatest impression of the pilgrimage was of the kindness and thoughtfulness of the government, and of the army officers who had the mothers in charge during their two weeks in France.

From the moment the "gold star" mothers arrived in New York, to start their pilgrimage, until they returned, the women had not a thought nor a care about the trip, she said.

Everything was provided. Their laundry was done for them. Bills and tips were paid. They were taken everywhere without confusion. For each group of women, Mrs. Ogilvie explained, there were provided an officer, a guide, a nurse, a physician and an interpreter.

Displays Medals.

Mrs. Ogilvie displayed the identification card furnished by the government. It was contained in a transparent envelope, written in English on one side, and in French on the other, bidding the reader give courteous treatment and assistance if necessary to the bearer She showed also two medals, one presented the mothers by the U. S Lines, which transported them, and the other by the government. One of the medals had a gold star in solid gold.

Mrs. Ogilvie showed also a copy of a poem which she read to other members of the pilgrimage during her trip across on the S S Roosevelt. Capt. Fried heard her read the poem and had the ship's press strike 150 copies for the others, she explained.

The pilgrims were taken to the best hotels in Paris. They were given sight-seeing tours of the city, went to Versailles and to Fontainebleau, and they were taken on an extensive tour of the battlefield country. They were given ample time to themselves for shopping and individual sight-seeing.

Divided Into Groups.

In the group going to Oise-Aisne cemetery there were only 19 women Before leaving Paris, the pilgrims were divided into groups, according to the cemetery they wished to visit

When they arrived at Oise-Aisne Mrs. Ogilvie said, 19 American flags were fluttering from 19 crosses, the graves to be visited by the 19 women. Each pilgrims was then presented with a beautiful wreath, furnished by the government, to be placed on the graves.

The mothers were left to themselves when they reached the cemetery.

Mrs. Ogilvie said her group spent two mornings and three afternoons at the cemetery. Nearby, the government had erected a pretty tea room where they could rest and get refreshment. The trip, she said, could not have been made more pleasant.

Visit Roosevelt Grave.

When they were ready to leave, she continued, a Frenchman presented them with a large quantity of flowers, to be strewn as a farewell on the graves. They took other flowers to the grave of Quentin Roosevelt on their way back to Paris.

Mrs. Ogilvie came to Asheville six years ago. She is a widow, her husband having died about 15 years ago. Her son, Lester, was in Butler, Pa.,

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Small-business owner heads chamber board

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ASHEVILLE — Leaders of the sheville Area Chamber of Commerce really meant it when hey decided a few years ago that he chamber's top position hould alternate between someone from a small business and omeone from a large one.

Alice io Oglesby, head of io esign & illustration, became hair of the chamber board during the chamber's annual meeting Monday night at the Grove 'ark Inn.

Oglesby said the company as one part-time worker beides herself. She replaces Michael Willet, regional president for BB&T Corp., a Winston-Salem-based company that is among the nation's 20 largest banks.

Oglesby said her company may be the smallest in the chamber's history to be home to the head of its board.

Rotating the job "keeps the dialogue open" between people

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Florence Scarborough, left, and her husband Steve of BB&T bank, and Sharon Owen of Sisters of Mercy are among the large crowd socializing during the 113th annual meeting of the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce that features an awards dinner at the Grove Park Inn.

CHAMBER: Membership holding steady

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vho work at large businesses and those at small nes, she said.

That interest in small usiness is one of the reasons the chamber's membership has held steady at bout 2,000 during a bad conomy while those of nany other chambers has allen 10 percent or more, Oglesby and Willett said.

People at small businesses "saw the chamber s a way to sort of give lift o their businesses, help et them off the ground," Willett said.

Also Monday, the hamber named:

- Bob Kendrick, owner of Kendrick & Associates, Small Business Leader of the Year in the category of 15 or fewer employees and Michael hore, partner at FLS Energy, Small Business eader of the Year in the ategory of 16 or more employees.
- Celeste Collins, executive director of On-Track Financial Services, ecipient of the Athena Award, given to an advocate of women in business.
- Mark Rosenstein, vinner of the William A.V. Cecil Leadership Award, given to a leader in the tourism industry. Rosenstein is the former owner of the Marketplace Restaurant.
- Pat Smith, retired executive director of the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, recipient of the Asheville Savings Bank Excellence in Public Service Award.
- Former state Rep. Wilma Sherrill recipient of the Mission Hospitals Good Health-Good Business Award for her efforts to raise funds for the N.C. Center for Health and Wellness at UNC Asheville.
- Pat Fugate Hock of Progress Energy and co-chair of the chamber's fundraising campaign the chamber's Volunteer of the Year.

Also recognized was Rick Lutovsky, who is retiring in September at the end of 10 years as chamber president and chief executive officer.

Before the meeting, Willett praised Lutovsky's work on several public policy issues and, with others, to get the chamber's new building on Merrimon Avenue constructed.

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Alice Oglesby is the news head of the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce board.

Ashe. Citizen **Sept. 29, 1912**

Store of Henry J. Olive

HENRY J. OLIVE.

General Merchandise.

The evolution of the general merchandise store of the town, to the modern department store of the city, is a most natural one, and nowhere has this been better illustrated than in the history of the establishment of Henry J. Olive, located in the western part of the city just at the entrance to Smith's bridge on the French Broad river.

Fourteen years ago Mr. Olive began business on a modest scale, dealing in general merchandise and country produce, but he has long since outgrown the country store period of his career, and now occupies three buildings in a group. The largest of these is 50x80 feet, is of modern construction and contains 4,000 feet of well lighted and ventilated floor space, stocked with as choice a selection of groceries, hardware, dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, shoes, millinery, ladies' ready-made wear, notions and everything kept in a high-grade department store. The other buildings, 25x40 and 25x60, are used for the most part for reserve stock and the heavier articles handled, such as hay, grain, seeds, feed and hardware. Mr. Olive also has a branch store in West Asheville, near the terminus of the street railway line and this venture has been most successful, having as its patrons the most discriminating housewives of that growing suburb. It is his intention, next year, to open a line of improved agricultural implements, for which he has a constant demand. Mr. Olive is not of that class of merchants who sit idly by waiting for customers to come to him, but is a hustler and is constantly on the go. Although a large part of his trade comes from the farmers, his place being particularly convenient for them, he has also built up a large city business, the entire community being covered by a most excellent delivery system, to which an automobile has recently been added. Being in the suburbs, where rents and other expenses are comparatively low, he is able to sell at most reasonable prices and people are beginning to grasp this fac, to their advantage. It is not the fine store, but the prices that attract in these days of expensive living. Mr. Olive is a native of Wake county, but has lived in Asheville for the past 20 years and has been actively identified with the growth of the city, fully keeping pace with it in his own enterprize.

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(Smith's Bridge.)

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Aug. 7 948 Subscriptions $33,000.00
For a New Mission Hospital

WATCH IT GROW

The New Mission Hospital Acknowledges the Following Subscriptions received through Aug. 6th of $10.00 and over and all received Aug. 7th above $5.00. Watch the list grow. Have You Subscribed Yet?

Mrs. Howard M. Baker	$ 1,000.00
Mar. D. C. Waddell	1,000.00
Mrs. Tench Coxe	1,000.00
Mr. Brewster Chapman	1,000.00
Guy Weaver	10.00
J. M. Roberts	15.00
J. A. Sinclair	25.00
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Mrs. J. E. Woodcock	100.00
W. Vance Brown	200.00
Mrs. T. Settle	200.00
Miss G. Belknap	200.00
Mrs. J. J. Brown	200.00
Miss E. Johnston	250.00
S. Lipinsky	250.00
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Henry	500.00
Miss Fanny Patton	500.00
Dr. H. H. Briggs	500.00
C. N. Maxwell	10.00
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J. A. Perry	25.00
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Kate Smith	10.00
Mrs. Robert Johnston	50.00
Mrs. J. A. Baker	25.00
R. W. Hammerslough	10.00
Inland Press	50.00
L. L. Alexander	20.00
Jos C. Bradford	10.00
J. C. Wilbar	10.00
A. R. Johnson & Co	10.00
Mrs. H. J. Cartwright	12.00
Harriet Cushman Wilkie	20.00
Ralph B. Arbogast	10.00
Mrs. C. A. Raysor	10.00
L. M. McCormick	50.00
Allen C. McDonald	10.00
Training School, Mission Hospital	44.00
Ike Swartzberg	15.00
L. H. Pollock	10.00
A. H. Katz	10.00
Nichols Shoe Co.	100.00
L. Blomberg	50.00
M. L. Rock	10.00
Bennie Argantar	10.00
A. B. Hare	10.00
V. Fleishman	10.00
H. L. Finkelstein	50.00
J. M. Lorick	10.00
Harry L. Parker	12.00
Jno. H. Powell	100.00
M. R. Campbell	25.00
A. H. Malone	10.00
K. R. Millard	25.00
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S. J. Woodcock	100.00
J. C. Pritchard	50.00
Mrs. J. C. Pritchard	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rollins	25.00
Julius C. Martin	25.00
M. Lipinsky	20.00
Mrs. H. A. Gudger	15.00
J. E. Bradford	10.00
Lillie B. Lance	15.00
Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Ray	50.00
A. & E. T. R. R. Co.	100.00
Bell	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Camp-A. Samuels	20.00
Hugh C. Brown	25.00
A. Blomberg	25.00
Alpha Ira Ruby	10.00
C. R. Fogus	25.00
S. Sternberg & Co.	150.00
Fortune & Roberts	20.00
J. M. Westall	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Honess	25.00
O. G. Shackleton	10.00
Mrs. A. D. Sproat	10.00
S. O. Bradley	20.00
Vonno L. Gudger	10.00
L. B. McBrayer	100.00
R. W. Betts	10.00
H. L. Nettles	10.00
S. J. East	10.00
Sam J. Phillipson	25.00
A. W. Calloway	25.00
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L. A. Merrimon	75.00
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Asheville Citizen SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2002

Community remembers a quiet historical figure

Visiting our past

After death, people are long remembered — as responses to the story about Dr. P.B. Orr, printed here two weeks ago, have shown.

Rob Neufeld

Whereas certain individuals affect history in ways that make the textbooks, others permeate the future with lives led meaningfully if not famously.

Dr. Porter Bynum Orr of West Asheville delivered 6,000 babies in 46 years, starting in 1901.

He also removed people's goiters with a high-voltage, low-current device; administered his own anesthesia for tonsillitis patients; and made regular house calls to sufferers of chronic and terminal conditions.

Nita Neal Jenkins recalls the awe with which she had viewed Dr. Orr's residence at 574 Haywood Road in 1914.

"Father and I walked to the end of the (street)car line to get some hardware," she relates. "There was an iron gate in front of the house, which looked very large. There was a dog in the yard that attracted me because I love animals. I went up to the gate and stared in for a long time until my father led me away."

The 13-room brick house (the Orrs later enlarged it; now it accommodates Rainbow Mountain School) was unusual in both its size and its location on the new main drag.

Inside, it contained many fine furnishings, as Jenkins noted, having befriended Orr's daughter, Sarah, at Aycock School. It also embraced a household that came under Dr. Orr's protectiveness and his wife Nancy's liberality.

Porter Bynum Orr Jr., six years Sarah's junior, recalls being served his mother's biscuits in the breakfast nook. "The soft insides made excellent missiles when wadded into hard balls. ... Even our daddy entered into a battle occasionally."

Generally, papa Orr, when not on call, was engaged in more serious activities, particularly raising livestock and cultivating plants.

"My father was born only seven years after the War of Northern Aggression," P.B. Jr. writes in a memoir. "His dad died when my dad was only nine years old. ... Dad learned how to survive. He wanted to produce as much of what his family ate as he possibly could."

Despite the rambunctious disorder around his hearth, Dr. Orr lent a great deal of order to his world: bringing unimpeachable trustworthiness to his intimate profession; maintaining livestock in an urbanizing community (Joe Creasman's Haywood Road cow-pasturing has become legendary); keeping his first son, Bynum, out of the military, despite his son's wishes; and wearing a homegrown rose in his lapel every day.

As with the secure-in-their-standing upper class, Dr. Orr's family values did not include a strict adherence to social conventions.

Nita Jenkins recalls Nancy Orr wrapping Sarah in bulgy bandages for a Halloween mummy costume and then exclaiming, "You look pregnant!"

Dr. Orr let his spitz dog lie all over him, shedding white hair on his suit, while the family stood ready to grab a brush and whisk him clean if emergency called.

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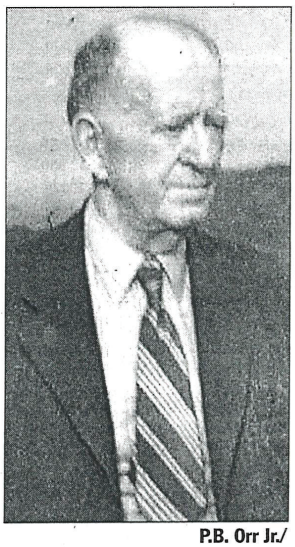


P.B. Orr Jr./
SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Dr. P.B. Orr of West Asheville, shown here in a photo taken toward the end of his life.

Asheville Citizen SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2002

West Asheville beech tree has presided over area's growth

Visiting our past

In urban West Asheville's early days, having a baby usually meant sending for Dr. P.B. Orr, who would jump in his buggy, driven by his man, Joe Christian, and make house calls, day and night. As he and his town prospered, Orr built a residence at 574 Haywood Road, one of the first that far north on that street. He built it himself.

Rob Neufeld

Dr. Orr made the interior bricks of his new structure (now Rainbow Mountain School) from clay scooped from the banks of Smith Mill Creek at his first West Asheville residence on Louisiana Avenue. He also constructed a greenhouse (no longer standing), entered from the basement, and planted his acreage, which had extended from Haywood Road to State Street.

"There was a big apple orchard," Orr's daughter, Ava Orr Keener, said in a 1991 interview, "and we had a vineyard and cherry trees and all the fruits that grew in this area, and then a vegetable garden, too." Orr's cows, kept in an adjacent barn, had been pastured on his creekside property on Louisiana Avenue, and Joe Christian's leading of the cows there had been a Pied Piper affair in the 1920s, as neighborhood children tagged along.

Although the Orr house has undergone changes, it has survived better than most historic structures. Still, Keener was pained by the loss of a heritage established by parents she'd worshipped. "I don't look in that direction too much," she noted regarding the house.

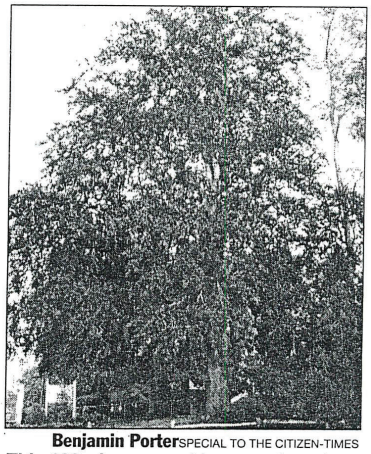
The being that continues to look over the house — and that had witnessed its genesis — is a giant copper beech tree, which has now gained the distinction of "Treasured Tree" status from Quality Forward. The beech tree has outlived its contemporaries on Haywood Road — the Balm of Gilead trees that had given the Trinity United Methodist Church across the way its 1871 name (Balm Grove); and the legendary hanging tree on Dorchester Avenue.

Orr's beech has witnessed the city's electric streetcars coming as far as Brevard Road and their dismantling in 1937. It has witnessed trips to the A&P for staples such as flour and sugar when most food had been home-grown and trips to Ingles, after large gardens had become things of the past. It has witnessed the Great Depression, when Dr. Orr didn't even bother billing patients who couldn't afford to pay.

For many years, although Orr had an office in the Drhumor Building downtown, he also had one in his home. His home was his castle. He always was there for meals, he loved and closely supervised his children, he devoted large amounts of time to his gardens, and he read. He read mostly the Bible and Bible commentaries, Keener said, and, as time went on, grew more and more wary of influences outside his well-ordered, flourishing and caring domain.

Calendar features trees

Quality Forward's calendar of treasured trees, photographed by Benjamin Porter, includes the copper beech at Rainbow Mountain School. The calendar is available at Quality Forward, 29 Page Ave., Asheville, and at other locations. There will be a sale of the calendar and of photo prints at Barnes & Noble, from 3 to 5 p.m., Sat., Dec. 7. Also on hand is a T-shirt, produced by West Asheville Library, that sports a map of treasured tree locations. Call 254-1776 for more information.



Benjamin Porter SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

This 100-plus-year-old copper beech tree in on the site of Rainbow Mountain School, formerly Dr. P.B. Orr's residence.

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Asheville Citizen
June 7, 1947

DR. P. B. ORR

DEATH CLAIMS DR. P. B. ORR IN HOSPITAL HERE

Funeral For Prominent Physician Will Be Held Tomorrow

Dr. Porter Bynum Orr, about 75, of 574 Haywood road, West Asheville, prominent Asheville physician, died at noon yesterday in a local hospital following an illness of three months. He suffered a cerebral thrombosis about three months ago.

Dr. Orr, who spent his life in service for others, both professionally and personally, had not taken a vacation in 40 years. He was a member of Calvary Baptist church and was devoted to the church and to his family and home.

His love for flowers had given him his main outlet from work and his rose garden is considered one of the finest gardens in this section.

Practiced Here 47 Years

Dr. Orr was born on the Biltmore estate, the son of the late John P. and Sarah Jarrett Orr, both of whom were members of prominent Western North Carolina families. He graduated from Bingham Military academy, Louisville Medical college, Louisville, Ky., and from Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia. He had practiced his profession here for 47 years.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Nancy Emmaline Clarke, of Asheville, whom Dr. Orr married in 1902; three sons, Bynum DeCosta Orr, of Asheville, P. B. Orr, Jr., of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Clarke Putnam Orr, of Abelene, Tex.; two daughters, Miss Sarah Orr, of New York city, and Mrs. Frank H. Keener, of Asheville; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Britt and Mrs. E. C. Jarrett, both of Asheville, and a niece, Mrs. Allen Riddick, of Asheville.

Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held in Calvary Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. T. A. Groce, the Rev. J. B. Grice, the Rev. Julian A. Bandy, and the Rev. Colonel D. Bessinger officiating. Interment will be in Jarrett private cemetery, the older portion of Green Hills cemetery.

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DR. P. B. ORR DIES; HAD PRACTICED 47 YEARS IN THIS AREA

Ash. Times 6/7/42

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A member of Calvary Baptist church, he was devoted to church, family, and home and his rose garden which is considered one of the finest in this area. It was through his love for flowers that he found his chief relaxation from the duties of professional life.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C. 3
Saturday, July 27, 1963

Osborne, Former Publisher, Printing Firm Owner, Dies

Samuel Brooks Osborne, 83, of 228 Montford Ave., owner and operator of the Osborne Printing Co. until his retirement 12 years ago, died in his home at 3 p. m. Friday after a long illness.

A native of Brevard, he was a son of the late W. K. and Mary Thomas Osborne. He was a former publisher of The Brevard News, which later became The Transylvania Times.

Mr. Osborne came to Asheville in 1926 and founded The West Asheville News, now known as The Asheville News. At one time Mr. Osborne also operated a newspaper in Andrews.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ella Monroe Osborne of the home, two sons, Cameron B. and Keith, both of Asheville; a daughter, Mrs. H. Guy Hensley of Asheville; a brother, Dr. V. W. Osborne of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. J. K. Mills of Brevard, and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in Morris-Hendon-Black Funeral Home chapel, with the Rev. C. A. Zabriskie officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hills Cemetery.

C. B. OSBORNE

Drs. Ed J. Evans, J. E Owens and B. L. Frink

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Dr. Ed Evans has a record of dental work giving good service for 22 years, 12 years of this time in Asheville.

Dr. J. E. Owen, successfully operated a 7-chair office for several years in Montana.

Dr. B. L. Frink also has had 9 years valuable experience in North Carolina and was formerly with Dr. Ed J. Evans, in Asheville.

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"GOOD TEETH MEANS GOOD HEALTH"

Asheville Citizen March 29, 1925

URGE ACTION ON AIR FIELD PLAN

Asheville Aviators Fly From Spartanburg, S. C. To This City

Dr. J. E. Owen and Donald R. Johnston, Asheville aviators, who flew from Greenville, S. C., to the Dillingham fied in the Haw Creek section yesterday morning in 40 minutes, said that if Asheville delays too long in the establishment of an airplane landing field it will likely be left off the airways map being prepared by the government.

Dr. Owen and Mr. Johnston said that at the opening of the Spartanburg flying field more than 15,000 persons were present. The aviators urged that the field be established here at once as a matter of policy in obtaining national publicity. They are flying a Waco commercial plane and have organized a new company known as the Johnston-Owen Airplane company, they said.

Asheville Times October 2, 1927

Daring Plane 'Theft' Charged To Asheville Pilot

WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR DR. OWENS AT RALEIGH

Sheriff Seeks Local Man And Two Others For Larceny

TRIO RISKS DEATH LEAVING AIRPORT

Claim Craft Attached; Indictments Will Be Sought In Case

RALEIGH, Nov. 2. (AP) Three airmen who dared death in taking off with a cold motor from a dark field early this morning in a plane technically stolen from the Sheriff of Wake County, tonight were the objects of search by county authorities who held warrants against them charging larceny of property under attachment. It was said at the courthouse that indictments would be sent to the grand jury Monday charging them with assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon, and that they would be held in contempt of court if they were returned.

The three men, who staged the first airplane "robbery" in the history of flying here, were named in the warrants as:

Dr. J. E. Owens, Asheville, assistant chief pilot of the Eastern Air Express' J. R. Waren, Patterson, N. J., expert employed by the Wright Aero Corporation, and Echford Hodgson, mechanic of the Air Express Line.

Dr. J. E. Owens, who practiced dentistry in Asheville for some time and is very popular here as an aviator, is well known all over the south for his expert handling of airplanes. He owned an Eaglerock plane and kept it here on the Fletcher landing field for some time and was one of the first instructors of aviation in this section of the country, some time before Asheville considered seriously the construction of an airport.

After becoming proficient in both straight and stunt flying and having acquired more than a local reputation as a pilot, Dr Owens left Asheville and "barnstormed" about the country with various air circus aggregations. He was with the Mabel Cody Flying Circus for some time, taking part in the air carnival here a year ago at the Fletcher field, now the Asheville-Hendersonville airport.

Dr. Owens has many friends in this vicinity who believe that there must be some mistake in the dispatch received relative to the story of today. Dr. Owens was a conspicuous participant in the air derby at Miami, Fla., last spring and was one of the winners in the stunt events.

Asheville Citizen November 3, 1929

THE WEATHER
NORTH CAROLINA: Probably rain and colder Monday; Tuesday fair.

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Asheville Citizen November 4, 1929

GUN USED TO GET SHIP IN RALEIGH FOR HOP, CHARGE

Three Are Held For Wake County As Fugitives

SHERIFF ON WAY WITH WARRANTS

Owen Says Found Note But Could Get No Explanation

(Special To The Citizen)

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—The City of Savannah, a Bellanca monoplane of the Eastern Air Express, which Sheriff N. F. Turner, of Raleigh, N. C., declared was taken from the Raleigh airport by force and at the point of a gun on Saturday, was landed at Holmes Airport, near Jackson Heights, Queens, at six o'clock today. About noon Detective Edmund Bowers, of the Astoria precinct police station, walked into the Holmes airport operations office and arrested three men on the telegraphed instructions of the Raleigh sheriff and they were locked up in the Queens County jail tonight charged with being fugitives from justice in North Carolina.

The three men, who accompanied Detective Bowers without protest, are Dr. J. E. Owens, pilot of the City of Savannah; Eckford Hodgson, co-pilot and mechanic, and John Warren of 43 Walnut Street, Belleville, N. J., who was a passenger on the plane.

The telegraphed instructions on which the three men were arrested alleged that the sheriff charged them with grand larceny, assault with deadly weapons and resisting an officer.

GO TO GET TRIO

RALEIGH, Nov. 3. (AP)—Sheriff Numa F. Turner and Deputy Sheriff Oliver Smith left Raleigh tonight for New York armed with requisition papers calling for the return to Raleigh of Dr. J. E. Owens, assistant chief pilot of the Eastern Air Express and two others to face charges of larceny of an airplane and assault with a deadly weapon.

Dr. Owen's Story

Owens said that he knew nothing about the charges, that he had merely flown the plane north in accordance with instructions from the air express company which has its terminal and headquarters at Holmes Airport.

He said that he started the trip north from Camden, S. C., on Friday, that he put the plane up at the Raleigh airport for the night on Friday and that the following morning when he arrived at the airport to resume the flight he found a note on yellow paper stuck in the plane. The note, which bore a two-cent stamp, said "Do not touch, by order of the sheriff's office." He said he asked an airport attendant about the note and not being able to get any satisfactory explanation, took off the note and flew away.

A representative of the Air Express company at Holmes Airport today said that they had been waiting for more than a week for the start of repossession proceedings on the plane by the U. S. Acceptance Corporation. He said that his company knew nothing of the sheriff's actions and that at the end of the week it was decided to move the City of Savannah north.

Although Warren was only a passenger, he was arrested, the police said, because the sheriff alleged he became an accessory when he helped start the plane. The three men, who will be arraigned this morning, insisted that they would fight extradition.

DARING TAKEOFF

(Special To The Citizen)

RALEIGH, Nov. 3. (AP)—Three men, a monoplane and a gun figured in one of the strangest narratives ever originating from a flying field, as told by Elton Lee, night watchman at the Raleigh airport.

Lee said three men came to the hangar about 2 o'clock Saturday morning and engaged him in conversation. He said they looked over the plane, "City of Savannah," and loitered about for about an hour. Suddenly, he said, one of the men drew a gun and poked it in his ribs, commanding him to keep quiet. The men rigged up a makeshift spark-plug to replace one removed from the engine's motor, started the motor and taxied out on the field, taking off immediately in the face of possible disaster from darkness and a "cold" motor.

The men in the story are Dr. J. E. Owen, former Asheville dentist and now assistant chief pilot of the Eastern Air Express; J. R. Warren, of Paterson, N. J., expert employed by the Wright Aeronautical corporation, and Echford Hodgson, Eastern Air Express mechanic. All were under arrest in New York tonight as fugitives from Justice in North Carolina.

The story has to do with the alleged "theft" Saturday of a monoplane, "City of Savannah," owned by the Eastern Air Express and under attachment by the United States Acceptance Corporation, which claimed a balance due on the purchase. The Eastern Air Express operated two other planes, "City of Raleigh" and "City of Columbia," which also were under attachment.

The "City of Savannah" was flown here Friday from Camden, S. C., by Dr. Owens. It was closely followed by "The City of Raleigh," in charge of David Betchel, of Philadelphia, reprentative of the United States Acceptance Corporation, who claimed a balance due on the three Bellanca monoplanes used by the Eastern Air Express in launching the line.

According to Mr Betchel, the planes had been ordered grounded in Camden and had been there three days when Owens gave him the slip Friday and took off in "The City of Savannah." He said he immediately followed him in "The City of Raleigh" landing at Curtiss Field airport here a few minutes after the first ship.

The ships were hangared at the airport and the two factions went to a local hotel. The credit representative claimed that there were papers for the seizure of the planes, two of which were bought on terms and another paid for. He explained he was after the paid-for plane too, in order to balance depreciation of the other two.

Dr. Owens said that the air line was willing to pay for the ships but that they had been represented as new when bought, whereas actually they had been flown for a good many hours.

Mr. Bechtel retained Clyde A. Douglass, local attorney and late Friday night took out attachment papers on both planes, Sheriff Turner posting them on the ships and deputizing Elton Lee, night watchman at the field to guard them.

About 2 o'clock in the morning, Lee said, three men appeared and engaged him in conversation. They looked over the plane, loitering for nearly an hour, the watchman said. Then one of their number put a gun in his ribs and told him to keep quiet.

Lee kept quiet.

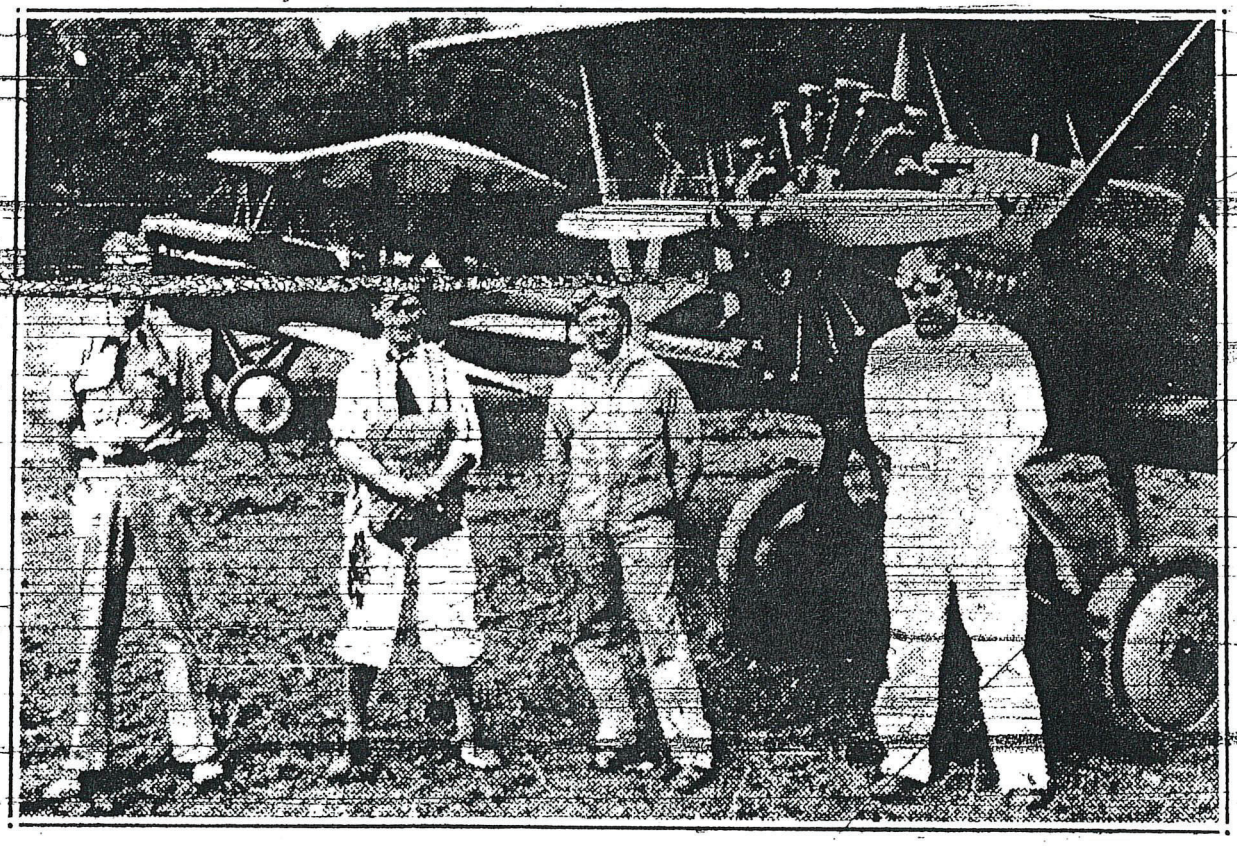
The men took over the plane, from which a spark plug had been removed by the sheriff's men, and lacking another plug of the right size, rigged a makeshift plug for the hole. They taxied onto the field and roared off into the night.

Saturday morning the warrants were issued for the three men when it was ascertained at the hotel that they were missing, and Mr. Bechtel and his attorney appeared at the county jail and the attachment proceedings on the "City of Raleigh" vacated so that it might be moved North.

Shortly afterward it took the air under the control of a credit corporation pilot.

It is reported that indictments charging the three airmen with assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon and contempt of court would be handed the Wake county grand jury when it convenes tomorrow. Wake county officers already held warrants charging the men with larceny of property under attachment.

Here For Carrier Field Opening



Here are two ships and three airmen who took part yesterday in the first day's flying of an extensive program, opening Carrier Field in West Asheville as a municipal airport. From left to right is E. B. Smith, the owner of one of the visiting planes; Bonnie Rowe, noted parachute jumper and stunt flyer; Dr. J. E. Owen, of Asheville; and George Keightly, member of the famous "Early Birds," who is one of the oldest pilots in experience in the country. The program at the field will continue today and tomorrow. —Staff Photo by Michael.

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Carrier Field Is Opened As Municipal Flying Port

Rowe, Parachute Star On Program With Pilots For Today, Monday

Carrier field on the French Broad river in West Asheville, proposed as a municipal airport for Asheville, was opened yesterday when a squadron of several planes took to the air from the port, carrying passengers and visitors on flights over the city.

Heading the list of pilots who arrived at the field yesterday were George Keightly, member of the famous "Early Birds" and one of the oldest pilots in the country, and Dr. J. E. Owen, of Asheville. Keightly flew a Wright whirlwind motor plane, while Owens piloted a J-A5 ship with a Hispano-Suiza motor.

Throughout the day crowds gathered to watch the opening flights, and a large number of automobiles were driven to the field which is within ten minutes' drive from Pack Square, going via Clingman avenue across the West Asheville bridge, out Haywood road to State street, and down State street to the field. Another route is to follow Riverview drive from Haywood road.

An exensive program of stunt and passenger flying parachute jumping and wingwalking demonstrations has been arranged for today and tomorrow, Labor Day. Pilots Owen and Keightly will remain to fly ships and several other planes will be on the field both days. Plenty of parking space has been arranged and the field will be open from in the morning until in the late afternoon.

Bonnie Rowe Is Here

As a special attraction, Bonnie Rowe, famous parachute jumper and stunt flyer who holds the All American spot parachute championship, will be at the field today and tomorrow to give several demonstrations in the air. His program will include a number of high altitude parachute leaps.

Rowe, who has performed in almost every state in the Union, and frequently has made as many as nine parachute jumps in a single week, has been in Asheville several days. He is 32 years old and made his first trip 14 years ago when he leaped 5,000 feet from a balloon over Corinth, Mississippi. Since then he has gained a wide reputation as an expert air performer and has traveled widely in this country while giving demonstrations. He won the first prize at the Cleveland air races in July, 1929, for the delayed parachute jump, the most dangerous feat yet devised for air performers.

The metaphorical expression "he dropped in," describes very well the visits Rowe makes to the home of his father and mother in Buford, Ga. Occasionally an airplane will soar high over the Georgia countryside and a man leaps out. The plane continues on to Atlanta as the white folds of a parachute unfold to take the air. Safe on the ground, the jumper folds his parachute and turns toward Gainesville.

The neighbors and friends of the Rowe family know then that a famous son has returned home to visit his father and mother.

Rowe is a friendly, modest chap of slight physique, with more records to his credit than he has inches to his heighth, and is devoted to his professional career, if risking his neck and swapping grins with the Grim Reaper can be called a profession.

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ASHEVILLE PILOT WINS IN FLORIDA AIR COMPETITION

Flying an International plane powered with a 150 h. p. Hispano-Suesa motor, Dr. J. E. Owen, Asheville dentist and civilian pilot won a silver cup as first prize award in a dead-stick landing contest held in connection with the recent Miami, Florida air meet, it was announced yesterday. Dr. Owen, who has returned to Asheville to resume offices over Scrugg's Drug store, Pack Square, came to the city from Anderson, S. C., after returning the winning plane to its owner, Tony Drake, of Anderson.

Dr. Owen with other pilots toured the state of Florida by air, winning several other prizes after the Miami All American meet closed. In Tampa he won second prize in a relay race against a speedier plane than his borrowed International, and also won first place in a bombing event. In Orlando, the Asheville pilot won fifth place in a dead-stick landing meet.

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Here For Carrier Field Opening

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Left to right: E.B. Smith, Bonnie Rowe, J.E. Owen, George Keightly

DR. OWEN FORCED OUT OF AIR RACE IN CALIFORNIA

Dr J. E Owen, Asheville dentist-aviator, who was forced out of the Santa Monica-Cleveland handicap air derby by motor trouble on Sunday, announced last night he might enter the speed race to Cleveland next week, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Calexico, Cal.

Dr Owen left Calexico yesterday for Santa Monica where he expects a new motor shipped to him from Detroit.

Dr Owen and Luther Johnson left Asheville about two weeks ago to take part in the races and later in the derby at Cleveland. Johnson is flying a plane owned by Robert Turner, of Asheville

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Dr. Owen Announces His Candidacy For Congress

Will Run On 'Popular Representation Platform'

Dr. J. E. Owen, Asheville dentist and aviator, yesterday announced his candidacy for congress on a "Popular Representation Platform." Congressman Zebulon Weaver represents this district and it is assumed that he will be a candidate again at the Democratic primary on June 4, 1934.

In explaining his "Popular Representation Platform," Dr. Owen said: "Up to now, the people have listened to the voices of silver-tongued politicians. This time, the candidate will listen to the voice of the people. Their problems and my problems are alike. We have lived together our entire lives. They know me and I know them. As their representative and knowing their wants, for their wants are my wants, my representation of their wants becomes comprehensive representation. Beginning with this thought, I have enlarged upon the theme of 'Popular Representation' and offer to the people of this district the opportunity for the first time in their lives to take part in building our political platform.

"Each and every person in this district who believes that political bosses and gang tactics in politics should give way to my definition of 'Popular Representation' is hereby urgently requested to send me their views on what type of platform is the right platform. When I have received the intelligent composite thought of this district, I shall have a platform that can rightly be called 'Popular Representation.' No other platform will ever defeat it."

In announcing his candidacy, Dr. Owen said that he also announces himself free and independent from all political rings; all traditional politics; all entangling alliances; and does not come to the people with a cut and dried program handed him by political bosses.

Dr. Owen has been closely affiliated with politics of the state for several years, especially in this district. He has been a strong and active supporter of Senator Robert R. Reynolds for years and assisted Senator Reynolds in his campaign against Senator Cameron Morrison, as well as in his former political efforts, one against Senator Overman in 1926.

Dr. Owen said that he will have more to say about his plans as soon as he has received what he considers the cross-section opinions of the congressional district.

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THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By TOM CUSHING

DR. JAMES EDWARD OWEN

"Dock" Owen has grown up.

Not only that, but he has hit the jack-pot. Quite definitely.

Who is this native Ashevillian, now matured emotionally and just about ready to show the home folks he is a mechanical genius? If you know him personally, then he simply is "Dock" Owen to you (though I heartily dislike calling any honest-to-goodness doctor by the nickname "Dock").

If you do not know Dr. James Edward Owen well enough to call him by his first name, and if you are one who listens to the gossips who are invariably wrong, you are apt to have this fine man catalogued as "that dizzy Dock Owen"; or "that flying fool"; or more erroneously than any other general impression of the man, you may have heard of Dr. Owen as one who looks too frequently on the wine when it is red, or something. Having hunted and knocked around with him extensively for more than ten years, I know he does not drink a drop of any alcoholic beverage, and has no vicious habits—unless being able to intelligently talk your arm off on almost any subject is a vicious habit.

As to Dr. Owen being a "flying fool", I might trail along with the general impression. That is, if such distinction means a pilot can do more tricks with an airplane than a monkey can do on a thousand yards of grapevine. A war-time pilot myself, I can safely say Dr. Owen can get more out of less airplane than any other flier I ever knew. I would not fly the length of Ben Sanford's belt with him myself, but that's because I'm an old fraidy-cat rather than a slight on Dr. Owen's flying ability. In a contest of aerial stunting against a hawk, I'd bet on the Doctor every time. That he won the national championship for accuracy landing to a mark at the All American Air Races in Miami, in 1928, should tell you if Dock Owen can steer a plane or not.

Locally, Dr. J. E. Owen is best known as a dentist who practices his profession between periods of flying one of the two or three planes he usually has in a hangar (or sitting out in the open field) at his home on the Sweeten Creek road. Actually, he is considered by other dentists to be a superior operator in his profession, and is still listed as the youngest man to ever graduate from Atlanta Dental college, where he took his DDS degree in 1916.

Just 20 years before that date, January 31, 1896, to be exact, James Edward Owen was born on Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, just across the street from the new Coca Cola bottling plant. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Owen. A division manager for the American tobacco company, the senior Owen was remembered in the will of the late sponsor of Duke U., Mr. J. B. Duke, who called Dr. Owen's father the best tobacco salesman he ever had.

James E. Owen attended public schools in Asheville, but left senior high to attend Mars Hill college and, on graduation, took up the study of dentistry. In 1916, still more a boy than a doctor, young Owen and the very pretty Grace Gibbs, daughter of Robert Gibbs, well-known Mars Hill merchant, were married. The bride and groom left immediately for Billings, Montana, and Dr. Owen began his practice there.

I could and really should write a full-length story about the children of Dr. and Mrs. Owen. Margaret, the first child, is now Mrs. Wm. Nichols. Her husband is a flying instructor at Bennettsville, S. C., and Mrs. Nichols is civilian personnel officer at Moore hospital. The Nichols live at Grovemont.

First Lt. John Owen was born in Montana 24 years ago. He inherited all his father's love of flying and early in World War II went into service, to become both a pilot and a bombardier. You may recall when another Asheville boy, Lt. George Smith, son of our American Legion commander, Capt. Robert Lee Smith, gave his life as a pilot in the Army and was brought back home for burial. His friend and flying classmate, Lt. John Owen, was one of the seven pilots who came as young Smith's honor guard. So far as I am able to learn Dr. Owen's son is the only survivor of the seven. Adding to the glory piled on glory by Buncombe boys in war service, young Lt. Johnny Owen, bombardier, sank the third Japanese cruiser ever destroyed by high altitude bombing. That was in the conclusive Battle of the Bismark Sea. After five years service, Lt. Owen is once more a civilian, studying for his AB degree at the U. of N. C.

In 1924 Dr. J. E. Owen brought his family home to western North Carolina. He has practiced dentistry here ever since. With certain adventures into the blue sky to add space to a prosaic profession. Out in Montana he had learned to fly right after World War I. On coming back home he flew with N. E. Storms at Dillingham field in Haw Creek, and when time permitted, this "Farmer Flyer" as he is known to professional air men, barn-stormed all over the south with flying circuses, notably the Gates-Day outfit.

In 1927 (or "After Lindbergh", as Dr. Owen puts it) flying became very popular. Owen, leaving his dental office in the care of an able assistant, took the position as head test pilot for New Standard Aircraft Co., and the famous "Tony" Fokker aircraft plant, Teeterboro, N. Y. Later he flew as chief pilot for Eastern

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Air Express, now Eastern Airlines, and covered the longest division in the U. S. at that time: New York to Camden to Miami.

Then came the stock market crash of 15 years ago. Dr. Owen, financially embarrassed along with many of our very best people, resumed his dental practice here. When he could he flew as exhibition pilot at National and other air races. It was our own flying toof' den'ist who originated the aptly-named "crazy acrobatics" of air shows in those days; crazy acrobatics being stunt flying at low altitudes and at stalling speeds. You know—like picking a handkerchief off the ground with a wing-tip. Br-r-r-!

There followed a period during which his routine work failed to provide exercise enough for Dr. J. E. Owen's extremely versatile mind. He started building auto trailers, prompted by experiments in box spar construction used in airplane wings. Dr. Owen soon joined with Clinton Wood, brother of the motorboat genius, Garr Wood, who invented the dump body now universally used in unloading trucks. Going through the Gar Wood factories in Detroit, Clinton Wood told his partner, Owen, "This hundred-million dollar plant was built on one simple little idea: the dump-bed unloading principle of trucks."

Dock Owen asked, "Well, why don't you **load** as well as unload —mechanically?"

"We've spent millions trying to find a practical loader idea. All we have for our pains is a Rube Goldberg type of invention . . . don't make me laugh!"

Dr. Owen's "loader" idea did not make HIM laugh; it kept him awake at night. You see, Dr. J. E. Owen is a man who believes everything is possible to him who thinks and works and refuses to quit. Being that kind of fellow himself, the doctor thought and worked and never during a waking moment abandoned his truck-loading idea. "If you can load mechanically, you can unload the same way. . ."

He went to bed, but not to sleep. His thinking went like this: "truck-loader . . . dump body . . . airplane engineering . . . dump-truck bodies . . . you can haul dirt and dump it out. Why can't you load? . . . flying . . . wing flaps down coming in to land . . . you have to get your wheels down . . . retractable landing gear . . . hum-m-m! . . .

Dock Owen bounced out of bed. He went right to work, didn't stop till he'd built a loader out of wood and put it on his car. He called his mother. "What do you think of it, Mom?"

"Why, Son . . . it will work!"

And work it did, and does. The simple principle of a man shovelling coal: stiff-armed at first; then, with arm bending at the elbow, he lifts a full shovel and dumps it over his shoulder. With this idea in mind, Doctor James Edward Owen has invented a loader which promises quite definitely to revolutionize the movement of heavy material. With the help of Joe McNeill, brilliant manufacturer of Marion, N. C., the Owen loader has been put in production: a most efficient machine which can be mounted on almost any standard truck of one-ton or more capacity. This loader will complete the efficiency of movement of materials; for now the same truck with one driver can load, transport, and unload dirt, coal, and like materials. It is likewise an unbelievable time-saver.

Joe McNeill of Marion knows a good thing when he sees it. Dock Owen told Joe about his loader on one Sunday evening. Monday Mr. McNeill brought his chief engineer to see the Doctor's working model. That same day the manufacturer agreed to put the hydraulic loader in production. And Asheville lost what promises to be an amazing industry to our small neighboring town of Marion.

I firmly believe there is more unrecognized genius in Asheville and West Asheville than any place of comparable population on earth. Tom Wolfe and his books; the late Ralph Arbogast whose bombsight never helped win the war because people would not believe he had anything worth while; Norman Hildebrand, than whom there is no more brilliant thinker along engineering lines; Jim Gasque, whom few home folks would credit till he published one of his two greatest books ever written on bass fishing; and there are more besides this. Doctor James E. Owen, whom people thought of as "dizzy" until he made the industrial world sit up and take notice with his truck-loading invention.

Truly, "the prophet is not without honor save in his own country." You might remember that to your own benefit or profit when some future Asheville genius starts to tell you about something you think at first is a crack-pot idea. All I can say is that if Dock Owen's kind of thinking is crack-pot, I wish I were as crazy as a loon and had a little of what Doctor James E. Owen has on the ball!

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FLYING TWINS—When the 15-year-old Batchelder twins—Maydean and Juneedean—first became interested in flying, their brother-in-law, Dr. J. E. Owen, Asheville dentist and flier, took them under his wing to train them in a few do's and don'ts in aviation. Today, after two years, the youngsters, although too young to apply for commercial licenses, are soloing here with the aid of an instructor. Dr. Owen purchased for the twins a new Airocoupe last May as a gift and the girls plan to do some flying on their own hook when age permits them to obtain licenses. Natives of Vermont, the twins have made their home with Dr. and Mrs. Owen on Sweeten Creek road for the past two years.

The Flying Farmer Was Really A Dentist

Dr. J. E. Owen, who was billed as the "Flying Farmer" during the late 20s and early 30s when he toured the country as a barnstorming aviator, has moved his dental office to a specially constructed building adjoining one of his airplane hangars at Owen Field on Amboy road. The airfield, now also equipped for automobile drag races, was formerly known as Carrier Field. In left photo, Doc checks the engine of a small plane under repair at the field. Center picture shows him at the controls of his four-place Piper, and at right a patient in his office gets a dental checkup. Dr. Owen quit the "crazy ship" flying, for which he was famed while aviation was still an art that only "screw balls would monkey with," because he felt that it was setting a dangerous example for young pilots.

—Times Photo by June Glenn Jr.

He still holds the record for dead-stick landings, a stunt that was outlawed when the first controls were written on flying by the Department of Commerce.

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Planes, Pains Keep Him Busy

By JAY HENSLEY

Doc Owen will fill your tooth or teach you to fly an airplane.

Once he patched up his old planes in the back room of his mid-town dental office. Now he practices dentistry in the corner of his airport hanger.

Dr. J. E. Owen is an old-time barnstorming aviator and holder of the All-American dead-stick landing title.

Filling a tooth or a gas tank is all in a day's work for him. He's equally at ease working inside a patient's mouth or tinkering with the innards of an airplane engine.

One of the pioneer fliers of the South, Dr. Owen has attained national recognition in aviation in his some 41 years as a pilot. He once worked as assistant chief pilot for a young airlines company and claims he flew the first commercial airliner from New York to Miami.

Doc has pieced together dozens of wrecked airplanes in his spare time. At 64 he envisions advances in aviation within his lifetime that will eliminate most of the dangers of human error from flying.

Dr. Owen is still a flyer, and he figures that his airport is probably the oldest private flying field in the country. It has been called Carrier Field since the days it was used for horse racing.

Part of his 3,400-foot runway has been black topped recently and is now used on some weekends for automobile drag racing. Near the south end of the runway, close by Amboy road, are his two corrugated metal hangers. A section of one of them is partitioned off and is used as a workshop by himself and other pilots. His dental office is a neat masonry room at one corner of the hanger.

Dr. Owen is a native of Asheville. He was born in 1896 in a house that still stands on Biltmore avenue within a short distance of St. Joseph's Hospital. He played on the 1911 football team at Asheville High School, and later attended Mars Hill College and the old Atlanta Dental College.

His first solo flight took place on a prairie near Laurel, Mont., in 1919. It was in an old war surplus ship, a Flying Jenny with a water-cooled Curtis OX-5, eight-cylinder, V-type engine.

Doc was about 23, as he recalls it, and was practicing dentistry near Billings, Mont., when he heard of the plane and was told that it was for sale. Andy Anderson, Canadian war ace who was one of the pioneer air mail pilots in this country, ran a garage there and offered to fly the Jenny in for Doc.

Airplanes were just a joke to most people in those days, according to Doc, and anyone who would monkey around with such a machine was considered a screwball. He was never one to pay much attention to what others were thinking of him, however. He bought the plane.

"Air ships had been used successfully as war machines, but not much had been done with them as a means of civilian transportation," Dr. Owen recalls. Andy flew the plane and Doc would ride with him on Sunday afternoons. They couldn't get paying passengers for the Jenny, but once in awhile duck hunters would pay them $15 to scare the fowl off the lake.

Andy also had a job checking the power lines for the railroad, Dr. Owen remembers. Doc had never had any formal instruction in flying the plane, but once when his friend took a trip to Butte, Mont., for a week, the dentist was tinkering around with the ship and suddenly he became a pilot.

Doc says he really had no intention of flying that day. Andy was away, though, and he thought he would just crank the Jenny up and listen to the engine.

But with that old OX-5's eight cylinder roaring in his ears, and him sitting there in the cockpit with the wind from the prop

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surging over his face, he soon found himself taxiing down the field, which was just wide open prairie.

And the first thing he knew, he was in the air. After glinding along for a couple of miles he let the ship down on the prairie again, but just long enough to find out if he could land the Jenny as easily as he got it into the air.

Doc kept that up all afternoon and when Andy returned to his garage he found he had an eager pilot on his hands. The stick and throttle were about all there was inside a ship to get acquainted with in those days, Doc says. But on the outside was all the uncertainty of empty space, capricious winds and bailing wire that might or might not hold the ship together.

Dr. Owen returned to Asheville in 1921 or '22. Henry Westall was doing some flying here then, as Doc recalls. Westall had flown a Canadian Jenny into Asheville in 1919 and used the field that is now covered by the waters of Beaver Lake for the first "flying field." It was then called Baird's Bottoms.

Westall became the first commercial pilot in the state shortly after that landing in Baird's Bottoms. N. E. Storms, who was in the tire business on Spruce street along about that time, had also bought a Jenny. They used a hill in Haw Creek, called Dillingham's Hill, for a flying field for a couple of years, Doc recalls.

Dr. Owen's barnstorming career included tours with the New Standard Flying Service in 1927 and the Gates-Day Flying Circus. It was with the flying circus that he first toured the country, and he hauled passengers for $1 a ride when he was with the flying service.

As assistant chief pilot for Eastern Air Express Lines, which was the first passenger airline from New York City to Miami, Fla., he was in charge of flights from Camden, S. C., to Miami, and used a six-place Ballanca single - engine 300-horsepower ship that would cruise at 120 miles per hour.

Dead reckoning and a magnetic compass were the only means of navigation in those days, Doc says, and the trip from New York to Miami often took 14 hours.

Dr. Owen is also an inventor. One of his major mechanical developments, the Owen Loader, is widely used today in construction work and by city maintenance departments.

The Owen Loader, which was put into production shortly after World War II, was originally a scoop attachment that works over the cab of a dump truck, picks up a load of material from the ground in front of the vehicle, and empties it into the bed of the truck.

Doc also worked out a design for one of the first house trailers mass-produced in the South.

It was in 1930 that Dr. Owen won several prizes in aerial events on a tour of the state of Florida, including a large silver cup presented by the Miami Aero Club as first in the All-American dead-stick landing event.

That competition involved raising a ship to 1,000 feet, cutting the engine and drifting in to a certain point on the field. The pilot whose wheel hub came the closest to the marked was judged the winner.

Doc rolled to within four and one-half feet of the mark, and laughingly explains that his record was never broken because the event was outlawed by the Department of Commerce shortly thereafter. The stunt, because of the extreme danger involved, is no longer permitted in aerial competition.

Just after the Miami met, Dr. Owen took part in stunt flying events at the "Queen of the Air" show in Tampa. Doc was known as the "flying farmer" in those days and made comedy flying a major part of his act.

It was shortly after the Department of Commerce was organized that Doc made one of his numerous rebellions against conformity. Prior to 1927 there were no controls on aviation, and pilots could fly upside down with passengers in their planes, loop and stunt or practically anything else they had the nerve for, as Doc recalls it.

A license examiner from Washington called on him, but he refused to apply for a permit to fly. "I argued the Grandfather Clause, because I was flying before the law was passed that demanded that a pilot have a license," he said.

But it wasn't too long before he gave in and took out a transport pilot's permit. His license number is among the first 5,000 issued —No. 5,287 to be exact.

Dr. Owen's home port, now called Owen Airport, was opened as an airport under the name of Carrier Field about 1925. A stunt flying program that included parachute jumping was used to draw a crowd on opening day.

Doc had used the field extensively for many years, however, and had taken thousands on joy rides from its runway. He recalls vividly the first lessons that he gave Fred W. Glover of West Asheville, the Air Force major who became a fighter pilot ace during World War II.

In 1945 Dr. Owen was at Asheville-Hendersonville Airport when Maj. Glover staged a flying exhibition in a P-51 Mustang for 5,000 spectators.

Dr. Owen says that he has never received any serious injury in an airplane accident, although he has made more than 25 forced landings in his lifetime.

"Back in the old days a pilot had to work half a day to get a ship in shape to fly for one hour," he recalls. During those days, about one out of every three landings would be forced, he added.

It was during those days that Doc went to Brevard one weekend and bought a Waco 9, a three-place with an OX-5 surplus engine from a defunct real estate firm.

The pilot had flown the plane into a tree, and Doc bought the wrecked craft and rebuilt it. It was the wing from that plane that he re-worked in the back room of his dental office, which was then located on Pack Square over what was at that time Grant's Drug Store.

When Doc got the wing re-assembled it was too long to bring down the steps and out of the building. He had to remove two windows from the room and lower the airplane wing to the street below through the opening.

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Flying Dentist Dr. J. E. Owen Dies

Dr. J. E. Owen, known as well for his flying and inventing as for his dental practice, died en route to an Asheville hospital at 6:10 p.m. Wednesday after suffering a heart attack.

A - CITIZEN

A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, "Doc" Owen was stricken while cleaning his office at Carrier Field on Amboy Road following last weekend's flooding of that area. He was 68.

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His flying accomplishments were numerous and outstanding.

One of the pioneer fliers of the South, he claimed to have flown the first commercial airliner from New York to Miami for the firm now known as Eastern Air Lines. He served as chief pilot for the same company for some time. In 1960 he was still the holder of the All-American dead-stick landing title, won in the Miami All-American races in 1930. He won several other events in that same contest.

His flying career dates back to 1919 when he soloed near Laurel Mont., in an old war surplus ship. A flyer first and a dentist second, he established what he called the oldest private flying field in the country. It has been called Carrier Field since the days it was used for horse racing.

DR. J. E. OWEN

For many years, before retiring in 1963, he maintained his dental office in the corner of his airport hanger at Carrier Field.

He attended high school at Asheville High School, attended Mars Hill College and graduated from the old Atlanta Dental College, now part of Emory University. He first practiced dentistry in Billings, Mont. and returned to Asheville in 1922. He went into practice with his uncle, Dr. Ed J. Evans.

As an inventor Dr. Owen contributed such items as the Dempster Dump Master in 1937, later well known in military circles as the Dempster Dumpster. He made many improvements on the Dump Master over the years. A device known as the Owen Loader was invented by Dr. Owen in the 1940s and was being manufactured in 1945 at Marion Machine Co. in Marion. The loader was for loading and unloading trucks automatically. He also designed and built the Owen trailer in 1936.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Eva Batchelder Owen; a son, John of Mars Hill; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Gibbs Nichols of Asheville; one brother, Paul E. of Richmond, Va. and one sister, Mrs. Mary L. Bly of Asheville.

Arrangements are under the direction of Berryman-Hall Funeral Home.

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Asheville Natives Pioneered Early Aviation Efforts Her

By LEON SILER

Henry Westall, "Doc" Owen — their names probably would head any roster of flying's Western North Carolina pioneers. Asheville was home to both.

Westall flew for less than 18 months, then quit; Owen flew for 40 years, and wouldn't have quit at all if he could have had his way.

Westall was a "business" flyer and Owen, who was Dr. James E. Owen, dentist, flew for the fun of it. In their contrasting ways they demonstrated happily to young adventurers of their generation that getting places with a pair of wings and an engine was as simple amid high mountains as anywhere else.

Westall was first. In 1917 he had joined the aviation section of the Army Signal Corps, predecessor of the later Army Air Corps and the present Air Force. He was sent Park Field, Memphis, where he learned quickly to look carefully in all directions while aloft. The day he got there, four Park Field aviators had been killed in two separate collisions of Army airplanes.

He moved on to a Fort Worth, Texas, flying field where another Army aviator, the famous dancer Vernon Castle, was killed. He next became an instructor at Brooks Field, San Antonio. Then, the war over, he came home.

Some Chamber of Commerce members got together with Westall one day. Talk of aviation resulted in 30 or 40 businessmen subscribing $3,000 with which Westall would buy a training plane and a collection of parts from the Canadian government and bring it to Asheville.

It was in this plane, labeled "ASHEVILLE" in large letters, that Westall took off June 19, 1919, from Baird's Bottoms.

The impressive name Asheville Aerial Corporation was given to the organization formed to manage this earliest of Asheville air enterprises. An office was opened in the Commerce building.

It cost $15 to take a ride with Westall during the heyday of the AAC's operations. Scott Dillingham was one of the customers; the next year, Dillingham and his friend Worth Lyerly would buy the plane from the AAC for just what Westal: paid for it.

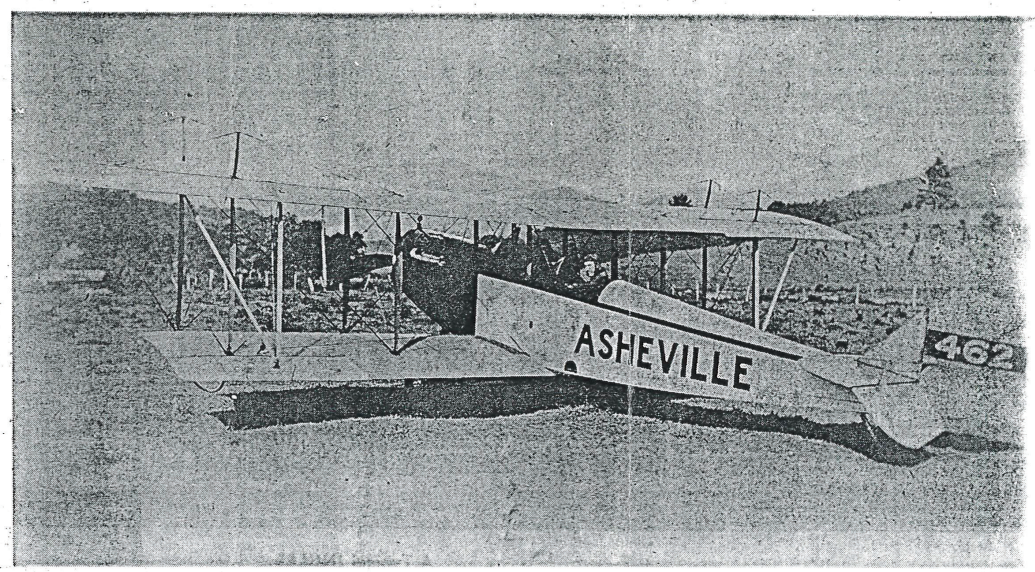
Westall flew to Knoxville to give an exhibition at a fair, and to Morganton to help entertain returning soldiers. Both flights across the mountains were "firsts." In July, still 1919, he flew to Winston-Salem and Fort Bragg, ran into a rainstorm at Concord on the return trip, and got home in August.

His next-to-last flight came the following year. He piloted the "ASHEVILLE" from Rome, Georgia, to Asheville, landed at Baird's Bottoms, got out and kissed the wing, and quit. It was then that Dillingham and Lyerly took the plane over. Two or three years later Westall, thinking of returning to flying, went to Charlotte to "check out" with an instructor. The check flight ended in a crash when some children got in the way as the plane landed, and Westall was badly injured. He never flew a plane again.

"Doc" Owen had been out in Billings, Montana, meantime. He had graduated from Mars Hill College, learned dentistry, and gone to Montana to practice. Somebody took him for a ride in a wartime "Jenny," and for the next 40 years he found it difficult to keep his feet on the ground.

He and his growing family returned to Asheville soon, and thereafter, between dental patients, life for "Doc" was pretty much just one airplane after another. Needing a place to keep the planes, he acquired some acreage along Amboy road in Asheville and created Carrier Field, later to be called Owen Airport.

He turned his dentistry business over to an assistant in 1927, and joined an aircraft company in New Jersey as a test pilot. Then he turned chief pilot for a New York-Miami airline out of which grew the Eastern Airlines of today. There was the 1929 stock market crash, and Dr. Owen returned to dentistry and to a number of inventions such as a mechanical truck loader.



ASHEVILLE'S FIRST AIRPLANE with Henry Westall in the pilot's seat was a common sight in Asheville around 1919 and 1920. Purchased from the Canadian army as war surplus the craft cost $2,000. The money was raised by selling shares at $50 each with no one being allowed to purchase more than two shares. This was done so that if the ship cracked up no one would be badly hurt financially. Westall flew the plane on trips to several states after a final landing in Baird Bottoms, now the of Beaver Lake, he gave up flying completely.

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Thursday, Oct. 16, 1952

Rivals Hall Fletcher, David Millard Clash In Memorial Stadium Tonight

Junior High Tilt Dedicated To Memory Of Late Bob Owens

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The game marks the first meeting between the schools in some six years. Up until this year the schools combined their squads in what was known as the Millard-Fletcher Mighty Mites.

The famous Mighty Mites were forced to disband when it became near impossible to arrange an annual schedule. And at the end of last fall it was decided by the schools to field separate teams and thus give more boys an opportunity to participate in junior high football.

For both teams tonight's game is more or less in memory of Bobby Owens of Hall Fletcher, whose tragic death was felt deeply by all who knew him. Owens, who was considered a brilliant football prospect was the victim of polio. His death influenced Coaches Marvin Nockow and Joe Eblen to cancel their remaining practices and games, and it was only last Thursday that Hall Fletcher resumed drills in preparation for its clash with the Terriers.

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However, Coach Nockow reported several injuries had cropped up in the Hall Fletcher camp which may hamper the Rebels. Halfback Bobby Ray is out with a virus infection; end Charlie Floyd has a throat infection, and fullback Jimmy Heise is suffering from a cut hand. Limited action is predicted for them, Nockow said.

Meanwhile, David Millard is expected to be at full strength.

The Rebels are expected to stick with their Straight-T offense, while Coach Herb Coman's Terriers will run from both the Single-Wing and Split-T.

Probable starters for Hall Fletcher may have Jimmy Mills, Buddy Burrell, Billy Swann or Charlie Floyd at ends; Buster Watts and Winford Marshall at tackles; Russell Steele and Ray Mills at guards and Larry Henderson in center.

The backfield will have Jerry Brezeale at quarterback, Jerry Henderson at fullback and Bobby Snelson and Jerry Little or Robert Ray at halfbacks.

For the David Millard Terriers it may be Bruce Peterson and Henry Wilson at ends; Billy Gureninger, David Steppe or Pete Waldrop at tackles; Burt Sutton and Arthur Honeycutt at guards and Ray Bishop in center.

The backs include Pearce Weaver or Bradley Anderson at quarterback; Mike Guthrie and Leonard Payne at halfbacks and Lamar White or Cliff Foster in fullback.

The Terriers go into the game with a 1-2 record with both losses coming at the hands of Canton, while Hall Fletcher has played but one game this year losing to the same Canton team, 19-12.

Thursday, October 2, 1952

Bobby Owens Dies After Polio Attack

Bobby Owens, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owens of 20 Westwood Place, died about 1:30 p. m. today in an Asheville hospital where he was admitted late yesterday afternoon suffering from acute bulbar polio.

Young Owens was a ninth grade student at Hall Fletcher Junior High School and a member of the school's football team.

He suffered a choking spell about 4:50 p. m. yesterday and firemen were called to the Owens home with a resuscitator. Firemen gave emergency treatment and he received dispensary treatment at Memorial Mission Hospital prior to being admitted to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are a brother, Roy Jr., a sister, Linda Sharon, both of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gault, Sr. of Gastonia; and an aunt and three uncles.

His father is a former Buncombe County deputy sheriff and a ex-member of the State Highway Patrol.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Berryman Funeral Home, are incomplete.

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Bruce Emory Research

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Owen Tells Of Bailing Out Of Falling Bomber Over Jungles In Dark

By BRIGHT W. PADGITT

Bailing out of a falling bomber in bad weather and the darkness of 1 a. m. over an Australian jungle, struggling through the wilds without food and having only dew-covered grass for water, and coming out intact with an air medal decoration to fight the Japs again and again.

That is one of the adventures of First Lt. John R. (Rip) Owen, 23, son of Mrs. Grace Gibbs Owen of Mars Hill and Dr. J. E. Owen of Asheville, who is home on a 15-day stop-over en route from the Southwest Pacific war zone to the third air force replacement depot at Tampa, Fla.

Lt. Owen attributes some of his accomplishments to luck and most of his reasons for being alive to that fickle lady. He was at the front in the New Guinea and Australian areas for exactly a year, July 22, 1942, to July 22, 1943, in-

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cluding traveling time from the west coast.

As part record of his adventures and service with the U. S. air forces, Lt. Owen is officially credited with 35 combat missions and was awarded the air medal for distinguished service in 25 of these missions in the Southwest Pacific. He wears a ribbon for the medal, the Southwest Pacific campaign ribbon with one star for the Buna campaign, with another due for the Bismarck sea battle, the American Defense ribbon for being in service one year before Pearl Harbor and the American Theater ribbon for anti-submarine patrol between Key West and Cape Sable, Nova Scotia. He holds one citation from Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding the air force in which Lt. Owen served in the Australian-New Guinea theater, and another is pending in the war department for his part in the Bismarck sea battle in which he is credited with a direct hit on a Jap cruiser which was making fast evasive circles in an effort to dodge the aerial bombs from Lt. Owen's squadron.

Lt. Owen's biggest adventure, although he got a bigger thrill out of the Bismarck sea battle, was his leap into the darkness over the Australian jungle. He and five other members of the bomber crew bailed out 35 miles north of Port Moresby at 1 a. m., October 13, 1942, after their bomber had bucked bad weather for several hours and the last few gallons of gas were rushing through the feed lines.

Unknown Territory

Although all members of the crew managed to reach safety, they did not see each other after leaping into the dark. All landed in widely separated sections, their parachutes being pulled about by the winds. They landed in unknown territory.

Lt. Owen said he wandered in what he hoped was a reasonably straight line for about five days. During that time he had no food and the only water he had came from morning dew on grass he chewed and from one swallow of swamp water which he tried when thirst became almost unbearable. He tried to drink the swamp water during the third day. His only weapon was a sheath knife and he had no emergency kit.

LT. JOHN R. OWEN.

The most fearful experiences Lt. Owen had during his five days in the jungle were soldier ants and crocodiles. During one of his days in the jungle, Lt. Owen climbed a tall tree in an effort to get his bearings. While up in the tree, a large army of the soldier ants, which are red ants about half an inch long, climbed the tree and formed an imprisoning ring around the tree. To reach the ground, Lt. Owen had to slide through these ants. He succeeded in getting them off his body by rolling in the swamp.

Crocodiles Came Along

His second bad period came after he had built a raft, after reaching a river, using dead logs and parts of his parachute. The raft rode the water well enough but it was soon entirely surrounded by giant crocodiles. They did not swamp the raft and he owes his life to the fact that the reptiles did not attack. He was soon picked up by a group of natives (Kanakes), who were in outrigger canoes, and was taken to the coast. The natives fed him and at the coast he was taken up by a crash boat and taken to a hospital at Port Moresby. He was in the hospital only three days before rejoining his squadron.

An unusual incident attends Lt. Owen's Bismarck sea experience. He was squadron bombardier on the flight that caused the sinking of the Jap cruiser. The flight consisted of five B-25 bombers. They made four direct hits, sinking the ship. He wanted to get an official army picture of the sinking, but was unable to do so. Then, during last March in a copy of The Citizen-Times he found the picture he wanted. It was published as an official release of the sinking of the Jap cruiser, having been taken from one of the bombers of the flight by an aerial cameraman crew member. He has the clipping in his pocket, but said he still wants an official war department print.

Can't Understand War

Lt. Owen said the Australian and New Guinea "natives" can't understand why the white men are fighting, but they hate the Japs and like the Americans. The reason the natives hate the Japs so much is because they steal their pigs. Lt. Owen said as long as the Japs stole only the wives, the natives could take that, but when they began taking their pigs, that was the last straw. Wives are plentiful and pigs are precious possessions.

Lt. Owen said the most important factor toward morale is mail from home. He said families and friends should keep a stream of mail going out. The men have plenty of reading material, they have sufficient cigarettes and candy, which are regulation issues, but they want unlimited supplies of mail and snapshots of folks at home. They also want the home newspapers—anything that breathes the atmosphere of home. He said the food situation is improving rapidly and general living conditions are much better than they were a few months ago.

The natives of the Southwest Pacific like all the Americans, Lt. Owen said, and readily help them build their thatch huts and do their laundry. He said it is very encouraging to see the way the Americans and British are getting along. He pointed out that in the battle for Buna, the Australians and Americans learned to respect and admire each other. The going was really tough and it was here the Australians, speaking in their own slang terms, said of the Americans they are "fair dinkum," or very much okeh.

Deweese in Squadron

Lt. Owen said that Sgt. Carl Deweese, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Deweese of West Asheville, was a gunner in his squadron and is still in combat in the New Guinea area.

In writing Lt. Owen's citation with his air medal, Gen. Kenney said he was "awarded the medal in recognition of his courageous, fearless service to is combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you." The letter was addressed to Mrs. Owen. Lt. Owen was decorated for meritorious achivement in aerial fights in the Southwest Pacific area from September 4 to December 22, 1942, during which time he took part in 25 operational missions over territory that was continually patroled by enemy fighter craft. After that time, Lt. Owen continued for 10 more missions and further additions to his record are pending, it was learned.

Lt. Owen was educated in the city schools of Asheville, graduating from Lee Edwards high school and at Mars Hill college. He received his flight training at Hick's Field, Fort Worth, Texas, Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and Olando air base at Orlando, Fla., where he received his commission as second lieutenant in September, 1941. When he went to Australia last summer he was an instructor at Westover Field, Springfield, Mass. He was promoted to first lieutenant in January at his base in New Guinea.

Lt. Owen's father, Dr. Owen of Asheville, has a long record in aviation, including commercial flying, private aviation and submarine patrols of the civil air patrol off the coast of Nort Carolina. Lt. Owen has been around airplanes ever since he can remember.

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Scoutmaster For 15 Years

Palmer Always Ready To Help A Boy

By BRUCE GOURLAY
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

There is no pay for being a Scoutmaster, but the job isn't much less complicated than that of being president of General Motors. There are vital decisions to be made and the finished product totals in the thousands.

Here is where any similarity ends, however, for there is no salary in the six figure bracket and the finished product is not automobiles—but men.

John Palmer, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop Five, sponsored by West Asheville Presbyterian Church, in his 15 years as Scoutmaster of two different troops has come in contact with some 2,000 boys whom he has come to call by their first names.

Boys who are now lawyers, ministers, professors, businessmen, doctors—boys who are still boys. One may some day become president of General Motors—one may be more successful than that.

Palmer asserts he will help any boy because, he says, "who knows, he may be our leader towards everlasting peace."

There were seven Scouts in Troop Five when Palmer became its Scoutmaster six years ago. Today there are 77 on the roster with 50 to 60 Scouts participating in each Monday night meeting. Last year Troop Five turned out 16 Eagle Scouts, the most of any Troop in the area.

It was also last year that Palmer received the Daniel Boone Council's Scoutmaster of the Year "distinguished leadership citation."

"My motto," Palmer said, "is that a boy can't be a Scout unless he is a Christian. When he takes the Boy Scout oath, he commits himself."

And when a boy becomes a Scout in Troop Five, Palmer pays a visit to the boy's home, explaining the Scout program and what's expected of him.

"I place a time limit for the boy to develop and adjust to the program, Palmer said. If he does not come along, I go to him and try to give him a kind of a boost. Without the parents' help I can't do a whole lot, "but I usually get 150 per cent cooperation from the parents," he said.

Often a parent will call Palmer as a mother did recently. "She asked if Scouting didn't include obedience. I talked with the young man, (Palmer seldom speaks of his Scouts as boys, instead he considers them young men) and found that the mother would do better to respect and trust the boy more. He was at the age where he had to have companionship, with boys his own age."

This proved to be the winning combination. Palmer's suggestions usually are.

"I'm a believer in seeing the Scout through his own eyes. I try to see the boy as he really is. I've had Scouts come to me with problems I know they haven't talked over with their parents," he said. When a boy needs to have a "down to earth" talk with an adult, without hesitation Palmer will plan a weekend motor trip with the boy.

The Scoutmaster, in 15 years, has "gone through" six cars because of his willingness to help any boy who may need it.

Palmer, who was a Scout for two years "back in the days when dues were three cents a week," (now they are 10 cents weekly) says "Scouting to me has been an obsession. When I die I guess there will be six little Scouts as pallbearers."

A handful of Scouting magazines lay on a living room table in the Palmer house at 20 Dallas St. as he talked. Across the room sat one of Troop Five's five assistant Scoutmasters who was quick to point any detail the burly Scoutmaster might modestly omit.

"During the war (Palmer served during World War II with the Air Force) I promised that if the Almighty was good enough to let me come back, I would spend my life letting other boys have what I didn't have when I grew up," he revealed.

"Scouting is character building," Palmer said turning back to his present activities. "We keep that in the back of our mind whatever we do—be it camping, hiking or fishing. An idle mind is the devil's workshop," Palmer said.

Scouting activities include, first of all, the weekly meeting night. Troop Five meets Monday night. Following a set opening with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, one of the Scouts is called on to lead the group in prayer.

After a business session, the program varies. Included may be lectures on different phases of Scouting and indoor or outdoor games. "We try to stay within the National Boy Scout suggested program," Palmer said.

"Physical fitness is the theme at the present time,' he continued. "We usually spend 15 to 20 minutes on various phases of physical fitness."

There are also the special programs. Currently the Troop has a fishing trip in the Troop-owned bus in mind. A prize is offered for the biggest fish caught.

On a larger scale, Palmer's Troop will visit Okefenokee Swamp in Florida during next Easter's school vacation. At least once a year Palmer has taken a group of his Scouts on a 72-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail.

The Scoutmaster calls these the most touching encounters the boy experiences in Scouting; his "being away from the clamor of city life, closer to the Maker."

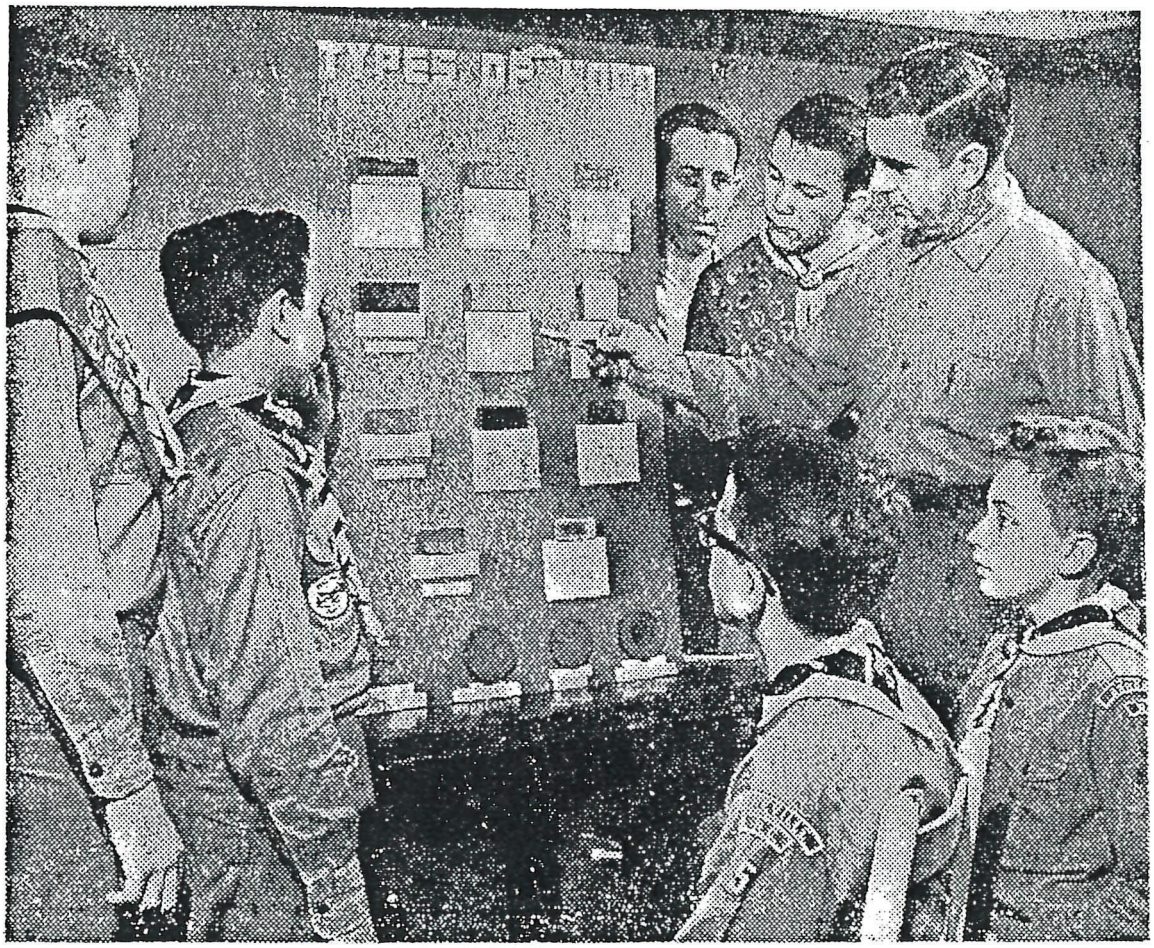
Palmer has also taken Scout delegations to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimaron, N. M., and the National Jamboree in Pennsylvania.

A complete record of each Troop Five Scout is kept by its Scoutmaster. Once a year Palmer awards a Scoutmasters Award to one of his Scouts who has taken the most interest in Scouting affairs.

Last year the award was won by 13-year-old Richard Littrel who had a perfect Scout meeting attendance record and who participated in each Scout affair held by his Troop during the year. The award, a complete flashbulb camera outfit, was donated by Palmer.

A native of Cherokee County, John Palmer has resided in Asheville since 1928. He is employed as a commercial painter by Imperial Paint Co.

He and his wife have never had a son, but he has helped hundreds of boys go out better equipped to cope with life. And Palmer is the first to credit his five assistant Scoutmasters executives of the Daniel Boone Council, whom he describes as "best in the world."



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SCOUTMASTER JOHN PALMER points to a type of wood at an instruction session of a meeting of Boy Scout Troop Five in West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Palmer, who has seen Troop Five grow from seven to 77 Scouts in his six years at the helm, is typical of the many dedicated Scoutmasters within the Daniel Boone Council.

WEST ASHEVILLE MAN'S SON TO GO ON LONG CRUISE

Horace P. Parker, Jr., son of Dr. H. P. Parker, of 95 Vermont avenue, West Asheville, will sail from San Francisco, California, within a few days for a lengthy cruise of two and one-half years, according to news reaching friends here. Mr. Parker, who has just completed his work at the U. S. Submarine Training school at New London, Conn., has served four years in the U. S. Navy.

He was married to Miss Elinor Roberts, of Ilion, N. Y., at Vallejo, Calif., May 19, Caplain Day of the U. S. S. Chaumont, performing the ceremony in the Methodist church.

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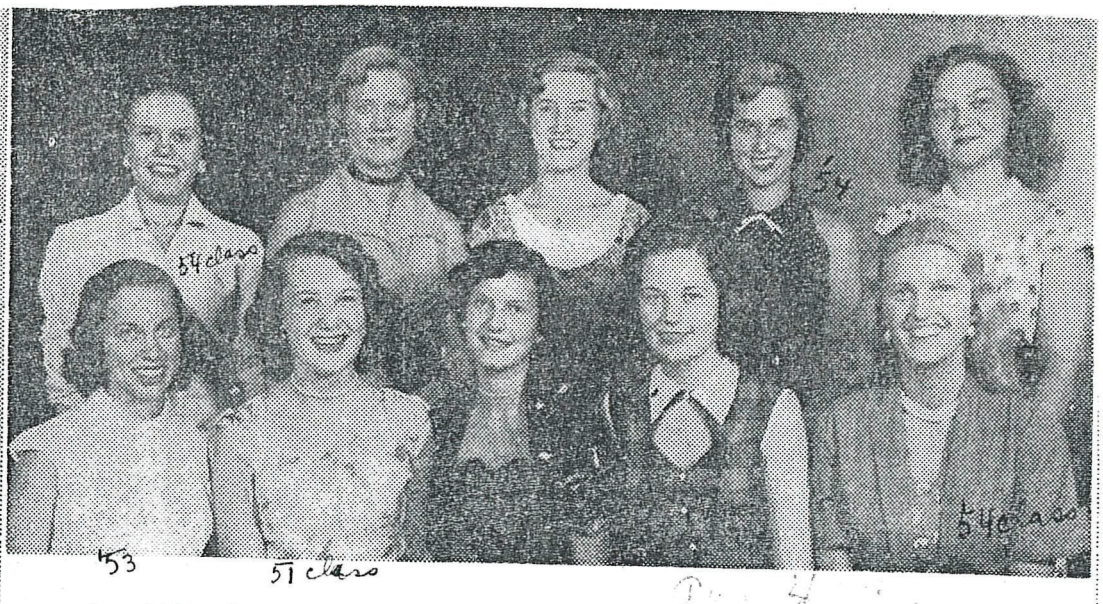

Mostly 54

Local High School girls pictured above will model in a 7-hour Back-To-School Fashion Show at Belk's Friday . . . L to R: (front row) Sarah Ann Livingston, St. Genevieve; Rosalind Harris, Rebecca Parris, Lee Edwards; Annette Hawkins, West Buncombe; Pat Horton, Lee Edwards; (back row) Gwen Shipman, Lee Edwards; Shirley Merrill, Sand Hill; Sarah Dillingham, Swannanoa High; Kay Mulvaney, Lee Edwards; Ann Monteath, Lee Edwards. Not present when photo was made: Joanna Huff, Lee Edwards and Ann Dillingham, Barnardsville High.

BRING ON THE CHOW—About to enjoy his mother's cooking at breakfast today for the first time in eight months, is Lionel Patterson, seaman, U. S. Navy, who is spending a 14-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson, 492 Haywood Road. Patterson, who reenlisted in the Navy in August, 1950, recently returned to the States aboard the USS Missouri. He joined the crew of the Missouri two days before she sailed for Korea last August. Patterson graduated from Lee H. Ewards High School in 1944. He served in the Navy from August, 1945, to July, 1946. Prior to reenlisting, he was a student at Dell School of Criminology. He will rejoin the "Big Mo" at Portsmouth, Va., following his leave. The ship will participate in a midshipmen's training cruise this summer in the North Atlantic.

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PATTON THOMAS

LINGO DEMAREE LANNING

FIRST SPADEFUL—C. C. Demaree, chairman of the building committee, turns the first spadeful of earth for the new educational building of West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Assisting at the ground-breaking ceremony this week were W. G. Lingo, chairman of the board of trustees; Sam Patton, a member of the building committee; J. W. Lanning, vice chairman of the board of deacons; and the Rev W. G. Thomas, pastor. The new building will cost $74,000. The new building will contain classrooms, nursery, kindergarten, a chapel, kitchen and fellowship hall Work began Wednesday.

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First Family story confirms the relevance of legacies

Visiting our past

There were about 100 families living in what is now Buncombe County in 1800. If you do the math, you might estimate 7 million living descendants. Any one of these 7 million might apply to the Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society for membership in First Families of Old Buncombe.

Rob Neufeld

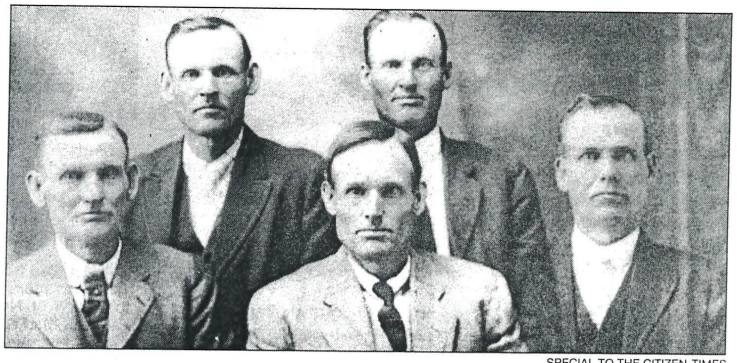
A few months ago, Bud Patton of West Asheville became the first. He thought he'd qualify through James Patton, owner of the Warm Springs and the Eagle hotels, but that great-great-great grandfather had arrived late, in 1807. So Bud switched over to the side of his family descended from James and Rhoda Alexander, whose granddaughter Rhoda had married William Davidson Patton.

James Alexander, a Revolutionary War soldier from Lincoln County, had moved to what was then Burke County in 1784, according to his testimony before the court that awarded him a military pension in 1854. In 1792, he became one of the justices of the peace who organized Buncombe County. Yet, it is yeoman accomplishments that provide the enduring legacy for Bud Patton.

"James Alexander settled at the old 'Alexander Place' on Bee Tree," wrote another descendant, Foster A. Sondley, in his 1930 history of Buncombe County, "which in one hundred and forty-five years was never out of his possession and that of his descendents." When the Alexander and Patton lines joined, the penchant for land tenureship doubled.

James Patton strove to define the family legacy in 1839 when he composed a letter to his grandchildren that chronicled his exodus from Ireland to Pennsylvania to North Carolina. He advised, "You see, children, nothing was too humble for me that was honest. ... I was not ashamed of anything that soap and water would wash out." When at age 16, Bud Patton was directed to read the great letter, he wisecracked to his uncle Gus that his ancestor was nothing but a bootlegger —referring to one of James Patton's many ventures, buying rye and having it distilled.

A willingness to engage in bold ventures is another Patton legacy. Bud's father, Gene, took it to an extreme, starting and ending an enterprise every year or two. "The Merry Adventures of Gene Patton" could easily fill several articles. Gene's father, Burgin Alexander Patton, was different. He was steady — more like James Patton and like Bud, Bud says. When Burgin's four brothers had gone west in the early 1900s to become wheat farmers, Burgin was the one who stayed home with a dying father and then his widowed mother.



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Burgin Alexander Patton's four brothers — left to right, Jim and George on top, Ernest and Gus below — all went west in the 1900s, while Burgin stayed home. He had to superimpose his image (bottom right) onto the photo of his venturesome siblings.

Burgin Patton also accumulated and held onto land, including Spivey Mountain.

Today, Bud Patton owns one-half of Spivey Mountain; the other parts are still in his family's possession.

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FOR SALE!

The Daily Citizen of September 29th says: "An advertisement appears in this issue calculated to attract unusual attention; for it offers an opportunity to those in quest of beautiful sites for homes to become possessed of joint ownership of the bewitchingly charming prospects obtained from Richmond Hill. That hill every citizen of Asheville knows, and every visitor has been taught to know it; for it is so unique in its charms, so rich and rare, in combination of all the attributes of the perfect landscape, that to have come to Asheville and then gone away without seeing Richmond Hill were to have gone to New York without seeing Central Park, or to come down to the stereotyped illustration, to have seen the play of Hamlet performed with the part of Hamlet omitted. And in fact, from the peculiar position of that eminence and its contiguous grounds, there is a peculiar significance of outlook. There is mountain and vale and forest and field, and here and there, far and near, glimpses of the river in little lake like pictures, adding that feature and charm so generally deficient in the southern landscape. Truly, the opportunity offered is a rare one: for while the rest river and mountain and valley in generous distribution, it is here at this special spot that nature has been most generous and most tasteful in her combinations and distributions."

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RICHMOND PEARSON.

Asheville Democrat October 10, 1889

The Pearson Land Sale.

The Pearson land sale for the past three days has been one of the biggest events of the kind which has ever occurred in Asheville. For property which a month or two ago Mr. Pearson paid $30,000 he has realized between $80,000 and $90,000, and the promise is that a portion of the city which seemed to be going without improvent of any sort will become the field for future extension of business. Mr. Pearson has already made extensive improvements in opening and grading streets and he will also build several handsome houses on lots which he has retained. The diversity of interest secured by the sale of lots to variour parties will further assure improvements. Among the purchasers are some of our most enterprising business men.

Asheville Democrat June 5, 1890

ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1890.

THE 4TH OF JULY PICNIC.

How an Asheville Man Entertained the People of the Town.

Mr. Richmond Pearson's "go as you please" fourth of July celebration was a memorable occasion. The thousand men who were engaged to work for one hour at the close of day upon Lake Shore drive near Richmond Hill made a holiday and spent the morning in town. They were swollen by other large numbers of people taking a holiday on the Fourth. The stores were all closed and nearly the whole town turned out, taking the free electric and steam cars to the scene of the picnic. The 1,000 laborers marched off in procession at 4 o'clock. The Asheville band and the Zouave band of Atlanta made music for the throngs. Two huge trains at the R. and D. depots received a mass of humanity and drew them out four or five miles along the French Broad. Nearly every livery and private team of the town was utilized and when all were united on the hills of Montford Park, where the work of improvement is going on, when the thousand workmen went to shovelling with songs and shouts, in full view of the great crowd, while the two bands played from opposite hill tops, the scene was one of the most exhilarating animation. This exhibition continued for two hours, the thirst of the crowd being allayed with lemonade and ice tea liberally served to all. As night closed in and the crowd began to disperse, the majority strolling off down to the railroad track along the banks of the French Broad, a brilliant display of fireworks was exhibited from the hill tops. A single huge train brought the crowd back to town, but not before eleven o'clock.

Mr. Pearson bore the entire expense of the occasion and the crowd gave unmistakable evidences of their appreciation of his liberality. The occasion was enjoyed by everybody notwithstanding the lateness of the hour at which the main part of the crowd got home.

The spirit and the enthusiasm with which Mr. Richmond Pearson goes into the improvement and the advertisement of his beautiful estate gives assurance that before many more fourths of July pass his faith will be justified in a suburb which will outrival in its ornamentation any in the beautiful environments of Asheville.

Asheville Democrat July 10, 1890

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 12, 1896

PEARSON'S MANIFESTO.

Instruction, Advice and Suggestion—Room For Pops.

RALEIGH, March 12.—Congressman Richmond Pearson is sending out a circular letter, addressed to his friends in the 9th district. In it he gives a short account, under six heads, of the condition of such legislation as interests them, and also the political outlook as it impresses him. He says his main trouble and embarrassment grows out of pension claims, nearly every case having baffled and delayed him. He frankly admits he cannot hope for much success until the Pickler bill becomes a law. Pickler has incorporated Pearson's bill as section 1 of his own, and Pearson says it will become a law unless vetoed. He declares he will stand by free silver, and adds that all the friends of the white metal ought to stand by the Republican party. He opposes the new single issue silver party, and says it appears to be dominated by Senator Tillman of South Carolina. He has notified the latter that he must "shinny on his own side" and not try to work his policies in North Carolina. He goes on to say of Tillman:

"After disfranchising nearly all the blacks and a great per cent. of the poor white men of South Carolina, he can do as he pleases down there, but our people will not stand his method or break ranks and join the new party even though it should be endorsed by such able and astute and unselfish statesmen as Senator Butler and Dr. J. J. Mott."

As to fusion he says: "We might as well begin to prepare for the fight on fusion lines. It is perfectly evident that no man and thousand men can stop fusion now. Let's be fair and liberal with our Populist friends and independent Democratic friends who have turned their backs finally and steadfastly against barbarism and all its folly and bigotry and misery. We made the last fight to recover our liberties; we will make this one to preserve our recoveries. We will fight to a finish before we will ever allow our poor and ignorant people to be ground down as they are in South Carolina and Mississippi, so go ahead and agree on your tickets and be especially liberal in such counties as Rutherford, Buncombe, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay and Yancey, where we must have a joint fight in order to be sure of victory."

In conclusion Pearson says: "I am glad to tell you that we will hereafter have some new garden seed for the old ladies and flower seed for the girls. Members tells me they will put this bill through in a few days."

Asheville Daily Citizen March 12, 1896

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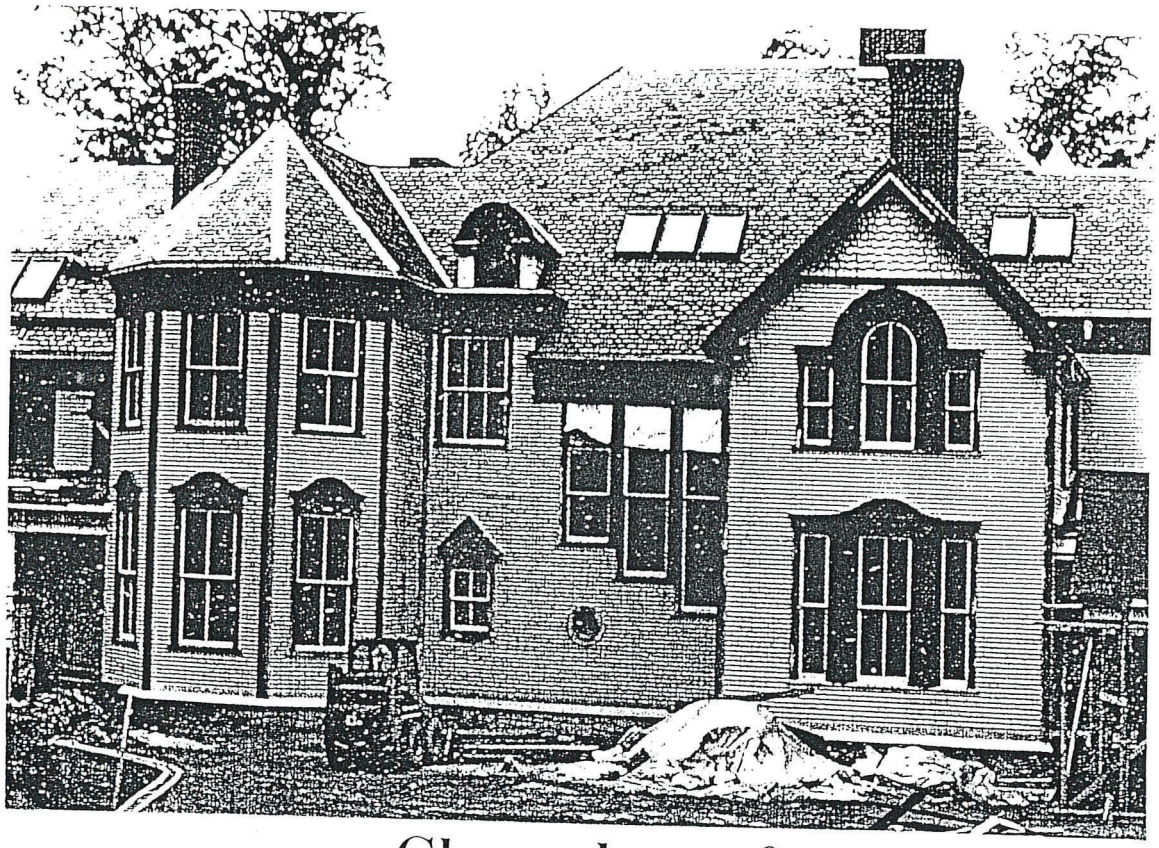
RICHMOND PEARSON was born at Richmond Hill, Yadkin county, N. C., January 26th, 1852. He graduated at Princeton College in 1872, delivering the valedictory; studied law under his father, the late Chief Justice Pearson. Married, March 30th, 1882, to Miss Gabrielle Thomas, of Richmond, Va. He was nominated for the Senate in 1878 by the Democratic party in Surry and Yadkin, but was defeated. He moved to Buncombe county several years ago, and now has one of the most attractive places, a few miles from Asheville, in the county—Richmond Hill—he having adopted the name of his old native place in Yadkin county. He has done much in the way of making improvements in and around the city of Asheville. He represented his county in the House in 1885, and his course at that time, as well as at the session of 1887, was such as eminently met the hearty approval of his constituents.



Chronology of Richmond Pearson and Richmond Hill

1852	Born January 26 at his father's home, also called Richmond Hill, in Yadkin County, North Carolina, and later attended Horner's School in Oxford, North Carolina
1872	Received Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and delivered the Valedictory Address
1872–1874	Studied law under his father Richmond Mumford Pearson, who was Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court for 20 years
1874	Was admitted to the North Carolina Bar
1875	Received Master of Arts degree from Princeton and delivered the Master's Oration
1874–1877	Served as United States Consul in Belgium
1878	Nominated for the Senate by the Democratic Party in Surry and Yadkin Counties, but was defeated
1882	Married Gabrielle Thomas of Richmond, Virginia
1884–1886	Served in the North Carolina General Assembly
1885	Served in the Lower House of the North Carolina Legislature
1886	A son, named Richmond Pearson, Jr., was born
1889	Built Richmond Hill
1890	Organized a gala 4th-of-July celebration to promo land development project on Richmond Hill
1890	Daughter Marjorie Noel Pearson was born on January 12
1893	Son James Thomas Pearson was born on June 24
1895	Served in the United States Congress representing Ninth North Carolina District. Served on the Forei Affairs committee.
1900	Son Richmond Pearson, Jr., died of scarlet fever

1901 Appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt to be United States Consul in Genoa, Italy

1902 Promoted to Minister to Persia

1907–1909 Served as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Greece and Montenegro

1909 Resigned from diplomatic service and returned to the United States to concentrate on his law practice

1923 Richmond Pearson died at Richmond Hill.

1924 Gabrielle Thomas Pearson died in New York shortly after arriving home from a trip to Persia.

1924–1951 Marjorie and Thomas Pearson left Richmond Hill under the charge of a caretaker as they traveled and worked around the world.

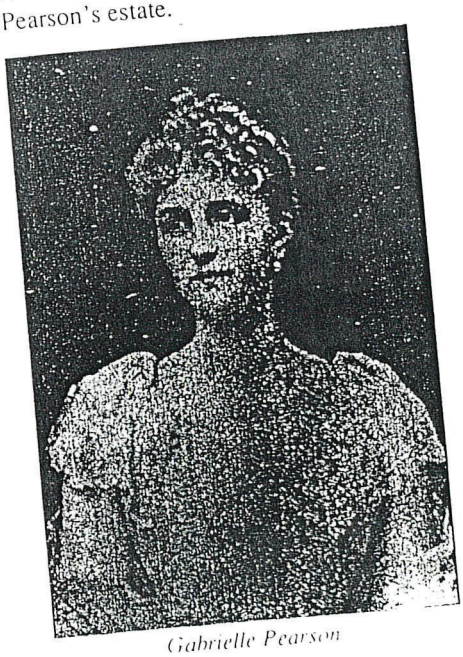
1951 Marjorie and Thomas returned to Richmond Hill to open the mansion as a museum.

1963 Thomas Pearson died on April 16 of a heart ailment.

1972 Marjorie Pearson died on May 25 after a long illness. Richmond Hill was willed to a cousin, General Hayne Davis Boyden.

1974 Boyden sold Richmond Hill to the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc.—with the stipulation that the house be preserved for at least ten years, during which the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County made many efforts to preserve the mansion.

1974 A public auction was held to sell the mansion's furnishings and other treasures from Marjorie Pearson's estate.



Gabrielle Pearson

Richmond Pearson

1977–1978 The Western North Carolina Baptist Retirement Home was built on the former Pearson property

1981 The Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County purchased 7 1/2 acres of adjoining land, anticipating a possible future need to move the mansion.

1981 The Baptist Retirement Homes offered to sell Richmond Hill to the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County for the sum of $1.00, providing that the mansion be moved off the property within one year.

1984 After the Preservation Society conducted a three-year fund-raising campaign to raise $100,000, the Richmond Hill mansion was moved 600 feet to the east.

1987 Richmond Hill was purchased by The Education Center, Inc., a Greensboro firm that planned to rehabilitate the mansion.

1988 The Education Center purchased 40 additional, adjoining acres that were once part of the original Richmond Hill estate.

1989 Richmond Hill opened as an elegant inn and conference center in September of 1989.

RICHMOND PEARSON ON THE PROPOSED PARK

The Sentinel says ex-Congressman Richmond Pearson, of Asheville, who is in Knoxville to participate in the White memorial exercises, was seen by a Sentinel reporter this morning and was asked for an expression upon the proposed Appalachian national park. He said:

"As to the proposed Appalachian national park and forest reserve, I am an ardent supporter of the movement, looking to its establishment. I have been in sympathy with the project from the beginning, and have worked for its success. During my terms in congress, I supported the movement. I believe that the establishment will receive support in all the territory embraced in the area surrounded by Danville, Lynchburg and Roanoke, Va., Bristol, Knoxville and Chattanooga, Atlanta and Augusta, Ga., Columbia and Spartanburg, S. C., and Charlotte and Greensboro, N. C. Of course, it will require a great amount of work and time to see this park materialize, yet it is my opinion that congress will see the wisdom in the movement and will vote to carry out the project. One reason which will cause the movement to be supported is that the streams which rise in the proposed park territory flow in every direction and penetrate such a large number of congressional districts. In the lower part of North and South Carolina there are thousands of spindles in the cotton mills which are propelled by some of these streams. It is to the interest of the people where these mills are located to support the park, as it means the preservation of the forests and thereby the continued flow of these streams in after years. The late President William McKinley was a warm advocate of the park, as is Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture. I have not heard President Roosevelt express his views upon the project, but sincerely hope that he will favor it."

Asheville Citizen October 22, 1901

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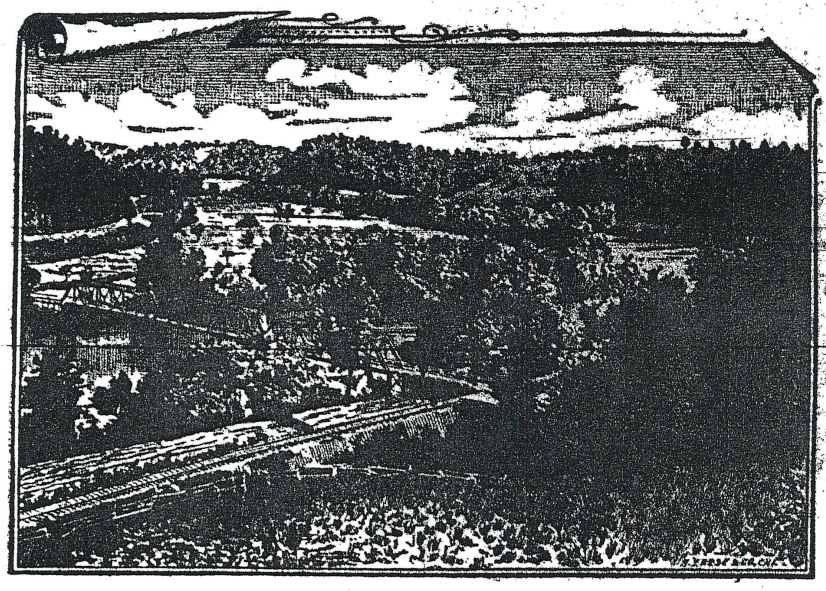

"The scene is near Asheville, N. C., and is a representative view in a North Carolina valley; on either side are those glorious accessories, the hills, clothed with verdure to their very tops, while down the center the famous French Broad courses its winding way. The railroad may be seen now crossing and recrossing in many a place, and then pushing along the river side for a long distance until some erratic bend coerces it into a change of course. It is indeed a beauty spot, and affords much subject for careful study. Mr. Brown is a true artist in feeling. We have seen prints from many a one of his lovely negatives, of which this view is one of the best."—*Wilson's Photographic Magazine, July, 1889, Page 438.*

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Asheville Daily Citizen September 29, 1889

RICHMOND PEARSON DECLARES PRIMARY VOTE WILL GOVERN

Says Roosevelt Will Receive Overwhelming Vote in Primaries and That Delegates to Republican Convention Will Be So Bound.

The old Taft organization may elect the delegates from North Carolina Chicago convention, but they will be bound to vote for Theodore Roosevelt, because the colonel's name will appear on the primary ballots, and the republican voters will give him an overwhelming majority.

This is the import of a statement made yesterday to The Citizen by Richmond Pearson. In the democratic view it means a fierce political fight in which existing arrangements will be smashed, a battle in which delegates and backers not for Roosevelt will fight desperately to prevent being tied hand and foot and delivered at Chicago for the colonel by instructions from the Roosevelt voters. Republicans not for Roosevelt do not minimize the danger to them threatened by the invocation of Roosevelt's name at the polls.

Replying to the question by a citizen representative if he was surprised by the action of the congressional convention Saturday, Mr. Pearson said: "Frankly, I was; in fact, doubly surprised, for I did not believe that any of the delegates would ignore the instructions requiring equal representation for both wings of the party, nor did I believe that any considerable number of delegates would ignore the obvious interests of Congressman Britt. As soon as I ascertained that the resolution of instructions would be treated as a 'scrap of paper,' I forbade the use of my name, and declined to cross the threshold of the convention. Now that all overtures and efforts towards conciliation have been rejected by the former adherents of Mr. Taft, the friends of Theodore Roosevelt will support him in the primaries against Burton or anybody else."

It was indicated that there was an efficient Roosevelt organization which would see that Roosevelt's name appeared on the primary ballots in every county, and that congressional districts would be well organized. It is understood that at the present time nine of the delegates so far chosen are counted as old Taft organization men, and six as Roosevelt men. It is inferred that Mr. Pearson's interpretation of the primary law is that if a plurality—not necessarily a majority of the republican voters in any district vote for Roosevelt as their choice for president, the delegates from that district will be bound to vote for him in Chicago. And this is evidently the view of the state board of elections, since it recently decided to have the vote canvassed and telegraphed to Chicago before the balloting in convention begins.

There is no law to jail delegates who should refuse to be bound, but the view of those supporting Mr. Pearson is that no delegate will dare disregard the popular vote. "If Charley Harris and Tom Harkins don't vote for Roosevelt after the voters of this district have declared for him as they will do, the sheriff will be a busy man," declared one extreme Roosevelt man.

But those who are not pronounced for Roosevelt, whether against him or merely willing to leave the selection to the convention, have a hot shot to fire at his champion. "How is Mr. Pearson properly a Roosevelt representative when he resigned from the Progressive national committee, and then at the Buncombe county committee meeting introduced a resolution that Roosevelt ought not to be a candidate," they demand. "Why was this decision to run Roosevelt in the primaries not made until after Pearson was defeated as a delegate?"

The answer of Mr. Pearson's friends is that he is a republican, and offered the resolution to promote harmony, but the offer of conciliation was rejected by the move of the Taft crowd to take everything, conceding nothing to the Roosevelt forces. "It is the same old determination on the part of the old organization to rule or ruin," said a Roosevelt man. Then he proceeded to point out a few facts. "This district gave Taft 2,700 votes," said he, "and Roosevelt 10,900; yet manipulation makes both delegates anti-Roosevelt. Macon county, for instance, gave Taft forty-nine votes and Roosevelt 741, yet its delegates to Saturday's convention stood 6 to 3 for Taft crowd delegates.

Asheville Citizen Mar. 29, 1916

ASHEVILLE MAN WINS PLACE ON PERSIAN MISSION

Richmond Pearson, Jr., Will Be Assistant to Administrator.

Richmond Pearson, Jr., son of Richmond Pearson, of Asheville, is the recipient of an unusual honor from the hands of the State Department at Washington and of the Persian Government. He has recently been appointed Special Assistant to Dr. A. C. Millspaugh, of Augusta, Mich., who has been made Administrator General of the Finances for the Persian Government.

Some while back the Persian Government requested the State Department to recommend a man to direct the finances of the Government and to also recommend a personnel of some 10 or 12 men to go with the Director General as his assistants. Dr. Millspaugh, who has been the Economic Advisor of the State Department, was selected as the man to be recommended and some 12 others, including Mr. Pearson, were recommended as his assistants.

The party will leave for the Persian Capitol, Teheran, within three weeks. The work of the men will continue over a period of three years.

These men are not going as a special commission from the American Government, but as private citizens of the United States, recommended by the American Government to the Persian Government.

In view of the high honor paid his son, interest attaches to the fact that Mr. Pearson, Sr., was the American Minister to Persia during the years 1902 to 1907.

Mr. Pearson, who is only 29 years old, was born in Asheville where his father has resided for many years. He is a graduate of Princeton University, of the class of 1915, specializing in modern languages. His economic training was secured while Foreign Exchange Editor of the New York Evening Post for two years, and frim his position in the Research Department of the American International Corporation.

During the war Mr. Pearson was a captain in the 23rd Infantry of the Second Division. He was also attached to the staff of Major General E. M. Lewis, commander of the Old Hickory Division. Mr. Pearson is a member of Old Hickory Association.

On account of his bravery, Mr. Pearson received three medals while he was in France. Two were from the Belgium Government and one from the Montenegrin Government. The two from the Belgian Government were the Order of the Crown, and the Croix De Guerre. The one from the Montenegrin Government was the Order of Danilo.

Mrs. Thomas G. Cheesborough, of this city, is the aunt of Mr. Pearson.

Asheville Citizen September 9, 1922

RICHMOND PEARSON'S CONDITION SERIOUS

Former American Diplomat Is Growing Worse at His Home at Richmond Hill, Near City.

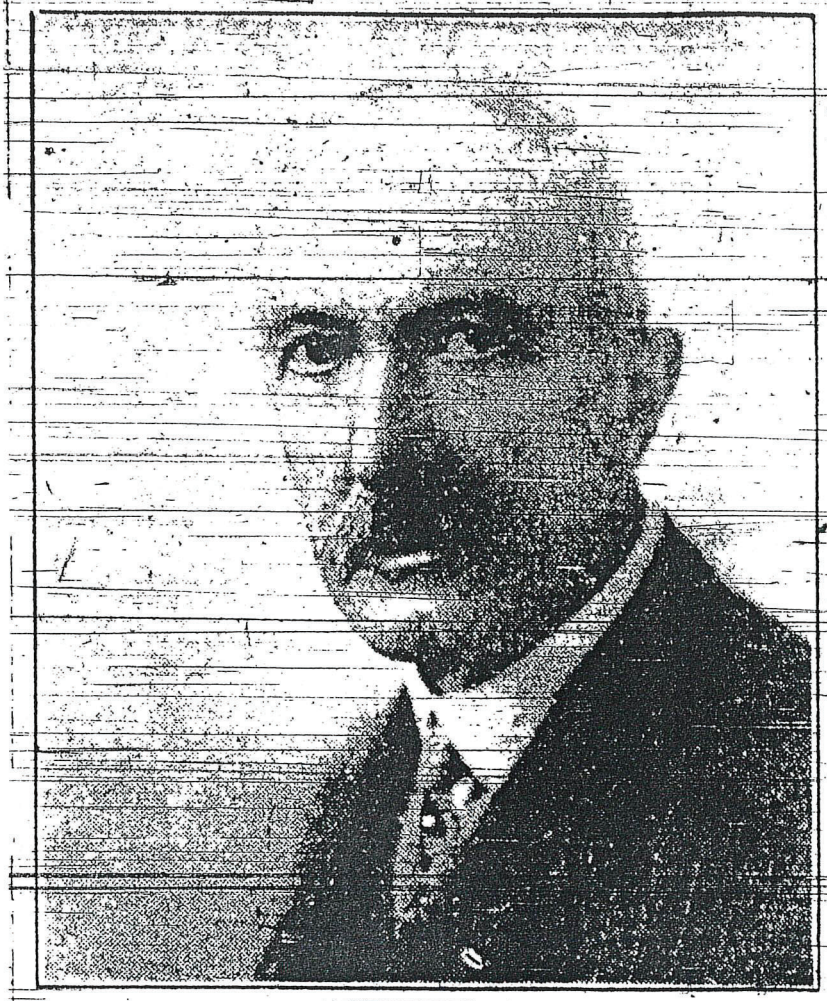
Richmond Pearson, probably one of the best known North Carolinians in consular and diplomatic circles of past years, is seriously sick at his home, Richmond Hill, near the City. A report from the home last night was to the effect that his condition was considered slightly worse.

Mr. Pearson was appointed as American Consul to Verviers and Liege by President Grant when he was only 21 years old. In the Roosevelt administration he was Consul to Genoa for several years. Then he served as U. S. minister to Persia and later to Greece and Montenegro, leaving the diplomatic services in 1908, since which time he has lived at his home at Richmond Hill.

In his earlier years he served in the North Carolina General Assembly and was later representative in Congress twice, having been elected by the largest majority ever given a Republican in this district.

Asheville Citizen September 10, 1923

The Late Richmond Pearson



Richmond Pearson, aged 71 years, thrice Congressman from this District, member of the U. S. Consular service and later U. S. Minister to foreign countries, including Greece and Montenegro, died at his home, Richmond Hill, near the city, on Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Friday. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Pearson was a son of the late Richmond Mumford Pearson, for about 30 years Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and who, for about the same period, conducted a law school at Richmond Hill, in Yadkin County, which attracted students from all over the South, many of whom are leading lawyers of the "old school" today.

The deceased was valedictorian of his class at Harvard, and at the age of 23 years was appointed to the Consular service by President Grant. He later served in several important posts in Consular and Diplomatic Service, retiring from active duties in 1909. Since that time he has lived in partial retirement at his home here.

Asheville Citizen September 16, 1923

Richmond Pearson, Former Diplomat, Congressman And Orator, Dies At Home Here

Had Been in Declining Health for Long Time, Unconscious Two Days.

FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Last Diplomatic Service Was as Minister to Greece and Montenegro

Richmond Pearson, former Congressman, Consul and Minister from the United States to several foreign countries, died at his home at Richmond Hill, near the city, yesterday afternoon just before 2 o'clock, following a prolonged illness. He was 74 years old. His condition had been serious for several days and for two days prior to the end he was unconscious.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Charlotte Street Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, in charge of Rev. Father Charles Mercer Hall. Interment will follow in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery.

Surviving are Mrs. Pearson, formerly Miss Gabrielle Thomas, of Richmond, Va., one daughter, Miss Marjorie Pearson, of Baltimore, Md., who has been at the bedside of her father for the past week or more, and one son, Thomas Pearson, member of the commission of Americans working on the finances of Persia, who, of course, will not be able to come home. One son, Richmond, died many years ago, at the age of 14.

Mrs. Walter B. Howe, Washington, D. C., a niece, will be here for the funeral services. Neither of three distinguished nephews, Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Colonel Richmond Pearson Davis, nor Lieutenant Hayne Boyden, of the Marine Air Service, will be able to get here for the funeral services.

Mr. Pearson was born in Yadkin County, January 26, 1852, son of Richmond Mumford Pearson and Margaret Williams Pearson. His father was a jurist continuously for 42 years and was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina from a period several years before the War between the States until his death in 1878. This was during a period of bitterness as a result of reconstruction measures.

Among his forebearers were many of the distinguished names in the records of North Carolina and Tennessee families. In his own life service Richmond Pearson lived up to the high mark established before him.

His early education was received at Horner's School, Oxford, North Carolina and he subsequently entered Princeton University at the age of 16. Graduating four years later he delivered the valedictory address for his class in 1872.

Upon leaving college he returned to North Carolina, where for two years he studied law under his father, and in 1874 was licensed to practice.

Appointed Consul to Verviers and Liege by President Grant at the age of 23 he abandoned the prospects of a brilliant legal career for the foreign mission.

In 1875 he paid a brief visit to the United States and delivered the Master's oration in Princeton in that year. He was awarded the A. M. degree, the A. B. degree having been conferred upon him when he graduated. He returned to Belgium for two more years in the foreign service.

In 1877, Mr. Pearson resigned from the consular service and returned to the United States. Upon his return he resumed the practice of law in partnership with John D. Davis in St. Louis. He was called back to North Carolina by the death of his distinguished father in 1878 and having been named sole executor of the estate, he found it imposible to return to St. Louis and this time definitely gave up the practice of law.

On March 20, 1882, he married Gabrielle Thomas, daughter of James Thomas, Jr., of Richmond, Va.

During the years which followed Richmond Pearson entered wholeheartedly into politics and these years were marked by the untiring energy with which he rendered public service in his native State. He was elected to the North Carolina General Assembly in 1884 and again in 1886. Eight years later he was elected to Congress and served three successive terms, carrying the ninth district, which had been Democratic for a quarter of a century, by the largest majority ever given a Republican. While in Congress he served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and on the subcommittee of three which drafted the resolutions ordering war against Spain.

In December, 1901, Richmond Pearson was appointed United States Consul at Genoa, Italy, by President Theodore Roosevelt, but had hardly been at his post a year when he was appointed minister to Persia.

He discharged the duties of his post with such success that President Roosevelt cabled his "commendation for energetic and efficient service," and soon after appointed him Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Greece and Montenegro, which post he held for two years.

In 1909 he resigned from the diplomatic service and returned to the United States and retired from public life. His last years were spent quietly at his home on Richmond Hill.

Public-spirited in all his dealings, Mr. Pearson was a valuable asset to Buncombe County during the period of growth extending over the past 15 years, and numerous roads and other improvements were made posible through his efforts.

While in Congress, Mr. Pearson attracted international attention by playing a game of chess with a member of Parliament in England, via cable.

His son, Thomas Pearson, who is now serving as a member of a commission invited by the Shah of Pershia, to investigate and adjust the financial condition in that country, served during the World War with distinction and was awarded four decorations for bravery while with the A. E. F. He served with the rank of captain.

Richmond Pearson was an orator of considerable note and attracted considerable attention while serving in Congress, as the result of his oratory and forceful bearing.

He was a member of the Metropolitan Club, of Washington and the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

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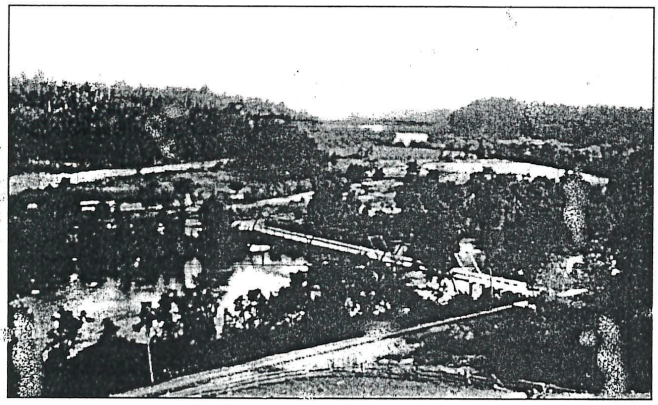
PEARSON'S PARADISE

Other giants walked these magnificent hills, and some like Richmond Pearson are still remembered here if in no other way than by the things they built and left. Pearson moved here in 1879 and bought 300 acres of land overlooking Asheville from the west bank of the French Broad River. He is remembered for Pearson Drive, running from Montford Avenue down the hill, across the river, and up the other side to his home on Richmond Hill, and for Pearson's Bridge, which he built across the French Broad. The Great Flood of 1916 washed the bridge away.



Pearson's bridge spans the French Broad around 1900.

He was a single man of wealth who had already begun a career in foreign service when he came to Asheville, purchased his land, and named it Richmond Hill, the same as his father's land where he had been born in Yadkin County.

An 1872 honors graduate of Princeton, valedictorian of his class, Pearson was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1874 and was appointed that same year by President Ulysses S. Grant as U. S. consul at Verviers and Liege, Belgium, a position he held until 1877 when he returned to his Yadkin County home.

For a long time his family had served in the high ranks of the military, foreign service, and politics. His father was Richmond Mumford Pearson, chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court (1858-1878). His mother was Mrs. Margaret Williams Pearson, whose father was John Williams of Knoxville, U. S. senator from Tennessee and U. S. minister to Guatemala by appointment of President John Quincy Adams in 1825.

Richmond Pearson's eldest sister, Ellen Brent, married Daniel G. Fowle, governor of North Carolina from 1888 to 1891, and his sister Sally married J. M. Hobson of Alabama. Their son, Captain (later Admiral) Richmond Pearson Hobson, achieved fame in the Spanish-American War by sinking the Merrimac, a collier, in the harbor of Santiago, Cuba, in June 1898. One of his wife's aunts married Dr. J. L. M. Curry of Alabama, U. S. minister to Spain in the first Cleveland administration.

So the Pearson family had power and wealth, and Richmond was a level-headed young man who used his shares wisely.

On March 30, 1882, Pearson married Gabrielle Thomas, daughter of a Richmond tobacco merchant, and in 1889 moved her into the house he had built that year on Richmond Hill. The hill was also called Pearson's View for the magnificent vistas seen from the farm.

Like George W. Vanderbilt, who followed him to Asheville a decade later, Pearson spent considerable money building up his farm. When he bought the land and built his house, he said his farmland was so poor that the jackrabbits had to carry their food in knapsacks when crossing it.

His major stroke was the hiring of James E. Alexander, an outstanding farmer and businessman who turned the land into a sparkling jewel on the high hill overlooking the river. Wherever Pearson was in the world–and he was in some faraway places–he stayed in touch with Alexander and often issued orders to him through the mails.

Turnout for Richmond Pearson's offer of a dollar a man for an hour's work building a road on his estate July 4, 1890, followed by a barbecue for all participants and their families.

Pearson was a Republican member of the North Carolina Legislature from 1885 to 1889, and of the lower house of Congress from 1895 to 1901 when President Roosevelt appointed him U. S. consul at Genoa, Italy, in December. The president next appointed him U. S. minister to Persia (1902-07), and he handled that assignment so well that Roosevelt named him Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Menipotentiary to Greece and Montenegro (1907-09). He retired from government service then to live as the country gentleman he was with his wife and three children on his beloved farm in Asheville.

An outstanding chess player, Pearson sought excitement, and in June 1897 as a member of Congress, he headed a House team in a chess match with a House of Commons team in London. After two evenings of playing by international cable, the game was declared a draw.

On the Fourth of July 1890, Pearson got the attention of everyone in Western North Carolina when he pitched a holiday barbeque with food and fireworks for a thousand people on Richmond Hill. He let it be known that every man who wanted to come was welcome, and that all should bring work tools because he intended to build one mile of finished road in one hour on his farm. He offered to pay a thousand men one dollar each for an hour's work in building the road. They

began the job at eleven a.m. and finished at noon, and the road was done. Then everyone repaired to the barbeque tables.

The *Asheville Daily Citizen* editorialized: "Would that there were many such public spirited gentlemen in our midst and Asheville's boom would not be equaled anywhere. When the laboring classes are protected and encouraged, prosperity will be the result."

All his life, Richmond Pearson spent time caring for others. The poet and musician Sidney Lanier, who developed tuberculosis in a northern prison during the Civil War, was told by his physician early in 1881 that his only hope was to seek "tent life in a pure, high climate." At Pearson's invitation he came to Richmond Hill even before the mansion was built, and camped for several months in the open air before his death later that year at the age of thirty-nine.

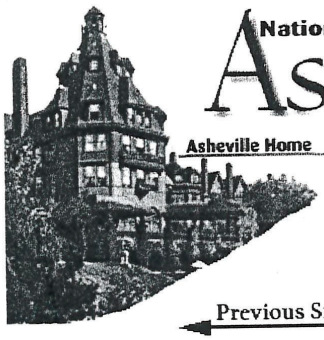
Lanier faced death squarely. Not long before he died, he wrote a bit of verse welcoming death:

> "Look out Death; I am coming.
> Art thou not glad? What talks we'll have,
> What memories of old battles.
> Come, bring the bowl, Death; I am thirsty."

Lanier wrote to his wife of Pearson: "The Mr. Pearson who owns the land is a young man, son of Judge Pearson—a prominent lawyer of this state—who, after having practised law a while and after travelling extensively in Europe and in the West, has bought this beautiful tract of land lying almost entirely enclosed by the Swannanoa and French Broad Rivers, and is devoting much money—with which he seems to be abundantly supplied—to making it a sort of mountain Eden."

Pearson died September 12, 1923, at his home on Richmond Hill and was buried in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery. Mrs. Pearson survived him by a little more than a year and was buried beside him.

From "Historic Asheville", Bob Terrell, 1997



Richmond Hill House

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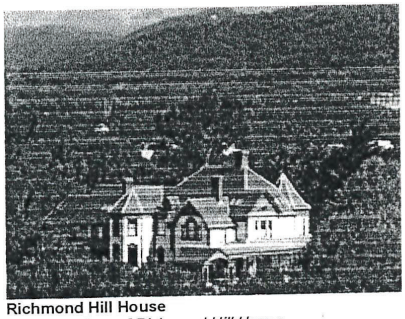

Richmond Hill House
Photo courtesy of Richmond Hill House

The Richmond Hill House is located northwest of Asheville on a bluff high above the French Broad River. The Victorian mansion was built in 1889 as the private residence of ambassador and congressman Richmond Pearson. Considered one of the most elegant and innovative buildings of its time, the house was designed by James G. Hill of Washington D.C., Supervising Architect of the U.S. Treasury in the 1870s and 1880s. The site of the estate, originally purchased by Richmond Pearson's father, was part of 820 acres inherited by Richmond Pearson and his four siblings.

Historic view of Richmond Hill House
Photo courtesy of North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Public Library, Asheville, North Carolina

By 1879, Pearson had spent nearly $3,000 purchasing his siblings' shares and held full title to the property. In 1882, Richmond married Gabrielle Thomas and a few years later, the couple moved to Asheville and decided to build a home on the estate. Despite being a 30 minute carriage ride away from Asheville, Richmond Hill was a center of social and political activity for many years. The Queen Anne style mansion could accommodate large gatherings and Richmond's beautiful and vivacious wife, Gabrielle, was a gracious hostess. After Richmond's death in 1923 and Gabrielle's death in 1924, the estate was left to their two children Marjorie Noel and James Thomas Pearson.

The house remained closed for nearly 27 years until Marjorie and Thomas returned, made some renovations and opened it to the public as a museum in 1953. Both Thomas and his father collected valuable objects from all over the world. These objects, combined with family heirlooms and antiques awed visitors to Richmond Hill, many of whom were conducted through the house by Thomas Pearson himself. Neither Marjorie nor Thomas ever married. Before Thomas's death in 1963, he and his sister sold the remaining Pearson property along the French Broad River, including 29 acres of the Richmond Hill tract, to developers of the Bingham Heights residential community. Following Marjorie's death in 1972, the Pearson family sold Richmond Hill to the Western North Carolina Baptist Retirement Home. After many years as a focal point in the community, the mansion faced demolition in 1978. In an effort to preserve and rehabilitate Richmond Hill, the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County moved the house 600 feet from its original location in 1984, on land that was part of the original estate. The Mansion was reopened as an inn in 1989.

The Oak Hall in Richmond Hill House
Photo courtesy of the Richmond Hill Inn

The Richmond Hill House is located at 87 Richmond Hill Dr. The inn is open to the public; for

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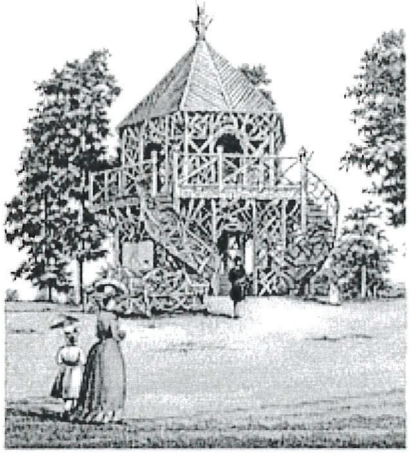

RICHMOND HILL SUMMER HOUSE

AN IDEAL HOME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1932

KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

DO YOU KNOW THAT back in 1897, William McKinley, twenty-fifth president of the United States, made a brief visit to Asheville? The above picture was taken at the old Battery Park hotel and shows the president seated in a carriage with a group of prominent Asheville citizens. They are, from left to right, the late Mayor J. E. Rankin, Richmond Pearson, lawyer, congressman and at one time Ambassador to Persia and Greece, President McKinley and Ed McKissick, manager of the Battery Park hotel.

Today's suggestion was made by Mrs. Grace R. Branch, 115 Norwood avenue, Asheville.

Mountain Topics

Ad Cit, By George W. McCoy 9-28-52

In honor of the memory of two distinguished North Carolina citizens, historical markers will be unveiled in Buncombe County next Saturday with appropriate exercises sponsored by the State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh.

The two are the late Richmond Pearson, diplomat, and the late Louis Burgin McBrayer, M. D. Both were highly gifted and achieved distinction in their fields.

The ceremony at the Pearson marker will be held at 3 p. m. Saturday at the northeast end of the Smoky Park Highway Bridge over the French Broad River, within sight of the Pearson homeplace, Richmond Hill.

The ceremony at the McBrayer marker will be held at 11 a. m. Saturday on the west side of N. C. Highway 191 (Brevard Road) at Sandy Bottoms near the mouth of Bent Creek. It is five miles south of Asheville and close by the birthplace of the physician.

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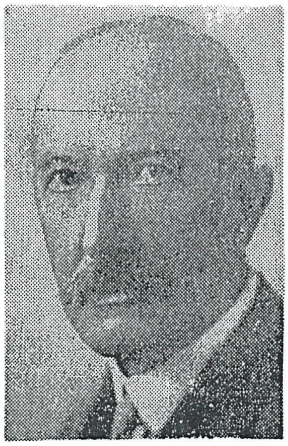
Richmond Pearson, long a prominent figure in the life of Asheville and Western North Carolina, was born January 26, 1852, in Yadkin County. He was the son of Richmond Mumford Pearson, chief justice of the N. C. Supreme Court (1858-1878), and of Mrs. Margaret McClung (Williams) Pearson.



RICHMOND PEARSON

Richmond Pearson's paternal grandparents were Col. Richmond Pearson of Rowan County and his second wife, Elizabeth (Mumford) Pearson of Massachusetts. His mother's father was John Williams of Knoxville, U. S. senator from Tennessee and U. S. minister to Guatemala by appointment of President John Quincy Adams in 1825. John Williams' wife, Melinda (White) Williams, was a sister of Senator Hugh Lawson White of Tennessee.

Richmond Pearson was one of several children. His eldest sister, Ellen Brent, married Daniel G. Fowle, Governor of North Carolina from 1888-91. His sister Sally married J. M. Hobson of Alabama and their son, Captain (later Admiral) Richmond Pearson Hobson, achieved fame in the Spanish-American War by sinking the Merrimac, a collier, in the harbor of Santiago, Cuba, in June, 1898. Another sister, Mary, who married Captain E. Hayne Davis, C. S. A., of Statesville, was the mother of Major General Richmond Pearson Davis, U. S. A., and the grandmother of Brigadier General Hayne Davis Boyden (U. S. M. C., ret.) who now lives in Asheville.

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Richmond Pearson graduated with honors at Princeton and was valedictorian of his class in 1872. He then studied law under his father and in 1874 was admitted to the N. C. bar. In that year, President Grant appointed him U. S. consul at Verviers and Liege, Belgium, and he remained in that position until 1877.

In 1879, the year following the death of his father, Pearson acquired some 300 or more acres overlooking Asheville from the west bank of the French Broad River. From that time onward, his life and activities were identified with this section. He named his place Richmond Hill, after his father's old home in Yadkin County, and for many years it was the center of social and political activities.

To reach his property, Pearson, in the 1880s, built a road from Asheville and it became known as Pearson Drive. He also built a bridge (Pearson's Bridge) over the French Broad River and it stood until the 1916 flood washed it away. In 1889 he began construction of a large frame house on the property which is three miles from Pack Square. Pearson tilled a portion of his hilly acreage and once jokingly referred to his farm as so poor that even jackrabbits had to carry their food in knapsacks when traveling over it.

In 1881, Sidney Lanier, the poet, accepted the invitation of his kinsman; Richmond Pearson, to come to Richmond Hill. In the late spring or early summer he pitched his tent and camped there for some two months in a vain effort to recover his health.

In 1882, Pearson married Gabrielle Thomas, daughter of James Thomas Jr., tobacco merchant of Richmond, Va. Their son, Thomas, and daughter, Marjorie, still own and reside at Richmond Hill where the house is filled with the lares and penates of generations.

One of Mrs. Richmond Pearson's sisters was the wife of Dr. J. L. M. Curry of Alabama, U. S. minister to Spain in the first Cleveland administration.

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Pearson, a Republican, was a member of the N. C. Legislature (1885-89) and of the lower house of Congress (1895-1901). In June 1897, he headed the House team in a chess match with a House of Commons team which had issued the challenge. Played by cable, the game lasted two evenings and ended in a draw.

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Retiring in 1909, Pearson spent his remaining years at Richmond Hill. He died there September 12, 1923. Mrs. Pearson survived him by a little more than a year.

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Mrs. Peeke And Mrs. Allison Nominated For State Honor

Two Western North Carolina women are among the 16 district nominees for State Mother of the Year, to be named at a luncheon March 23 in Raleigh. Both have received recognition in the Asheville Citizen Woman of the Week feature.

Mrs. William J. Peeke of 29 King St., Asheville, the former Dorothy Gaskins, is the wife of a realtor. They have three children, a son now serving in Vietnam; two daughters and a foster daughter.

Mrs. Peeke has taught general and choral music in the David Millard Junior High School since 1938. She serves as director of the Kiwanis Boys Choir, and is counselor for the Mozart Junior Music Club.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, of which she is a member awarded her a Life Membership in 1962 in recognition and appreciation for her unselfish and varied responsibilities in the Church. She has been honored many times in the local and State Federation of Music Clubs. She is nominated for State Mother of the Year by the Asheville Music Club

Mrs. Daniel M. Allison, (Emma Johnson) of Sylva, married Dan Moore Allison, a merchant who later became Clerk of Superior Court of Jackson County, and then operated an Automobile dealership until 1967. Four children, two girls and two boys were born to them.

MRS. WILLIAM J. PEEKE

MRS. DANIEL M. ALLISON

Mrs. Allison has ably demonstrated that while she gave her family and home her first loyalty, she has reached out into the community to serve it in many ways of leadership and responsibilities. Her activities in the civic, religious, educational and cultural life of Sylva are numerous. Wherever she has served and in whatever capacity, she has displayed clear thinking, good judgment and good planning. With a warm heart and a tender insight into other persons' needs, she has touched and enriched lives of many beyond the threshold of her home.

She has shared her material as well as spiritual gifts with those less fortunate.

The Twentieth Century Club of Sylva nominates Mrs. Allison for State Mother of the Year with great appreciation for her service and leadership in their activities and to practically every other civic, church, educational and cultural organization in the community.

The State Mother will go to New York for the American Mothers Committee, Inc. Annual Conference May 5 to 9 to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. At a gala luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of that hotel on May 9, the American Mother of the Year will be chosen from among the State Mothers.

CAROLE CURRIE
columnist

Teacher gets honored by symphony

When the first notes of the North Carolina Symphony concert sound in Thomas Wolfe Auditorium on May 16, Dorothy "Dot" Peeke will be beaming as she sits, surrounded by family and friends, savoring every note of the concert that is in her honor.

The auditorium could easily be filled with those whose lives she has touched in her long career as a music teacher, church organist and community volunteer. The North Carolina Symphony is especially dear to her heart because through the years she led hundreds of her students to hear the state symphony's concerts.

When she taught at Hill Street School, she walked to the auditorium with fourth-graders for the concerts. "Many of the children had never heard a symphony before," said Peeke. "I think they were really inspired."

Dorothy Gaskins Peeke grew up in Asheville, a piano student of Elta Blanchard and Grace Carroll. When she went to college at Woman's College (now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro), she said, "I just knew music was what I wanted to do."

Her first job was at David Millard Junior High as band, choral and orchestra director. Through the years, she taught music at Hill Street Middle School, South French Broad Junior High and Asheville High.

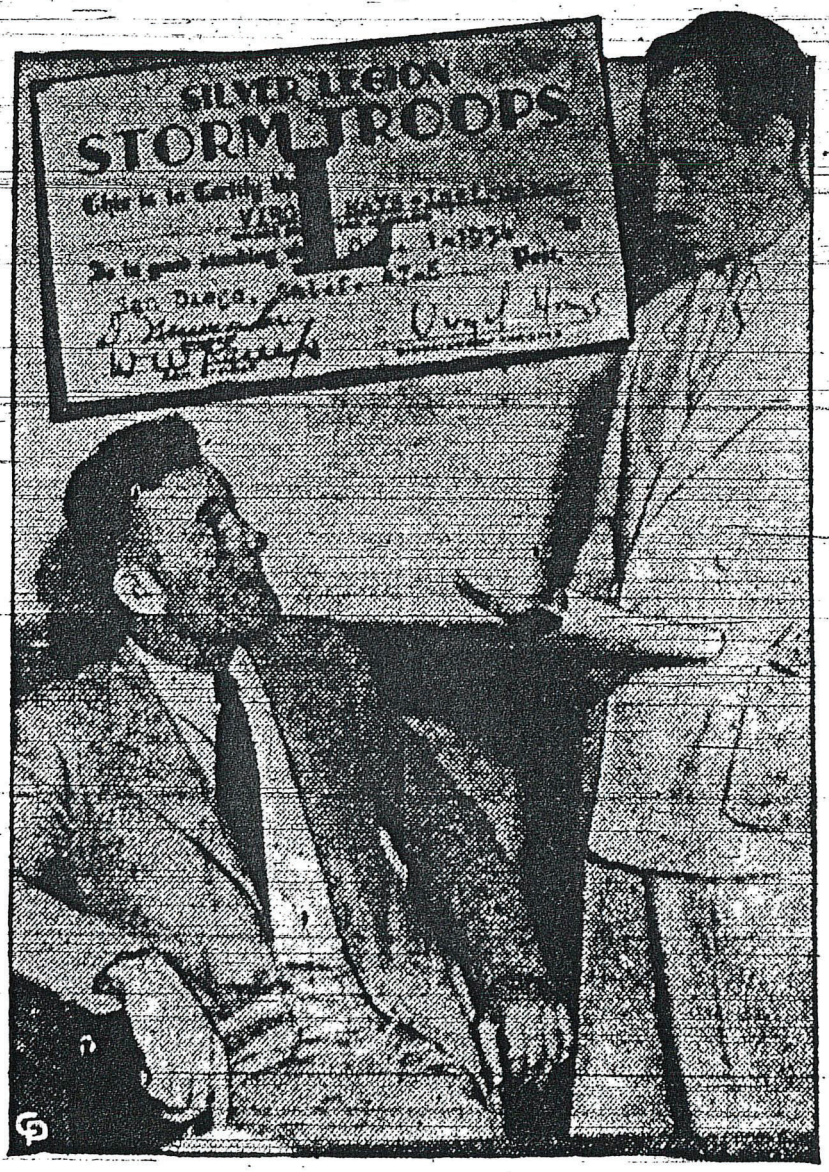
At the end of the school day, she didn't go home and just put her feet up. She and her husband brought up three active children and Peeke's musical talents were always in demand as a choir director or church organist. She stayed active in her own church, Central United Methodist, and was involved at local and state levels in the National Federation of Music Clubs. Peeke helped organize the North Carolina Symphony Guild. She was also active in the American Guild of Organists, and was president of Asheville Chamber Music.

When Dorothy joins, she usually leads, serving as an officer and digging in up to her elbows. Many of her efforts have been toward getting funds for student scholarships.

"I always heard about old age and read about it. It never occurred to me I would get old and here I am, 85," said Peeke, now a resident of the assisted living area of the WNC Baptist Home. Yet, when a group gathers there and when the call for volunteers goes out, her hand always goes up. She's taken her years of dedicated service so much for granted that when she was told the N.C. Symphony concert was in her honor, Peeke exclaimed, "Oh, you know not! This just can't be!"

The May 16 concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium. Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors and students, and free for students 12 and under accompanied by a ticketed adult. Tickets are available at the Civic Center box office, 251-5505.

Former Marine Exposes Silver Shirts



Sensational stories of stolen army machine guns, secret drills in the California mountains and a plot to seize the government of the United States, as revealed by Virgil Hayes, former U. S. marine, have spurred the congressional committee investigating un-American activities to double its efforts to lay bare the secrets of the Silver Shirts in the San Diego area. Hayes is shown, seated, telling Volney P. Mooney, committee counsel, at Los Angeles, of drilling Silver Shirts in military tactics, small arms firing and street fighting. He also asserted he was offered $50 to steal government machine guns and $20 a case for ammunition. Inset is the card issued to Hayes as an instructor.

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AUGUST 22, 1934

NAME FOURTH IN NEW INDICTMENT AGAINST PELLEY

H. M. Hardwicke Added To Gallahad Press Defendants

A fourth man, H. M. Hardwicke, was indicted along with William Dudley Pelley, Don D. Kellogg, and Robert C. Summerville, by the county grand jury yesterday for alleged security law violations in the sale of stock in the Galahad Press, Inc., now bankrupt.

Galahad Press, Inc., was nominal publisher of Liberation, organ of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, of which Pelley was commander-in-chief.

All but Hardwicke, who makes his home in Charlotte, were indicted on similar charges in June. The four are scheduled to face trial in superior court at the criminal term which starts September 17.

Hirdwicke is expected to be arrested soon. The others have been under $2,500 bond since their arrest after the first indictment.

Hardwicke's connection with the Pelley organizations was prior to their coming to Asheville, it was understood.

The first count of the 16-count indictment alleges the sale of unregistered stock of Galahad Press, Inc. The second count charges fraud. The third and fourth counts charge that the four men conspired to sell the alleged worthless stock. The fifth through the 15th counts claim illegal sale of stock, with each count naming a purchaser. The 16th count charges conspiracy in the sale of the stock to these 11 purchasers.

Purchasers claimed by the indictment to have been victimized by Pelley and his aides are Nila Allen, Lulu Wolbach, Bertha Allar, Fannie T. Sturgis, Helen Blocklin, Lon Morse, Ellida Morse, Anna M. Brinkley, Kathryn DeGouche', Hazel O. Chatelain, and Ross W. Chatelain.

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Solicitor Seeks To Bring Pelley Back To State

Silver Shirt Leader Paroled; McLean Plans To Initiate Action

North Carolina officials announced last night they will attempt to imprison the former leader of the Silver Shirts of America—William Dudley Pelley.

Solicitor William McLean of Asheville said he would appeal through the state attorney general's office for Pelley's return.

The U. S. Parole Board announced in Washington yesterday that the former Asheville publisher would be paroled February 1 from a Federal penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind. The 60-year-old prisoner was locked up there after his conviction at Noblesville, Ind., for sedition.

Still hanging over his head is a two-to-three year prison sentence in North Carolina. That judgment was affirmed by the State Supreme Court June 24, 1942. The Buncombe Superior Court judgment held that Pelley had violated terms of a suspended sentence given him here in 1935 on conviction of violating State laws governing securities dealings. North Carolina made no effort to invoke the sentence in 1942 because Pelley then was under Federal indictment in Indiana.

Pelley in 1935 was sentenced to one to two years and the sentence was suspended upon condition that he pay $1,000 fine and be of good behavior for five years. But in October, 1939, Superior Court Judge Zeb V. Nettles issued a capias here for Pelley to answer charges that he had violated terms of the suspended sentence.

Pelley appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court to resist extradition from Washington, D. C., where he and appeared before the Dies Un-American Committee. In January, 1942, Superior Court Judge F. Don Phillips held that Pelley had violated the conditions and sentenced him to the two-to-three years. Pelley appealed.

Judge Phillips held that the goateed defendant had libeled the President of the United States, had published advertisements containing "untrue, deceptive and misleading statements"; published "grossly inaccurate reports" of the 1935 trial, and organized "a secret political and military organization."

Pelley had appeared on the Asheville scene April 2, 1932. He said he would open a school of economics. Earlier he had lived in Pasadena, Calif. It was while living there in 1928, he once wrote in a magazine article, that he "died." He claimed to have left the world for seven to 10 minutes. Since then, he wrote, his life had been "saturated with things mystical, spiritual and esoteric."

In January of 1933 Pelley organized his Silver Shirts headquarters here and began weekly publication of the order's magazine, "Liberation." About the same time he opened Gallahad College.

The master of the Silver Shirts obtained a divorce from Marion Harriet Pelley on July 9, 1934. Fifteen days later he married Minnie Helen Hauseman on a mountaintop near here.

In January of 1935 he was convicted of violating blue sky laws and was given the prison sentence which was suspended pending good behavior.

He claimed a membership of 75,000 in his Silver Shirt organization. In September of 1936 he announced his candidacy for President of the United States; platform "For Christ and the Constitution."

He began publication work in his Skyland Press in suburban Biltmore in 1939. This firm supplanted Gallahad Press which had been placed in bankruptcy in 1934.

In late summer of 1939 he sought to restrain the Dies Un-American Activities Committee from summoning him to testify, but a Federal judge rejected his plea. His next step was to file a $3,150,000 damage suit against members of the Dies committee. He charged he had been injured by their statements.

Pelley disappeared from North Carolina, and in 1939 officers moved into his offices and impounded stacks of records. Judge Nettles then directed that a capias be issued for him.

Pelley was a frank admirer of Nazi and Fascist totalitarian regimes in Europe but denied that his Silver Shirts were in any way connected with German nazism or Italian fascism.

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Asheville Citizen February 7, 1950

Pelley Held Under Bond For This State

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 14. (AP)—William Dudley Pelley, former Silver Shirt leader paroled from prison today, was ordered back to North Carolina to face a prison sentnce.

Gov. Henry F. Schricker ordered the extradition at a hearing which climaxed a busy court day for Pelley, who was released from the Federal prison at Terre Haute, Ind., this morning.

Pelley was taken into custody by Sheriff John Trieweiler at Terre Haute for North Carolina, but within a few hours was free again on a writ of habeas corpus. His attorneys put up $1,000 bond.

The attorneys then sped to Indianapolis for the extradition hearing. The 59-year-old former leader of the Silver Shirts did not appear personally for the hearing and it could not be learned where he was.

Two law officers from Asheville, N. C.—Deputy Sheriff J. C. Gibbs and City Detective H. F. Brownlee—said they would arrest Pelley as soon as they could find him.

The extradition order doesn't mean that Pelley will go back to North Carolina immediately, Charles F. O'Connor, Indiana deputy attorney general, said.

The legal maneuver at Terre Haute today gives him freedom on bond until a hearing can be held there before Superior Court Judge Clay A. Phillips March 8. This hearing will be on the writ under which Phillips freed Pelley on bond today.

Pelley, who had spent more than seven years in the Federal prison on a war-time sedition charge, is wanted in North Carolina on a charge of violating a suspended sentence. He was convicted there and sentenced to a two-to-three year term for violating the state securities sales law.

Pelley, graying and with sagging cheeks, smoked a cigarette and sipped a soft drink while his attorneys obtained the habeas corpus writ at Terre Haute.

He was sentenced in Federal Court at Indianapolis August 12, 1942, to 15 years on the sedition charge. He was convicted on an indictment charging him with attempting to incite mutiny in the nation's armed forces during the war and also of attempting to obstruct recruiting.

Asheville Citizen February 15, 1950

'The Whole World. .'

—Photos by John Love

Nine-year-old Carolyn Penley of Eugene Rankin Elementary School was among the first of a colorful array of youthful singers, instrumentalists and dancers to perform at City Auditorium last night. She sang "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands." Sammy Cowan of West Asheville was another pint-sized artist. Sammy's three years old.

Funeral Is Held For Aged Veteran Sunday

Funeral service for Ransome Penley, 86, Confederate veteran, who died at his home at 44 Hazel Mill road, West Asheville, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, was conducted at Gash's Creek Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The veteran was a member of the Zeb Vance Camp of Confederate Veterans, and is survived by his widow, several children and grandchildren.

Asheville Citizen May 7, 1929

GEORGE PENNELL FIRST VICTIM OF NEW ORDINANCE

George Pennell, city corporation counsel who drafted the new city license tax ordinance, fell victim to his own work late yesterday afternoon. The new ordinance provides for a tax of $5 on each male dog within the city limits.

Dogcatcher Thomas Pruitt feeling that he should make some Saturday afternoon collections approached the attorney and collected $5 as tax on Mr. Pennell's dog. The corporation counsel earned the distinction of being the first resident here to pay his 1929 dog license.

Asheville Citizen June 29, 1929

Pennell Gives Civitans 'Tallyho Ride' Of Asheville In Late Nineteenth Ceutury

By PETE GILPIN
Citizen Staff Writer

Attorney George C. Pennell Tuesday took Asheville Civitans on a fanciful trip of an Asheville that no modern tourist bureau could match. Ash Citizen

Speaking at the club's luncheon meeting in George Vanderbilt Hotel, Pennell harked back to his hometown in the 19th century.

Most of it was news to the assembled members, the majority not natives. 1-3-62

First Pennell conjured up the image of a "tallyho" which belonged to Frank Coxe's grandfather. Then, all figuratively jammed aboard, the tour began.

First, there was the site of the hotel in which they were meeting, at one time a girl's Female Academy. Then on to the center of Morristown, later renamed Asheville. Pack Square's location was set so many feet from the mounds of Indian graves from an even earlier time. The grave site, he pointed out, is the present locale for the S. H. Kress & Co. store.

Five different courthouses were situated on Pack Square and the first one must have been a doozy. It was built of logs with no underpinning, Pennell said, and caused one judge to threaten his resignation. The jurist said he was being eaten up with fleas from hogs and couldn't hear the testimony because of the noise from animals' rooting.

The present Plaza Theater once was the location of the stocks and whipping post. And Tom Wolfe's famed angel had a home where the Jackson Building now stands.

Even in those days, native son Pennell recalled, you could pick up a "parking ticket" by hitching your horse to the hitching ring on Pack Square reserved for the sheriff.

And, speaking of sheriffs, there was one who aroused his constituents' ire for not taking the proper precautions in handling unique punishment. Seems three women had erred from the path of the law and were sentenced to be dunked three times in a pool where Pritchard Park is located.

As one woman went down for the second time, up floated her petticoat. As she was brought to the surface, her pantaloons were plainly visible, a sight which stirred the crowd to high indignation that their chief law officer had not taken better precautions.

Pennell recalled the days when 7,000 tuberculosis victims were part of the population. Patients being brought in at the train station might well be greeted by the sight of coffins in the station waiting to be transported away.

The Wake Forest-graduated lawyer also cited how his alma mater benefitted from the old Melk estate. The 60-room mansion was once a show place in the west end, but when sold later a $4,000 trust was set up for the college.

Original Standard Oil stock was purchased and later original Coca-Cola stock was bought with the original $4,000 spiraling to more than $1,000,000.

Up and down Patton and Biltmore avenues, describing a day when the streets not only had different names but would never have been recognized by his listeners, Pennell roamed, occasionally switching to a street car. And, he pointed out, Asheville was the second town in the nation to have street cars.

"We had progressive citizens in those days," he quipped.

There was the house on Victoria

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HOLD FUNERAL FOR PENNELL'S BOY ON TUESDAY

Young Son of City Attorney Follows His Mother And Baby Brother To Grave.

Jack Gardner Pennell, seven-year-old son of George Pennell, city attorney, died at his home, 77 Chestnut street, at 10 40 o'clock Sunday morning. He had been critically ill of toxicnephritis for about a week.

Funeral services will be held at the residence at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, the Rev. T. A. Groce, pastor of West Asheville Methodist church, and the Rev. R. O Arbuckle, of Reeds chapel will conduct the services. Burial will be in Green Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers will be A L. Duckett, E. C. Greene, Fred L. Sale, John W Fortson, Mayor Gallatin Roberts and J. E. Kanipe.

The boy was a member of the Sunday school of West End Baptist church and the 1-B grade at Orange street school. He is survived by his father. His mother and baby brother died her about three months ago.

In respect to Mr. Pennell in his great sorrow, the city commissioners called off their daily meeting Monday.

Asheville Times November 14, 1927

N.C. - Asheville - Biography - Pennell, George Clingman

Pennell Services Saturday

Services for George Clingman Pennell, 73, of 15 N. Kensington Rd., well-known Asheville attorney and civic leader who died Thursday morning, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church.

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Dr. W. Perry Crouch, former pastor, Dr. Cecil E. Sherman, pastor, and Dr. Forrest Feezor will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Masonic graveside rites will be conducted by members of Mt. Hermon Lodge 118, AF & AM.

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Pallbearers will be Dr. William T. Pennell, Dr. Roy F. Roberts, Dan G. Crouch, Emory M. Wilde, Robert T. Willson, Dewey J. O'Kelly, Harold Roberts and Cecil C. Curtiss.

Honorary pallbearers will be William C. Hampton, Larkin M. Smith, Willis H. Groce, Dr. Samuel L. Crow, Dr. Walter Clark, A. C. Carter, Wade M. Steelman, Zebulon Lee, Paul Boling, Melvin L. Riesenberg, Joseph D. DeNardo, Julius S. Harrill, Clark Pennell, Morris May, D. Ross May, Sam M. Cathey, Reuben Barnitz, James Worley, C. R. Hunter, Ray F. Wyrick, J. Nick Davis, Ernest Z. Stines, Dr. Coy Carpenter, Dr. Jesse Chapman, Dr. J. B. Anderson, Col. Arthur J. Wilburn, Coleman Zageir, John E. Jervis, Robert Barnes, John J. Denton and members of the Citizens' Bible Class, Buncombe County Bar Association, the board of deacons of the church and board of directors of Green Hills Cemetery Association.

Morris-Hendon Funeral Home is in charge.

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George Pennell, Attorney, Dies

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Attorney George Clingman Pennell, active in many facets of Asheville life for more than half a century, died at 12:05 a.m. in a local hospital. He was 73.

Mr. Pennell was a member of the law firm of Sale, Pennell & Pennell, one of the oldest in the city, until that firm dissolved in 1953. He had practiced law since 1915.

Among Mr. Pennell's public service was eight years as corporation counsel for the city of Asheville; six years as attorney for the City School Board and eight years as chairman of the County Board of Elections.

He was co-author with his brother, the late Judge of County Court Burgin Pennell, of Pennells' Asheville Code in 1923. It contains the Charter, ordinances and public utilities franchises for the city.

But Mr. Pennell's interests extended far beyond the practice of law. He was known almost equally well as a churchman, an historian, circus buff, champion of labor and cemeterian.

George Pennell was born May 12, 1893, in Asheville, son of the late Thomas LeRoy Pennell, who died in 1931 and Mrs. Frances Sharpe Pennell, who died in 1906. His parents had come to Asheville from Caldwell County.

He attended Queen Carson School and Asheville High School and was graduated from Wake Forest College with a bachelor of law degree in 1914, and he started the general practice of law here shortly afterward. He was licensed to practice law in the Supreme Court of North Carolina, the Supreme Court of the United States, the Circuit Court of Appeals and the U. S. District Court, the U.S. Treasury, Department of Revenue and the Interstate Commerce Commission. He was a member of the North Carolina Bar, Buncombe County Bar, District Bar and Interstate Commerce Commission associations.

Mr. Pennell served for many years as a deacon of the First Baptist Church and recently was nominated as a Life Deacon. He wrote the church history and for 22 years broadcast the Sunday School lesson of the Citizens Bible Class from the church chapel.

He served on numerous boards, commissions and foundations of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention and was a trustee of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation for six years and of Mars Hill College.

A former trustee of Wake Forest and the School of Medicine there, he was vice president of the Wake Forest College General Alumni Association four years, of the Wake Forest Deacon Club three years and the Wake Forest Athletic Association, three years.

At Wake Forest, he had been a cheer leader, president of the Honor Roll Council, junior-sophomore debater, president of the law class, president of the Student Senate, editor of the YMCA Handbook, anniversary orator and commencement orator. He maintained this interest in Wake Forest over the years, having been president of the Wake Forest Alumni Association of Buncombe County and was serving as class representative for the Half Century Classes.

Mr. Pennell was master of Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 118, AF & AM, in 1951 and was general chairman of the 100th anniversary celebration of the lodge, for which he wrote the history. He also was a member of Esther Chapter No. 12, Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Woodmen of the World, serving 15 years as district deputy Grand Sachem of the Improved Order of Redmen.

Mr. Pennell had said that his only hobby was running a cemetery, and for 39 years he served without compensation as superintendent - treasurer of Green Hills Cemetery. He was a member of the American Cemetery Association (director six years, secretary-treasurer four years) and currently was a legal advisor to the association. He also was a member of the Southern and North Carolina Cemetery Associations and had written numerous treatises on the Law of Cemeteries.

Mr. Pennell's history of the City of Asheville, "Tallyhoing Around Historic Asheville," has been delivered 85 times to Asheville civic groups and other organizations.

Mr. Pennell did legal work for almost 200 circus, rodeo and carnival clients and counted his friends and acquaintances among show people by the hundreds.

He was for 30 years attorney for Asheville Central Labor Union and practically all of its locals and served as attorney for the N. C. State Federation

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of Labor for many years.

He is survived by the widow, Madeline White Pennell; a son, Dr. Timothy C. Pennell, an instructor in the Department of Surgery of Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Luther G. Brewer of Cary; and grandchildren Melanie and George Clifton Pennell and Gordon, Rosemary and Timothy Brewer.

GEORGE C. PENNELL

WNC Elections 2001

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Terry M. Bellamy

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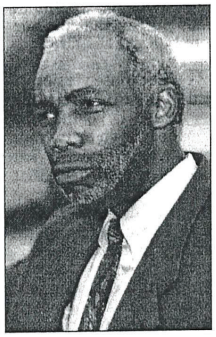
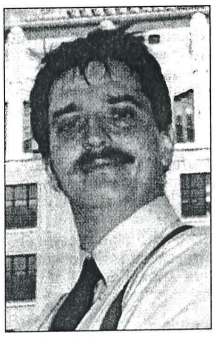


H. K. Edgerton

Nine running for mayor's job

Sixteen file for Asheville council seats



Dave Goree

By Melissa Williams
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — Candidate filing for statewide municipal elections closed at noon Friday, and 25 hopefuls will vie for your vote in the Oct. 9 primary.

Mayor Leni Sitnick, the city's first four-year, full-time mayor, isn't seeking re-election, and nine residents are in the hunt for her seat.

Another sixteen residents are looking for jobs as council members, only two less than the 18 who ran for seats in 1998.

The primary will winnow down the race to two candidates for mayor, and two candidates for each available seat on council.

By state law, the race is non-partisan, which rules out the option of voting strictly along party lines. That sits well with voters who like to choose candidates on the issues and not solely based on party affiliation.

But others, like life-long Libertarian Clark Walter, think such connections help grease the wheels of democracy.

"Most citizens don't follow politics," he said, "and over half of them are so passive they don't even vote. It's a noble idea to vote for a man or a woman and what they stand for, but it requires a lot of work and participation in the political process. I think you're better off voting for the platform of a party if you don't know who the candidates are."

To some degree, Walter is right. In the last municipal election, with the wide choice of council candidates, about 20,000 of the county's 130,881 registered voters actually voted. In that November's general election, the number blossomed to 38,405 voters — still only a third of people qualified to vote.

"With a partisan election, you have a rough idea of where candidates stand," said UNCA political science professor Bill Sabo.

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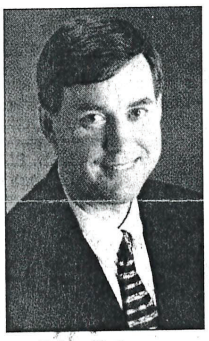
Mickey Mahaffey



Brian Peterson

Charlie Worley

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

2001 Candidates for Mayor of Asheville Primary (Oct. 9):

- Terry M. Bellamy
- William E. Boyd (no photo provided)
- Chuck Cloninger
- H. K. Edgerton
- Dave Goree
- Mickey Mahaffey
- Brian Peterson
- Bill Porter (no photo provided)
- Charlie Worley

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

2001 Candidates for Asheville City Council Primary (Oct. 9):

- George Bancroft
- Harold "Cicada" Brokaw
- Bernard B. Carman
- Jim Ellis
- Fred J. English
- Barbara Field
- Edward Hay
- Sharon K. Martin
- Carl Mumpower
- Brownie Newman
- Susan O'Neil
- Sam Webb
- Rod A. Whiteside
- Kevin Rollins
- Joe Dunn
- Holly Jones

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"But with a non-partisan race, trying to distinguish the candidates tends to discourage voters. The more complex the choice, the harder it is to choose."

But this year, the nine-deep field of candidates in quest of the mayor's seat is bound to generate the lion's share of interest.

Four sitting council members are challenging each other to become the next mayor. The remaining two council members are looking to retain their current seats. And they'll all have to work with each other as they simultaneously campaign against each other.

Anyone who's attended City Council meetings since the election filing season opened on July 6, knows that Sitnick has made a point not to allow any commentary that she deems a "campaign speech."

Sitnick said she still intends to bring the gavel down on any political grandstanding.

"With six members of City Council running for office," she said, "the only campaign speeches I'm going to allow are mine."

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Peterson guarantees 'common-sense leadership'

By Melissa Williams
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — Councilman Brian Peterson says he wants to take the city's helm as mayor "to ensure that city council continues to be open and responsive to the concerns of all Asheville residents."

Peterson, currently in his first tenure on council, said he'd bring "common-sense leadership" to the city if elected to a higher post.

"I believe that city government needs to focus more on bread-and-butter, basic city service instead of pie-in-the-sky plans cooked up by out-of-town consultants."

Peterson, who lives in West Asheville with his wife Cynthia Cooke, said he sees himself as a protector of the city's neighborhoods, and would continue that role as mayor.

Brian Peterson

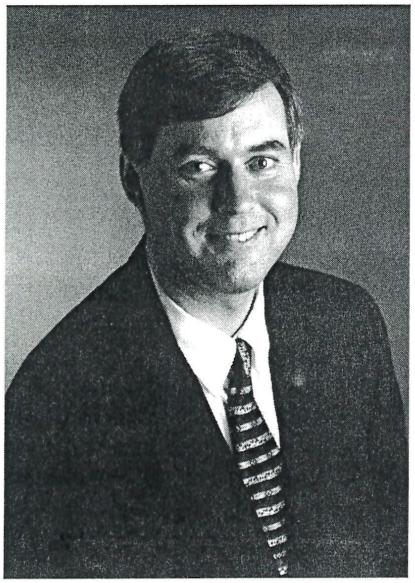
"I believe that protecting and improving our neighborhoods is vital to the city's future," he said. "Asheville has prospered because this is a wonderful place to live. Issues such as better enforcement of traffic laws and zoning rules need to be addressed. In addition, more resources need to be allocated for community policing, traffic calming, street and sidewalk repair and neighborhood parks."

Peterson said he's up to the challenge.

"I have endeavored to be a strong and independent voice for the residents of Asheville."

BRIAN PETERSON

Age: 38
Education: Bachelor of arts, Washington & Lee University, J.D., University of North Carolina Law School
Occupation: Attorney, law firm of Grimes & Teich
Civic activities: Member of Calvary Baptist Church, former president and current board member of the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods, vice president of the West Asheville Estates Neighborhood Association



Asheville City Councilman
Brian Peterson

For more information or questions, please contact Brian Peterson at 251-0800 or send e-mail to: brian.peterson@grimesandteich.com

Brian Peterson lives in West Asheville and is involved in our community. He is Vice President of the West Asheville Estates Neighborhood Association. Other current or past community involvement in West Asheville includes:

- Haywood Road Master Plan Advisory Committee
- West Asheville Business Association
- West Asheville History Project
- VFW Post 891

Brian Peterson was elected to Asheville City Council in 1999. As a Councilman, Peterson has worked hard to protect and improve all of Asheville's neighborhoods. He believes in open and responsive city government.

Brian Peterson is an attorney with the law firm of Grimes and Teich. He is married to Cynthia Cooke who is also an attorney and a small business owner. They attend Calvary Baptist Church.

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Peterson starts law practice in wake of scandal, censure, separation

By Melissa Williams
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — He's calling it "a summer of change."

For Asheville City Councilman Brian Peterson, that may not be saying enough.

In the past few months, Peterson, 40, has faced personal and political turmoil unlike any he's experienced before in his four years on City Council.

The Fort Bragg native has been publicly accused by police of being in the company of a suspected prostitute, been formally censured, separated from his wife of six years and left his job with the law firm of Grimes & Teich.

The last change, he said, was a move to start his own law practice specializing in Social Security disability claims and worker's compensation. He opened the firm, called Brian Peterson Law Offices, on Monday.

Right now, the office is "a bit disorganized," Peterson said. He and his legal assistants are still buying office supplies, getting used to the phone system and keeping track of the 150 some clients who came with Peterson from Grimes & Teich.

He said striking out on his own after nearly 10 years with that firm wasn't a new idea.

"It's something that's kind of been brewing for six months," he said Wednesday. "It's been a long term kind of change."

He denied that the move was spurred by his recent political troubles. During Memorial Day weekend, Peterson was cited for a traffic violation after

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Brian Peterson

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police said he picked up a suspected prostitute. Neither he nor the woman was charged with solicitation.

It was the second time in as many years that the councilman has been stopped by police in the early hours with a woman in his car.

Then, in early June, the rest of City Council formally censured Peterson for "conduct (that) ... tends to undermine and damage the council's credibility with the public in general and with law enforcement in particular."

Before any of that happened, Peterson's wife and law school sweetheart, Cynthia L. Cooke had moved out of their West Asheville home.

"It's definitely been a summer of change, and it's still pretty hectic," he said. "I don't even have a kitchen table or a microwave yet."

Henry Teich wouldn't comment Wednesday on the reasons for Peterson's leaving his job as a partner with Grimes & Teich.

"All I can say is he's no longer with the firm," Teich said.

Peterson joined Grimes & Teich in 1994, fresh out of law school at Chapel Hill. When Peterson made an unsuccessful 1996 bid for the 51st State House District, Teich was more forthcoming about his colleague.

"He's a look-out-for-the-underdog kind of guy," he said. "And he's effective, tenacious — that's why we hired him. I mean, the guy will work all day and all night on a problem."

For years, Grimes & Teich has had an advertisement on the back cover of the Bell South telephone book and that ad has included a picture of Peterson. This year, Peterson's picture is gone — a decision he said was made in May.

Lavoy Spooner, an area director with Bell South, said the deadline for artwork on such ads was May 1. That was more than three weeks before Peterson's last controversial traffic stop.

Peterson said he plans to concentrate on solidifying his law firm and won't seek re-election to his council seat, which expires on Dec. 2.

"Maybe I'd run for office again when I'm 60, but for now I need to work on this," he said. "I'll probably look back in a couple of years and wonder why I didn't do it sooner."

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Peterson, Worley top mayoral candidates

Field, Cloninger lose City Council seats

By Jason Sandford
ASSISTANT METRO EDITOR

ASHEVILLE — Brian Peterson, a first-term member of Asheville City Council who has campaigned on a promise to be a "neighborhood mayor," topped the ticket in Tuesday's primary election for mayor, while four-term incumbent Councilwoman Barbara Field, apparently lost her seat.

Peterson will face fellow Councilman Charlie Worley in the Nov. 6 election, according to the Buncombe County Board of Elections' unofficial returns Tuesday night. Peterson collected 3,618 votes, while Worley tallied 2,639 votes.

"I've spoken up on issues people care about," Peterson said after watching results come in at the elections board office in downtown Asheville. "It's not just what I've said during the last two weeks, but what I've said during the last two years on council."

Chuck Cloninger, council's vice mayor, lost his bid for mayor and will lose his council seat, according to the results. Cloninger notched 1,821 votes.

In the crowded race for three open City Council seats, Field didn't collect enough votes to finish among the top six candidates who will move on. The six who did are Joe Dunn, Holly Jones, Carl Mumpower, Brownie Newman, Jim Ellis and Councilman Edward Hay. Dunn collected 5,607 votes, while Jones had 4,646, Mumpower tallied 4,442, Newman got 4,199, Ellis had 3,708 and Hay nabbed 2,728 votes.

Field was dogged by controversy over comments she made last month as council discussed a resolution regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Field had said she disagreed with the use of the word "cowardly" to describe the attacks in the resolution. She later apologized for the comments.

In Hendersonville, incumbent Mayor Fred Niehoff Jr. will face Mark White next month in the race for mayor, according to unofficial results. For council, incumbent Mary Jo Padgett advanced with Ron Stephens, Jon Laughter and Mark Cordaro. The four are vying for two open council seats.

Tuesday's results in Asheville will pit pro-neighborhood Peterson against pro-business Worley.

The results also set up the unusual scenario of council appointing one person to fill the vacancy created when either Peterson or Worley takes the mayor's seat, because neither of their seats was up for election Tuesday night.

Candidates heading to general election

MAYOR

Brian Peterson

Charles Worley

CITY COUNCIL

Joe Dunn

Edward Hay

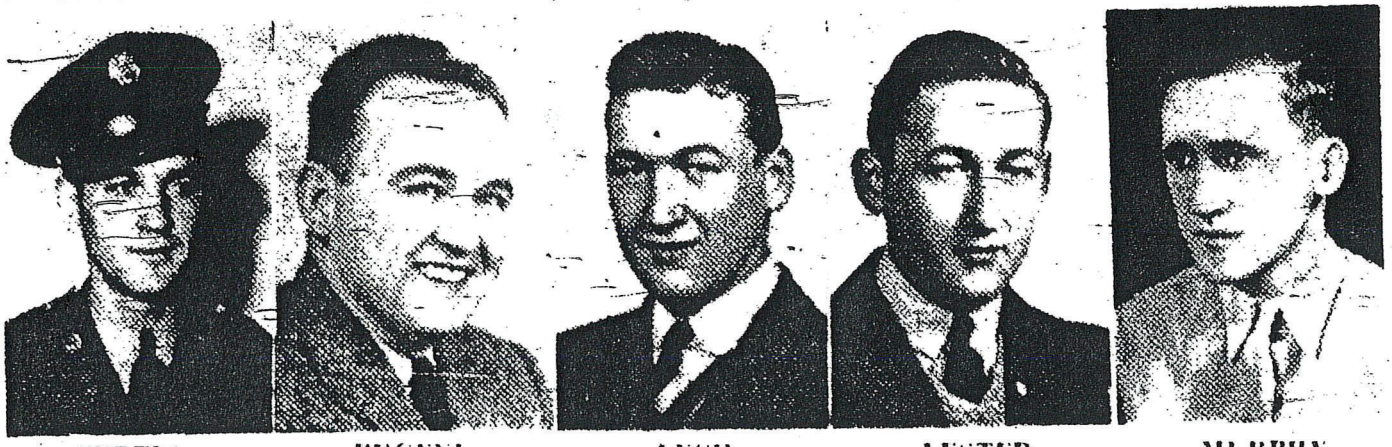
Carl Mumpower

Jim Ellis

Holly Jones

Brownie Newman

Five Brothers Serving In Fighting Forces



CURTIS EUGENE LECIL LESTER MURPHY

The five brothers, pictured above, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit of 169 Laurel loop, West Asheville, are doing their full share in the war effort by serving in the United States army.

Pettit Family Is Furnishing U. S. With Small Army — 5 Brothers Are In The Service

The Pettit brothers—five strong—are lined up now and ready to give the Germans and Japs some real trouble. The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit of 169 Laurel loop are all members of the United States army.

Sergeant Murphy Pettit, 22, is serving with the first engineers at Camp Blanding, Fla.; Acting Corporal Eugene Pettit, 27, is in the signal air warning service at the army airport at Florence, S. C.; Private First Class Curtis Pettit, 24, is a cook at the army airport at Orlando, Fla.; Private Lecil Pettit is a teletype operator in the air raid warning service at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., and Lester Pettit is a bookkeeper in the quartermaster corps at Camp Sutton.

All of the boys with the exception of one volunteered, and with the exception of Sergeant Pettit, all have entered the service since November of last year. Lecil and Lester are twin.

Before entering the army as a selectee, Eugene was a foreman for the American Enka corporation. Curtis was in the restaurant business in Washington. Lecil was connected with the Underwood Typewriter company and Lester was with the Southern Bell Telephone company at Columbia, S. C.

All of the boys were reared in Asheville and attended Lee Edwards high school. Sergeant Pettit entered the army as soon as he finished his schooling.

The father, who is employed by the Jones Construction company, also has been doing his share in the war effort in connection with army construction projects. He recently has been working in Alabama but is being transferred to Charlotte.

Curtis is at home with his parents for a short furlough now and will return to his army duties Thursday.

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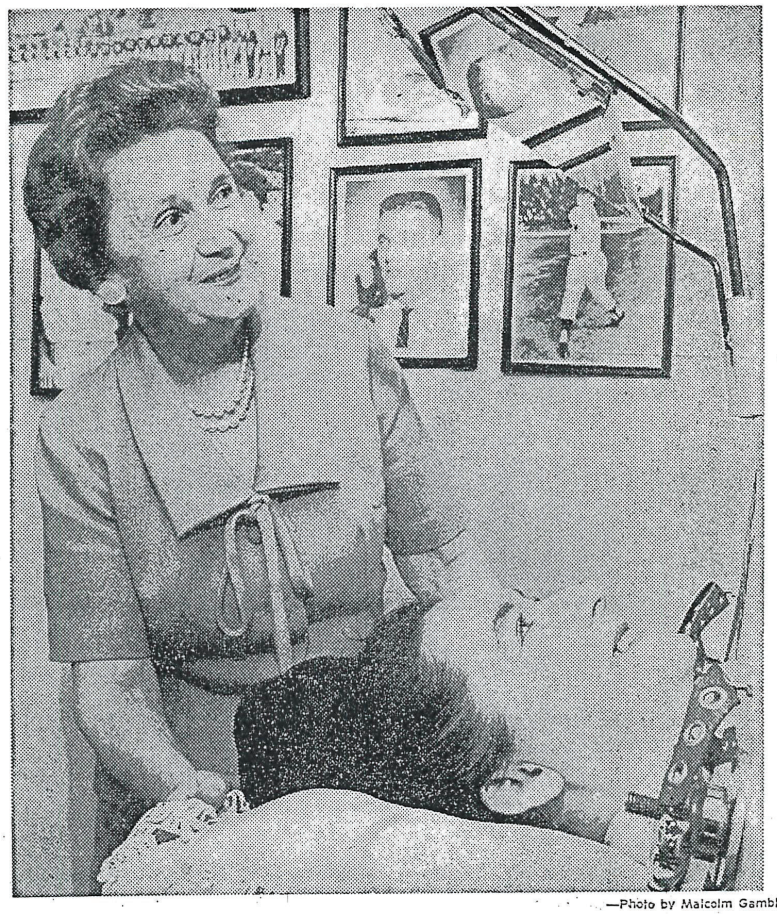

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MRS. PHILLIPS MRS. BRYSON

Mother's Love Goes Second Mile

By MARY LACY BYRD

The highest type of Motherhood is exemplified in the life of Mrs. Edna Walsh Phillips of 78 Fairfax Avenue.

Born and reared in West Asheville, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Walsh, she attended Asheville Normal and graduated from Haywood Institute at Clyde. She went into the teaching profession and served as a school principal and later taught second grade at Johnson School.

Mrs. Phillips was the typical mother of a growing family with varied interest until tragedy struck full-force in August 1950. The oldest daughter, Katherine P. Bryson, the mother of three children and another baby expected momentarily, was stricken with polio.

After every known treatment had been tried at the Orthopedic Hospital, it was known that life for Katherine from now on would be that of an iron-lung patient. The home at 78 Fairfax Avenue that had been built for her by her father, was remadeled and equipped to provide care for her and Mrs. Phillips assumed the responsibility of constant care.

After 16 years as mother-nurse - companion with strong family ties of the Walsh family background undergirding her, and the spiritual strength that has come to both mother and daughter, Mrs. Phillips has no regrets. She has been able to maintain a home, be a mother to Katherine and Ellis Anne, now Mrs. Charles Starnes of Arden, and to enjoy being a grandmother to five.

Reading had always been a favorite pastime for Mrs. Phillips and now she has been able to enjoy sharing that with Katherine. They both enjoy reading the Bible daily. Mrs. Phillips' favorite passage is Romans 8-35-39. She also enjoys keeping Katherine's correspondence up-to-date and that means letters and cards to all parts of the world.

Friends are always welcome at the Phillips' home and several thousands annually visit with these two women and leave feeling much better than when they arrived. As members of the Grace Baptist Church, the church fellowship is shared in the home.

The one outside activity that Mrs. Phillips has clung to, is that of a Birthday Club which was organized 25 years ago by a small group of women as a Breakfast Club and later changed. They always manage to have a dinner meeting on members' birthdays, and this has helped through the years. Telephoning has also helped to keep contacts with friends and to brighten the days.

Mrs. Phillips says she has done nothing more than any other mother would have done under like circumstances but she has gone the second mile in service and love with her inspiring attitude.

School's Life Skills Class Teaches Practical Skills, Self-Confidence

By FREDA BARRY
Staff Writer

Rag dolls, stuffed animals, bottles of perfume, bikes, tickets for private airplane rides and a semi-precious diamond ring are just a few of the items Archie Pierce has collected for the auction she puts on for her Life Skills class at Hall Fletcher Middle School every year.

The auction is held in the classroom and gives the kids a chance to do a little Christmas shopping for themselves. Other teachers, students and friends tote in shopping bags full of all kinds of goodies every year for the auction, and the kids always manage to supply a few surprises of their own.

One year, she was sure that one little boy would go for the bike on which the whole class worked so hard to restore to its former beauty. But he bid on a genuine, second-hand leather coat for his mom and got that instead of the bike.

Another little boy traded in his tokens not for a toy for himself but for a doll he was sure his little sister would love.

The tokens that the kids use to trade for Christmas items are collected throughout the year; a blue token is awarded for each book read; a red token is awarded for math problems solved; and white tokens are used to reward good behavior in class or on the school bus.

The award tokens are stored in the classroom in glass jars with the children's names on them for safe-keeping until auction time — Pierce has discovered that old poker chips serve just fine as tokens.

She used to reward the class with sweet rolls, but when that got to be too fattening for everyone concerned, she decided on the tokens to be used in exchange for toys and dolls at the Christmas auction.

The idea actually originated when she was given a wreck of a bicycle to do with as she could for her class.

"The boys got so interested,

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CHRISTMAS AUCTION — Archie Pierce has collected all kinds of dolls and toys for her Life Skills class auction at Hall Fletcher Middle School. (Photo by Freda Barry)

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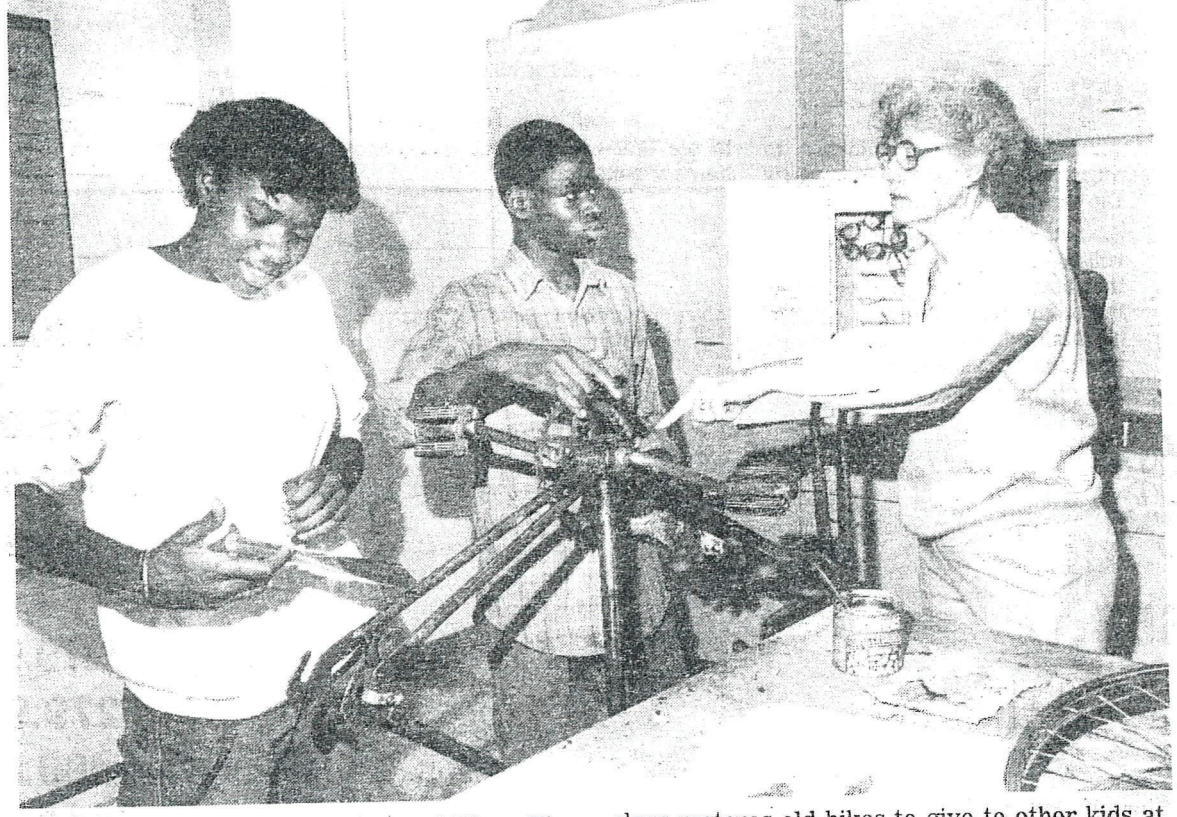

BIKE SHOP — Virginia Cox and Vince Finley get a few tips on the art of bike repair from their teacher, Archie Pierce. Her Life Skills class restores old bikes to give to other kids at Christmas and for their own class auction as well. (Photo by Freda Barry)

Class

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wanting to fix it up and everything, I decided to reward them for each bit of repair work done," she said.

The idea grew into a yearly project not only to collect tokens for the auction but to repair old bikes to present to other children who just might really need a bike under their Christmas tree. And, of course, one would be put aside for the class auction.

Fellow teacher Richard Davis pitched in by turning over his vocational workshop so the Life Skills students could take their turn repairing and painting old bikes in time for Christmas.

Such hands-on experience is the very essence of a Life Skills class.

"Most of what we try to teach is common sense, even for such everyday stuff as grocery shopping," said Pierce.

"In class, they learn to work out their shopping budgets, using store ads to estimate what they can afford to buy. Then Barbara Clark and I take the kids out in groups of six to go to a grocery store. The next day, we cook a meal together, and that teaches them even more."

The purpose of the class is to teach the youngsters common sense life skills that they can use far beyond their school years, such as housekeeping skills, baby-sitting, basic first aid and other health courses in addition to basic reading, writing and arithmetic.

Playing a part in that kind of education is very important to Pierce, who says, "To me, it's a calling. Even though it's very frustrating at times, it does teach you to be patient."

One of the biggest stumbling blocks in teaching such a group is the negative attitude that many young people come to class with, but she meets each day and each child with such boundless energy that there's no doubt that she does indeed back up her claim:

"A positive attitude is something that can be taught," she declares. "If you provide them with one good experience after another and couple that with love and discipline, negative attitudes can be overcome.

"You have to be firm with these kids — with any kid — but you also have to let them know that you love them."

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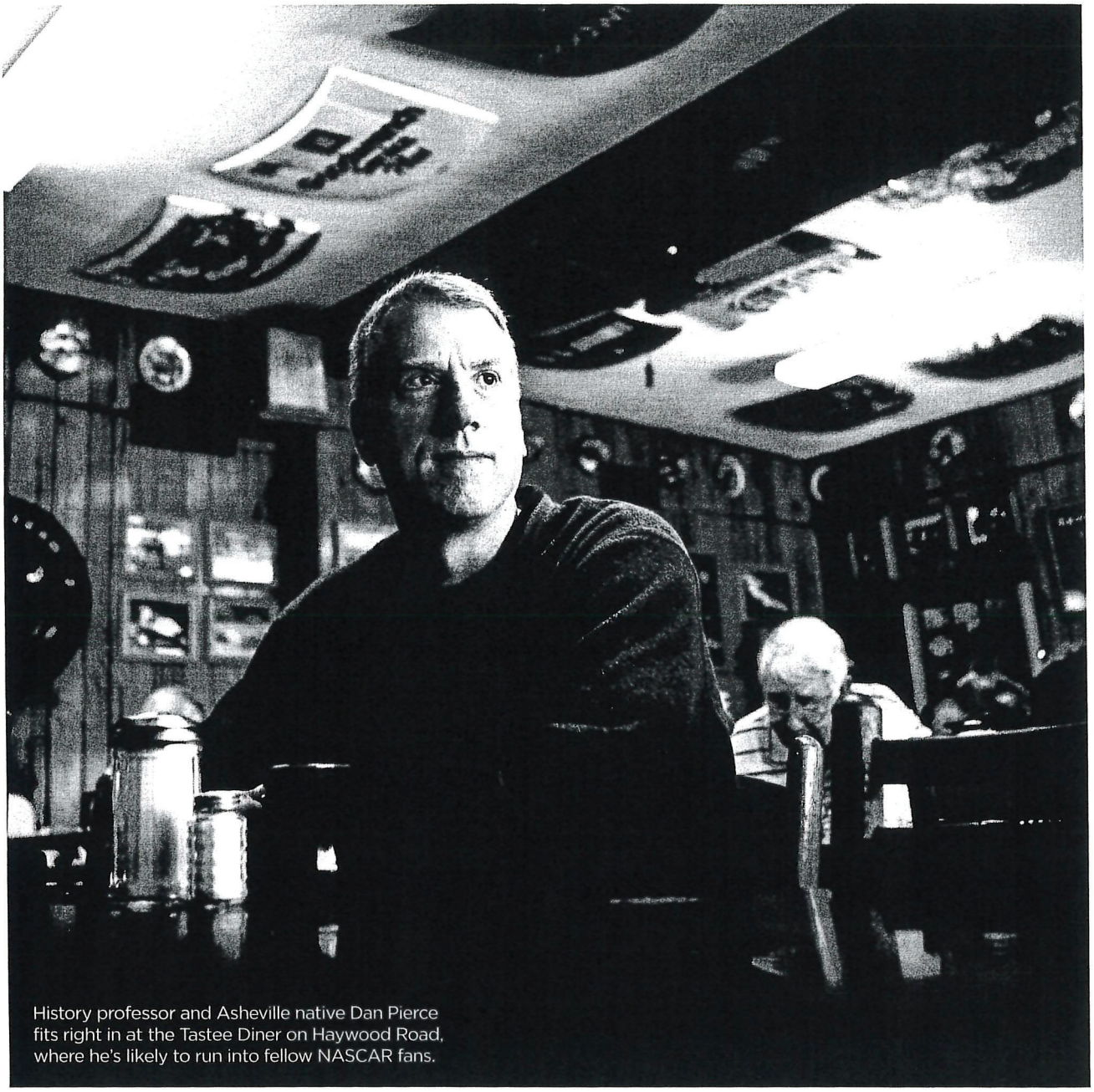

History professor and Asheville native Dan Pierce fits right in at the Tastee Diner on Haywood Road, where he's likely to run into fellow NASCAR fans.

Southern Historian at Heart

Professor and author Dan Pierce honors his own roots as he explores Southern history for his books and his classes at The University of North Carolina at Asheville.

By Arnold Wengrow

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Dan Pierce admits it freely. Growing up in West Asheville, he spent much of his youth trying to dodge the "redneck" and "cracker" labels. Then, while in graduate school at The University of Alabama, he took a course taught by the noted Southern historian Grady McWhiney. And as McWhiney talked about Celtic culture in the Old South, Pierce began to see himself — and the people he grew up with — in a light that gave him pride.

"At a certain point, you either change the way you talk and take on a totally different lifestyle, or you embrace who you are."

"The first book we read was *Plain Folk of the Old South* by Frank Owsley," Pierce says. "It opened my eyes to notions about the history of ordinary working-class people, that there was something important there."

So important that not only did Pierce stop denying his roots, he's well on his way to becoming a Southern historian of note, chairing the History Department at the University of North Carolina at Asheville and writing books as he explores the grit and determination of the Southern working class.

Racing convert

If, as Grady McWhiney claimed, "cracker" is rooted in the Gaelic "craic" for "entertaining conversation," the word nails Pierce. He looks and talks a little like a mash-up of Andy Griffith and Bill Clinton, with a hint of Gomer and Goober thrown in. He even refers to himself, with pride, as the "token cracker" on campus.

Pierce writes serious history but strives to reach more than historians. His first book, *The Great Smokies: From Natural Habitat to National Park*, is something of a bestseller. While most academic books find their primary audiences on college campuses and are considered successes if their sales top out at several hundred copies, Pierce's book has sold nearly 5,000 copies and continues to do well in park bookstores.

In the book, Pierce doesn't focus on the businessmen and politicians who created the park. The chapter of which he's most proud tells the story of the farm families who were removed from their land. Many of their stories he collected firsthand. One of his favorites is from Glenn Cardwell, the mayor of Pittman Center, Tennessee, who grew up in Greenbrier section, now part of the park. As Pierce tells it, one day, when he was eight or nine years old, Cardwell followed a trail going up through the woods on his father's farmland and came upon a still.

"Well, he goes running, 'Daddy, Daddy, there's a still up there,' " Pierce relates. "His father says, 'Boy, shut your mouth.' Now, his dad was a good Baptist deacon, but there wasn't any conflict. In fact, the sheriff of the county was his best customer."

Pierce's second book, *Real NASCAR: White Lightning, Red Clay, and Big Bill France* (see a review on page 16) was published by UNC Press in April and is likely to reach an even bigger audience. He wrote it to show why hundreds of thousands of people in the Piedmont love stock car racing. Pierce himself is a latecomer to motor sports. As a child, he considered the Friday night noise from the Asheville Speedway near his house a nuisance. Then, in 1994, a former college roommate talked Pierce into attending a then-Winston Cup race at Bristol Motor Speedway. Pierce was an instant convert.

Since that experience, he's attended at least one top-division NASCAR race each season. The first thing he does each day is check out NASCAR news and gossip on the Internet, then update his blog, RealNASCAR.com. And in his campus office, alongside diplomas and awards hanging on his walls, you'll find the side panel from the Number 22 Caterpillar Dodge Challenger that Dave Blaney drove in the 2006 NASCAR Sprint Cup.

Feisty spirit

For Pierce, his fascination with NASCAR comes not only from the thrills generated by a herd of high-performance autos screaming around a track. Underneath the flash, Pierce appreciates the spirit he sees in both the drivers and the fans. It's the same spirit that intrigued him in McWhiney's class. It's the notion, he says, of "how people who are in difficult circumstances, who are low down on the economic scale, low down on the social scale, create their own world, whether it's making art out of junk or making your car drive faster than anybody else in your neighborhood."

What he prized all along about his West Asheville neighbors and didn't realize, he says, "was their was lack of pretense. They are who they are."

Just like Pierce.

"At a certain point, you either change the way you talk and take on a totally different lifestyle," he says, "or you embrace who you are."

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'White Liquor and Red Clay' tells the story of mountain moonshine and NASCAR

By Lindsay Lancaster

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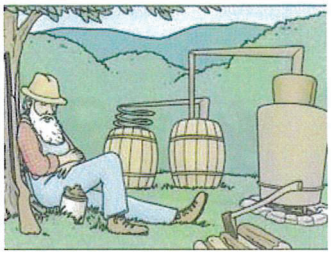

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Close your eyes and picture a mountain moonshiner. Do you see a long-bearded man in overalls with a mindless grin, missing a few teeth and falling down drunk?

Dan Pierce, Asheville native and chair of the University of North Carolina at Asheville's history department, says that stereotype is widely assumed. It's also mostly wrong.

He ought to know. He's literally written the book on Appalachian moonshining.

"The thing that I found most interesting is really how the reality differed from a lot of the image," Pierce says. "Part of that image, I think, comes from people who probably drank too much of their product. ... Junior Johnson always said, 'Liquor is for selling, not for drinking.'"

Johnson, an early NASCAR superstar, is a famous moonshiner from Wilkes County who ran 'shine for his daddy from age 8 through his 20s. After getting caught at his father's still, Johnson, now 77, was sentenced in 1956 to a year and a day in jail. In the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan pardoned him for his conviction, restoring his right to vote and hold a passport.

Pierce's book, "White Liquor and Red Clay: NASCAR in the era of Big Bill Franz," is scheduled for release in February. To get folks interested in his book, Pierce recently presented the program "Under the Influence: A Southern Appalachian History of Moonshine" at the Transylvania County Public Library.

"It is an important part of the culture," Pierce says.

Mountain Dew

Homemade whiskey — aka White Lightning, Kickapoo, Moonshine, Happy Sally, Ruckus Juice, Joy Juice, Hooch, Panther's Breath, Mountain Dew, Hillbilly Pop — was a key ingredient of social life in the past. Folks justified keeping it around for its helpful medicinal purposes.

"If it didn't cure what was wrong with you, it would at least make you feel better temporarily," Pierce says. "The origins of whiskey in the region go back to the first white settlers in the area. Whiskey was very much a part of life."

Not to mention, it was a fundamental part of the economy for people living in the mountains.

After the government began to tax the drink, the illegal spirits became known as moonshine because it was often made late at night, when the moon provided the only light, to evade authorities.

For people who lived in the backwoods and didn't have money to pay taxes, whiskey was a way to get money.

"There just were not a lot of economic alternatives for people," Pierce says.

In many communities, if you weren't actually making moonshine, you at least had a hand in some part in it. Merchants made profits from selling sugar, which speeds up the process of making whiskey.

Legal tender

Moonshining used to be legal. It wasn't until after the Civil War (1861 to 1865) that it became illegal.

In the early days of making Joy Juice, local law enforcement officers were often related to people who owned a still. Enforcement was mostly the responsibility of the Alcohol Tax Unit (ATU) agents.

But once the government began taxing whiskey in the late 1700s, small producers could no longer make a profit. The temperance movement came about in the 1830s and 1840s.

Then in the late 19th and early 20th century, prohibition gained a foothold.

In the early years of the 20th century, production of illegal alcohol went up again. Many states, including North Carolina, passed prohibition laws before national laws were passed in 1920.

With no legal alcohol available, demand for White Lightning increased drastically.

In the 1920s, the business evolved from small batches to a much more industrialized, black market trade. The size of stills swelled to 1,000-plus gallon capacities.

Then the political winds shifted again and prohibition was repealed in 1933. By the late 1950s and early '60s, moonshining began to die down.

Federal laws changed and penalties for moonshining became much stiffer. The market for 'shine shrank and there was no longer as much reward in return for the risk.

"It's not gone, obviously," Pierce says.

But it is far less common.

The NASCAR connection

It's widely believed that the production of moonshine helped jumpstart the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, or NASCAR. The organization began when race car driver Big Bill France — the first president of NASCAR — organized a meeting between drivers, mechanics and car owners to standardize rules for racing in 1947.

Before NASCAR's first race in 1948, moonshine runners often held informal races.

Moonshiners had to distribute their product secretively. Some hid it under straw or chickens in a truck. The other, more popular method required a souped-up car to outrun law enforcement. The cars had to be fast enough to not get caught — even while fully loaded. A fully loaded car careening through the hills of North Carolina might have had 22 six-gallon cases of whiskey.

Moonshiners had a couple advantages when it came to outrunning the law. Law

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enforcement vehicles simply weren't equipped to drive as fast. Frequently, the same mechanics worked on bootlegger and police cars. The mechanics admitted to doing better work on the 'shiners' cars because the bootleggers paid in cash.

Contrary to stereotypes, moonshine makers and moonshine runners were intelligent, excellent mechanics who knew how to turbo-charge a Ford with a flat-head V-8.

NASCAR driver Johnson, who now legally sells "Junior Johnson's Midnight Moon Carolina Moonshine" an 80 proof, corn-based liquor, is regarded as the fastest moonshine runner of all time. In fact, he was faster running "Hillbilly Pop" on the highway than he ever was on the race track, Pierce says.

Johnson gave up running White Lightning in 1955 to race for NASCAR. He was an overnight success.

Another bootlegger from Wilkes told Pierce that moonshine runners were anxious for the law to chase them to see how well their cars could run. Their hot cars typically had super-stiff rear suspensions, designed to hide the weight of the moonshine in the trunk.

The Southern men in that era were often steeped in the "hellofafellow" ethos: high testosterone and risk-taking, Pierce says. Running whiskey gave them the opportunity to live that out and get an adrenaline rush.

Another moonshine connection to NASCAR that Pierce shares: A major moonshine bust occurred around 1967 in Macon, Ga. To get to the still, you had to go through a passageway that was in the ticket booth at a racetrack.

Pierce earned his doctorate in history from the University of Tennessee. He is the author of "The Great Smokies: From Natural Habitat to National Park." A noted NASCAR historian, Pierce has written widely on the topic, including encyclopedia articles and an entry on "The Most Southern Sport on Earth: NASCAR and the Unions" for the Journal of Southern Culture.

Dispelling the myths

In at least one case, the stereotype of what a mountain moonshiner looks like wasn't completely a myth.

Pierce likes to show audiences video clips of the late Marvin "Popcorn" Sutton, who is popular on YouTube.com and wrote the book "Me and My Likker." The lanky Sutton sported a long beard and overalls and spoke with a deep Southern drawl.

In March, the 62-year-old moonshiner was found dead in his car in Parrottsville, Tenn., just days before he was to begin serving a jail sentence for illegally producing distilled spirits and possessing a firearm. His death was deemed a suicide, caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.

Sutton had been caught with three 1,000 gallon capacity stills, 800 gallons of liquor and plenty of materials needed to make moonshine.

"This was an industrial process," says Pierce, who was interviewed by the Wall Street Journal for Sutton's obituary.

Despite Sutton's appearance and speech, most moonshiners were not identifiable by their looks.

"Stereotypes of the moonshiner in legend and lore is myth," Pierce says.

Pierce was interviewed a few years ago for a History Channel documentary, "Hillbilly: The Real Story." At the time he was interviewed, he didn't know the documentary's

title. But he didn't take offense.

"One of our greatest strengths is that we can laugh along with the stereotypes and then turn them to our own benefit," Pierce says. "The Mountaineer Hotels on Tunnel Road in Asheville, Gatlinburg and Maggie Valley are great examples of this unique Appalachian trait."

Pierce is happy to dispel the myth that moonshiners weren't the sharpest tools in the shed.

"They were very entrepreneurial. They had incredible business sense," Pierce says. "A lot of these people became very successful once they got out of the moonshine business."

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Dan Pierce brings history to life

By Melissa Stanz

Combining his love of history and NASCAR, Associate Professor Dan Pierce has authored a new book, *Real NASCAR: White Lightning, Red Clay, and Big Bill France* (University of North Carolina Press, February 2010).

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> —Will Tate '05

Library Journal enthusiastically recommends it as "an important work that would serve an academic audience as well as general readers."

An easy read that speeds along like a pace car, the book details the history of NASCAR and its primary players from the 1940s through the 1970s. It also establishes solid ties between the sport that currently claims more than 75 million fans and the illegal liquor industry of the 1940s—a controversial topic mostly ignored by NASCAR officials.

"I thought all the talk about illegal liquor and bootlegging in the early days was overblown until I dug into it," said Pierce. "But my research confirms that almost all the top drivers in the early years did moonshine runs, and that the illegal liquor industry permeated the organization, including drivers, mechanics and owners."

Real NASCAR tells research-based stories—the same kinds of stories Pierce loves to use in the classroom. He believes stories are the best way to bring history to life.

Alumnus Will Tate '05 agrees. "Dr. Pierce's challenge to pursue knowledge, facts and storytelling was

a spark in my mind. He always asked that students tell a story when answering a question. And although I know that history is a lot of facts, dates, people and places, Dr. Pierce wanted us to put it in a story, in context, where it related to something else."

Racing legend Junior Johnson is shown following the Grand National race at the Asheville-Weaverville Speedway in August 1961. Johnson won despite the hole in his windshield caused by flying debris as the track began to break apart. When NASCAR shortened the race because of track conditions, fans rioted and kept the drivers from leaving for four hours.

Pierce credits his dad with helping him develop his storytelling skills. As a Baptist preacher, his father told stories from the pulpit every Sunday. "I never realized how much I was absorbing—the structure and the stories—but I did. I'm a big believer in using stories." While he was learning the power of stories, Pierce also fell in love with history. When he was 12, he traveled with another student and a teacher to Europe for the summer. It was a life-defining experience. "My teacher, Jean Bennett, loved history and she was an incredible teacher, taking us to many countries and bringing history alive. I thought I would study European history even into graduate school."

The desire to study European history was overshadowed when Pierce began working on his master's degree at the University of Alabama. "I studied with two professors who were on the cutting edge of Southern history," he said. "One professor, Forrest McDonald, really simplified things for me. Then I took a Southern culture class that was all about working class Southerners—people like my grandfathers. That's when I really understood that everyone has a story, and they are all valuable."

Understanding the value of working- class peoples' stories is something Pierce emphasizes in his classes. He enjoys teaching about the lives of people who have been marginalized because it helps them have a voice. "Anyone is a proper subject for an historian," he said.

Learning that is a revelation for students, but they embrace it quickly. The History Department requires all history majors to write a senior thesis, and many choose to write about relatives, everyday people or little-known subjects. Pierce notes that when the papers are turned in, students have not only completed original research but have also become experts in their subject matter.

Recently, two students chose NASCAR subjects for their senior papers and Real NASCAR benefited from their research. "Dr. Pierce recognized my passion for this subject and forced me to continue the journey on seeking out the true story. I'm honored that he considered my work valued enough to assist him in his journey," said Tate.

Bryan Greene '08, another NASCAR fan, also chose to do his senior thesis on the sport. "During our second meeting to discuss my paper, I rambled on and on about facts and dates and Dr. Pierce just smiled and nodded," Greene recalled. "When I finished touting my racing expertise, Dr. Pierce removed his glasses and warned me about the mistake of becoming an antiquarian instead of a historian. I needed to focus on explaining my findings rather than regurgitating them. I was shocked at

first that he would be so blunt with me, but soon realized how much that one statement would improve my research. I rewrote the paper that night."

Since Pierce is the author of two books, several magazine and encyclopedia articles, and a weekly blog, you might think writing was a natural gift for him. Not so. "Until I was studying for my master's degree, I never made better than a C in writing. It did not come naturally for me. I had to work at it and break it down," Pierce said.

He emphasizes this to his students regularly. "I tell them any idiot can do this if you work at it, but you have to have a thick skin and take constructive criticism."

Greene, who is now a coach and teacher in Rockingham, N.C., has a special appreciation for Pierce's teaching style. He said, "Dr. Pierce is very forthcoming with his own education and how he improved as a student and a writer through his undergrad, grad school and doctoral experiences. He expects his students to improve as well. If you accept this unspoken challenge then you will not only be successful in his class but also throughout your collegiate career. So far, it has worked for me in my professional career as well. I find myself using this same philosophy of high expectations in my classes and for my teams."

Despite his successes, Pierce continues to seek constructive criticism. Paul Bergeron, a favorite University of Tennessee graduate school professor, is commonly called upon to review his writing. And Pierce is grateful for the feedback.

"You need people in your life that care enough about you to tell you the truth. And anyone that makes me look smarter than I am—that's a good thing," Pierce laughed.

With some help from Bergeron, Pierce published his first book, *The Great Smokies: From Natural Habitat to National Park* (University of Tennessee Press, November 2000). It was the inaugural selection for Tennessee Reads, a book club featuring titles from the University of Tennessee Press.

Now, Real NASCAR, his second book, is flying off the shelves nearly as fast as race cars themselves. Since its release, Pierce was asked to pen an op-ed for the New York Times, has appeared on morning radio shows across the country and has garnered rave reviews. He now writes a monthly history column for NASCAR Illustrated and blogs at realnascar.com. He's also working on a guidebook of NASCAR historical sites.

While it's safe to say that none of the fame has gone to his head, Pierce isn't resting on his laurels either. He continues to teach popular courses on Southern history. He is mentoring students on their undergraduate research projects. And he's begun imagining his next book, a text on moonshining in the 20th century.

"I want to know how it worked, what it financed and ferret out the illegal activities versus the legitimate enterprises," he explained.

It sounds like the perfect project for an atypical history professor with a knack for bringing the stories of common people to life in really big ways.

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Nascar's 190-M.P.H. Beanball

By DANIEL S. PIERCE

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LAST Sunday the Nascar driver Carl Edwards drove his Ford into Brad Keselowski's Dodge as the two raced around the Atlanta Motor Speedway at 190 miles per hour. Keselowski's car flew into the air and crashed into the wall along the track's front stretch.

Wrecks are nothing new in Nascar. But usually they're accidents. This time, though, Edwards unapologetically admitted that he wrecked his rival in retaliation for an incident last year in Talladega, Ala., where Keselowski knocked Edwards's car into the fence and out of the race.

What's surprising is that this was no surprise. In January, Nascar's vice president for competition, Robin Pemberton, had in effect given approval to such rough racing when he announced that the Daytona brass were loosening the reins on driver behavior on and off the track. "Boys, have at it and have a good time," he said.

The slap-on-the-wrist penalty that Edwards received for hitting Keselowski confirmed that, at least for now, Nascar is planning to let drivers police themselves.

This has left a lot of people shocked — and brought the sport a flood of news media attention. For many non-fans, it seems proof that Nascar is a violent activity for aggressive rednecks.

But the truth is quite different. Nascar — like almost all sports, particularly at the professional level — has an unwritten code of social behavior. And when that code is violated, there are consequences. The new rules simply let that code take its full effect.

Think of it this way: Baseball has plunking and we have, well, crashing. After all, Edwards's retaliatory wrecking of Keselowski was not much different from the Giants' Barry Zito plunking the Brewers' Prince Fielder in the back with a pitch the other day, six months after Fielder had embarrassed the Giants with an ostentatious home-run celebration.

Indeed, the new rules simply take Nascar back to its roots. Edwards's move was part of the sport's tradition, as old as stock-car racing itself, and as much a part of its DNA as moonshine, street racing and red-dirt tracks. Stock-car racing's passionate following was built on drivers "cuttin' 'em a flip" on the track and fighting it out afterward in the infield.

Longtime fans have great memories of incidents like the 10-lap demolition derby that took place at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C., in 1966, when Curtis Turner and Bobby Allison "got into it" and

repeatedly rammed each other until their cars died.

Most historians point to the 1979 Daytona 500 as the moment Nascar began to capture the nation's eye. But that attention came not from Richard Petty winning the race, but from Donnie Allison and Cale Yarborough battling for the lead on the final lap and then duking it out in the infield after their cars slid to a stop, all on national television.

Given the traditions of the sport, while Keselowski probably deserved a plunking, what Edwards delivered was more akin to a beanball to the head — too dangerous and beyond the boundaries of a proper retaliatory response.

However, don't be surprised if Edwards puts Keselowski into the wall — or vice versa — next week at Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee or in two weeks at the Martinsville Speedway in Virginia, where the cars don't reach such high speeds and the dangers of seriously injuring either a driver or a fan are not so high.

This might look like barbarity in steel-and-glass form. But it's not. Stock-car racing isn't simply about speed; it is an intricate dance of complex strategies and fearless maneuvering.

At 200 miles per hour, there are no referees to call foul; the only effective arbiter, at least during the race, is the unwritten code of the drivers themselves. Nascar's new rules are simply the wise recognition of that fact.

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PINNER AGAIN ELECTED HEAD OF COSMIC CLUB

Sanders Picked As First Vice-President; Others Are Re-Elected

Beaman L. Pinner, Asheville druggist, was re-elected president of the Cosmic club for another six-months period at the organization's weekly meeting at the S. and W. cafeteria last night.

The club named George Sanders first vice-president and re-elected George W. Mitchell second vice-president, William Morgan secretary, Allison F. Howell treasurer, and Joe Hough chaplain.

Carl Rhinehardt and James O'Kelly were elected to the board of directors for one-year terms, and Charles Beaver and Bailey McGruder were named first and second alternate directors, respectively, for half-year periods.

The new officers will be installed January 6, with a dance following the induction rites.

James Crownover, of Sayles Biltmore Bleacheries, was introduced as a new member last night. Visitors included Tiny Parker and Gene Clayton.

The club voted to hold an abbreviated meeting next Thursday night to give members an opportunity to see the Clemson-Kentucky basketball game at Enka.

T. Furman Stokes, chairman of the club's nominating com presided over last night's meeting.

RENAMED TO POST—Cosmic club members last night elected Beaman L. Pinner, Asheville druggist, president of the organization for another six-month period.

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RECEIVES CHARTER—Beaman E. Pinner, commander of the newly organized West Asheville Memorial post of the American Legion, is pictured as he receives the charter from Fred Bauman, commander of the Rockwell Bailey post of the American Legion, at a meeting last night in Rhododendron clubhouse. Other officers of the post are George Hull, senior vice commander, Harry Woolford, junior vice commander, Jim Fullam, adjutant, C. W. Chapman, finance officer, Harold Sams, police advocate, the Rev. John L. Roueche, chaplain, Allen Raines, sergeant at arms, and George Mitchell, historian.

HENDERSON PINNER OCHSENREITER MRS. BELL DR. MURPHY

NEW CITY SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZES—Members of the newly-appointed city school board met yesterday afternoon at David Millard junior high school and named Pierce Henderson chairman and Mrs. Frank Bell vice-chairman. The picture above was made as the meeting got under way after the members had been given the oath of office by S. M. Connor, business manager of the city schools. In the picture are Mr. Henderson, B. R. Pinner, Gene Ochsenreiter, Mrs. Bell, and Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy.

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PINNER JOHNSON CONNOR BYERS MRS. LEE

THE NEW CITY SCHOOL BOARD met yesterday in the David Millard Junior High School and renamed J. W. Byers as city school superintendent and S. M. Connor as business manager, and reappointed secretaries to the superintendent, business manager and high school principal. During a brief session, it witnessed the administration of the oath of office to a new member, Herbert E. Johnson. Johnson is shown being sworn in by Connor, while Byers and Beaman Pinnner and Mrs. E. G. Lee, members of the board, observed the proceedings. Johnson suceeds Pierce P. Henderson, who was chairman of the board. A new chairman is expected to be named at the next meeting of the board.

MEMBERS OF THE WEST ASHEVILLE BRANCH YMCA filled posts in the organization's committee of management during a recent election conducted by mail. Two of the committeemen named are shown here. At left is Beaman L. Pinner and, right, Ben L. Jarrett. Also elected to the committee were Bob Nahikian and Clyde Roberts, who were unable to be present for this picture. (Citizen Photo)

PINNER'S DRUG STORE BEGAN BACK IN 1933

Pinner's Drug Store, 619 Haywood Road in West Asheville, originated in 1933 at the corner of Woodfin and Market Streets, according to Beaman Pinner, owner and founder. The company moved to its present location in 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinner (Evelyn) have one son, Zack, who is a senior at Lee Edwards High School, and quarterback on the school football team.

PINNER

Pinner is past president of the Cosmic Club, W. N. C. Drug Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and First Commander of the West Asheville Memorial Legion Post No. 335, serving a second term. He is a veteran of World War II.

Mrs. Pinner is president of the West Asheville Legion Auxiliary.

Asheville Citizen December 1, 1960

Fountain And Druggist Together Since 1933

By NANCY BROWER

An honest-to-goodness drug store soda fountain where the druggist himself takes a turn as soda jerk is hard to find.

NANCY BROWER

Beaman Pinner has had such a fountain since 1933 and he says he still makes the best chocolate ice cream sodas in town. The small fountain in Pinner's Drug Store at 619 Haywood Road is of Roaring '20s vintage and has the marble panels that mark the genuine article. It is backed with mirrors framed in stained glass and mahogany and topped by a St. Joseph's Aspirin clock.

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There's carbonated water on tap, five flavors of ice cream, including raspberry ripple, lots of gooey syrups top them off. No grill, no sandwiches, no coffee pot, no menu. Just an uncomplicated soda fountain where folks can step up and say, "Hey, doc, give me a cherry Coke."

'Hey, Doc, Give Me A Dope'

Pinner took over a drugstore in the Woodfin Apartments building in 1933. In those days, the old YMCA was across the street. Pinner said men used to gather for bowling at the Y and come to his place to quench their thirsts afterward. They'd step up to the same fountain he has today and say, "Hey, doc, give me a dope." Dope was slang for Coca-Cola at the time, Pinner said.

In 1941, Pinner moved his drugstore business (and the soda fountain) to its present location. The building it occupies had been a neighborhood grocery store. Kids who went to nearby schools were happy to see a soda fountain installed. Pinner's Drug Store became an after-school hangout. A Times

Randy Gamble mans the fountain these days, but Pinner takes over when Gamble goes out to deliver prescriptions. He said some people come "across town" for his real oldtime, rich, thick, creamy milkshakes. He said his secret is Biltmore Dairy products (he has had nothing else in his store since 1933) and a heavy hand with the chocolate syrup.

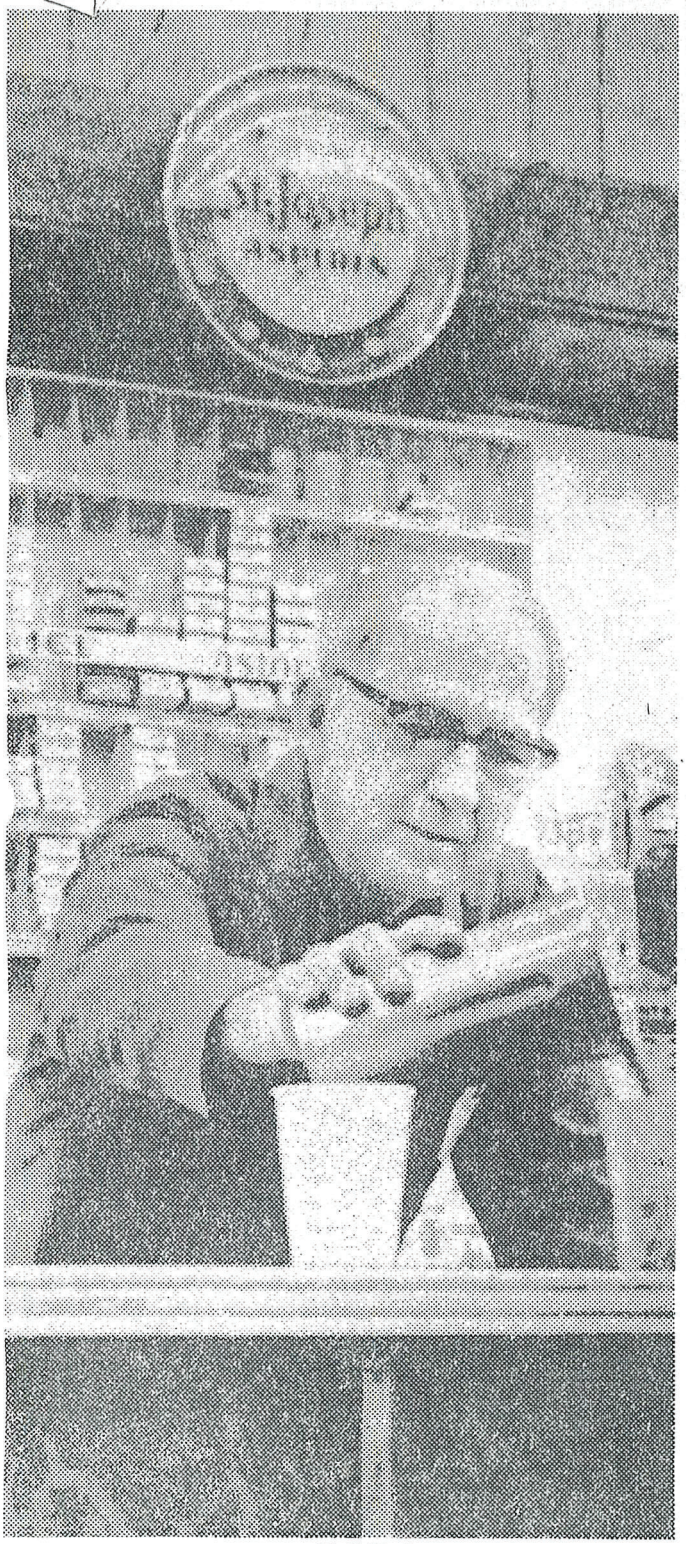
7 Out Of 10 Chocolate

"If I sell 10 milkshakes," the druggist said, seven of them will be chocolate." A Pinner's chocolate milkshake is not pale tan, but darkly delicious.

Beaman Pinner takes the greatest pride in his chocolate sodas. If he hears someone specify an "old fashioned" chocolate soda, he slips behind the fountain to create the concoction himself. He said not many people know the secret of a good soda, namely how much to fizz it with carbonated water.

Cherry smashes, vanilla cokes, and ice cream cones round out the treats at the old soda fountain. Much of the fun of going there is listening to "Doc" make a colorful, rapid-fire conversation as one leans against the fountain and sips something cold and sweet through a straw.

"I was the son of a country doctor," he begins a tale. "I was an only child, so my mother wanted to make me a junior. My father didn't like that 'junior' business. So he named me Be A Man. Beaman Lindsey Pinner is my name."



— Staff Photo By MALCOLM GAMBLE

Substitute Soda Jerk

West Asheville pharmacist Beaman Pinner at his soda fountain in 1976. He died Sunday at age 76.

Beaman Pinner Dies At Age 76

From Staff Reports

Beaman L. Pinner, whose drug store in West Asheville was a community focal point for almost half a century, died Sunday in an Asheville hospital.

Some mothers in residential areas along that section of Haywood Road didn't think they could get their children through a minor illness without Beaman Pinner.

Pinner, 76, was an active member of the community, and from his home at 148 Brucemont Circle or Pinner's Drugstore at 619 Haywood Road, he kept in touch with the people he served. He served for 17 years on the school board.

Owner and operator of Pinner's Drugstore, he could be found at the soda fountain mixing shakes and building banana splits as well as in the prescription department dispensing medicine.

The small soda fountain, of the Roaring '20s style, is backed by mirrors framed in stained glass and mahogany. Pinner brought it with him when he moved from Woodfin Street in Asheville in 1941.

Pinner, a native of Pomaria, S.C., took over a drugstore in Woodfin Apartments in 1933. When he moved it to West Asheville he remodeled a building on Haywood Road that had been a neighborhood grocery. His drugstore became a favorite gathering place for children from schools in the area.

Pinner was appointed to the Asheville City Board of Education in 1947. He was vice chairman of the board for a time, and at one point served for some time as temporary chairman.

He was a graduate of Newberry College and an Army veteran of World War II.

Pinner was a member of North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, Asheville Cosmic Club and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He was a charter member and past commander of West Asheville American Legion Post No. 335 and a charter member of West Asheville Business Association. He was past president of WNC Drug Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Chester Pinner; a son, Zach E. Pinner of Hilton Head, S.C.; and a grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Grace Funeral Home. The Rev. Lewis O. Dasher will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

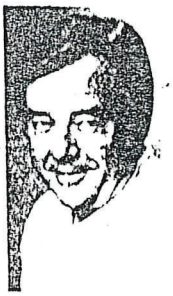
The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10 North Liberty St., Asheville, N.C. 28801, or to Buncombe County Chapter of American Cancer Society, 260 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, N.C. 28801.

Beaman Pinner born Sept. 30, 1909; died, May 1986, in Asheville.

Businessman, Racer, Richard Plemmons, Dies In Asheville

Richard Merritt "Dickie" Plemmons, former race car driver and a member of NASCAR racing, died Friday in an Asheville hospital. He was 57.



PLEMMONS

Plemmons, of 111½ Hansel Ave., Asheville, was owner of Dickie's Food Stores.

A resident of Buncombe County for 50 years, he was former owner of Dickie's T.V., Dick Plemmons Manufacturing Co., and Dickie's T.V. Softball Team. He was a member of Clayton Avenue Freewill Baptist Church and a Marine veteran.

He was the son of the late Julius Bryant and Elsie Thomerson Plemmons.

Surviving are his wife, Annette Freeman Plemmons; a daughter, Missy A. Plemmons of the home; three sons, Ricky R., Chip L. and Tracy Buzzy Plemmons of Asheville, and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Anders-Rice Funeral Home. The Rev. T.A. Holder will officiate. Burial will be in Ashelawn Gardens of Memory.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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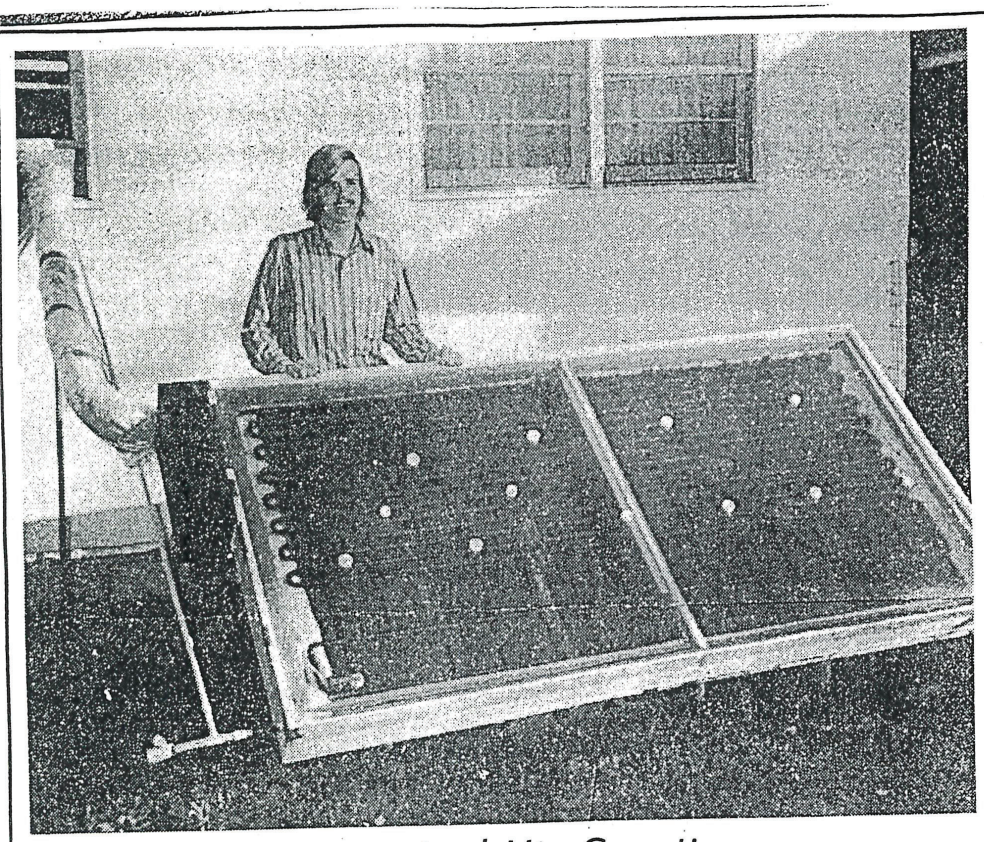

A Man And His Creation

No, this isn't a new table game being offered this Christmas. It's a solar water heater, and Herb Pomfrey, standing behind the heater, built the device in three days with an investment of $202 in parts. (Staff photo by Malcolm Gamble)

Builds Own Solar Heater

Herb Pomfrey Is In Hot Water

By MICHAEL GINSBERG
Times Staff Writer

From hidden televisions to solar water heaters, Herb M. Pomfrey has found that his building projects are always getting him into hot water.

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The 22-year-old junior biology major at the University of North Carolina at Asheville says he developed his first project when he was about 10 years old.

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He put an old television inside his bedroom closet and hooked up the controls alongside his bed, along with an electric device for opening and closing the closet door.

After bedtime, Pomfrey says, the TV would go on, "and if I heard someone coming, I'd shut it off and close the door."

The arrangement backfired one day, Pomfrey says, when his mother, passing by, heard the closet door shut. She came in, opened the closet door, and saw the last bit of light fade from the screen.

Pomfrey's latest project involved different risks. With an investment of $202 in parts, all purchased locally, and three days of labor, Pomfrey last June built a solar water heater for his West Asheville home at 20 Eola Street.

On a day with six hours of sunlight, Pomfrey says, the heater provides 40 gallons of hot water. On cloudy days the heater is less than 50 per cent effective, but the water remains hot enough for showering for two days. "When it rains we don't get any hot water from the heater."

Pomfrey says the low point of effectiveness came in mid-October, just before the leaves fell, when the heater was producing only nine to 10 gallons per day. The solar

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Solar Water Heater

collector sits behind the house and the neighbors' trees blocked the sunlight. "We can't really ask them to cut their trees down," Pomfrey says.

The idea of building a solar water heater came to Pomfrey several years ago. "Then, when our electric bills started jumping, I decided something had to be done.

"I was scared to put down the money for the parts at first because I wasn't sure it was going to work."

After doing some research, Pomfrey decided to build. He bought glass and plastic sheets and piping at building supply stores and found an old water tank in a junk yard. In three days, it was completed.

After he finished building, Pomfrey went to class. When he returned, he found that a small square on the collector was left uncovered and water circulating through the pipes was getting hot. He ran into the house, yelling to his wife, Sue, "Look, hey, hot water."

As Pomfrey explains it, the system of heating the water is fairly simple. Water is stored in the tank, which is located inside the house. It flows through piping to the outside collector, below the level of the tank "so we don't need a pump."

The solar collector is a flat 30-sq.-foot screen, built on an angle. It has a layer of glass and plastic outside, and pipes for circulating the water inside. Insulating material and a wooden frame surround the screens and pipes.

Pomfrey explains that the sun's rays heat the water as it flows through. The hot water is lighter than colder water, so it flows back up to the tank. The system includes an apparatus to keep water from freezing and alarm that sounds in case the water does approach freezing level. There are also simple controls to switch to electric water heating for backup. "Even with further advancements in solar heating, there will always have to be a backup system," Pomfrey says.

Pomfrey expects the system to pay for itself in two years. "Through the summer months we saved about 45 per cent in our electric bills."

Despite the savings, Pomfrey says he knows of no one else in Asheville who's built a solar water heater. He says his interest is in energy conservation, not financial rewards.

Mrs. Pomfrey says, however, "I hope the field opens up in Asheville so Herb can get going on it." And Pomfrey admits that, although he's a pre-dental student, he might consider getting into solar heating construction.

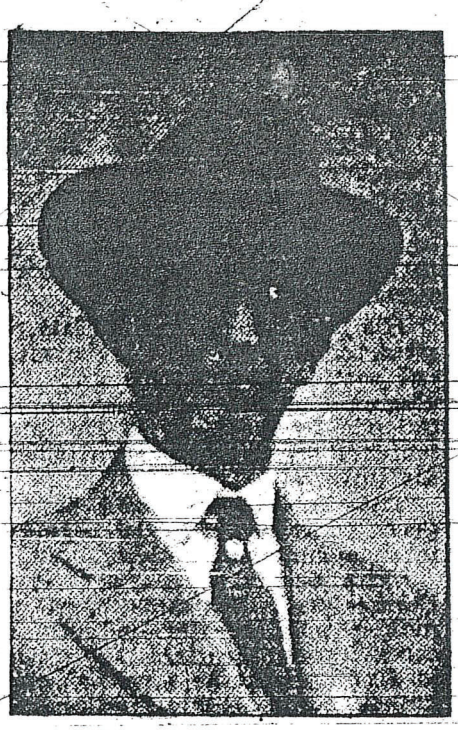
Since completing construction of the water heater, Pomfrey has built a solar still to distill water for a steam iron. His next project is more ambitious: a solar water heater for a friend's 48-by-24-foot swimming pool. He expects the heating to require twelve reflectors, each larger than his, at a construction cost of $3,000.

After that? "We're looking into building a house and there will be some solar considerations for heating it."

It's a long way from hiding televisions in bedroom closets.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1926

CASHIER



It was upon the shoulders of H. B. Posey, cashier, that most of the work in launching the new bank in West Asheville fell, and to him is accorded congratulations for the manner in which he has accomplished the task.

WEST ASHEVILLE BANK GROWING

H. B. Posey Is Credited With Good Showing Of Institution

H. B. Posey, cashier of the Bank of West Asheville, is the guiding spirit of the financial institution "across the river." Its growth has been remarkable, and regular dividends of 10 per cent have been paid for several years.

G. D. Carter is the president; Dr. J. G. Anderson, vice president; Mr. Posey, cashier, and Mrs. Fannie C. Posey, assistant cashier.

The directors are: Gallatin Roberts, M. L. Maney, Robert M. Wells, Dr. J. G. Anderson, G. A. Shieder, G. D. Carter, John A. Grobes, Mrs. W. E. Logan, J. S. Mardis and H. B. Posey.

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Community Life Centers About Organized Groups

West Asheville Folks Combine Efforts In Unity Plan

By GLENN W. NAVES

The people of West Asheville believe in organization.

And, incidentally, they believe in co-operation, and that a combination of these two elements is essential to community growth and progress.

Consequently, they have embodied the two in a number of well organized community groups, each of which is varied in policy and purpose so as to conform with the needs of everybody from the business man down to the boys and girls who are going to school and training themselves to be future citizens.

Beginning several years ago, public spirited citizens of the community grouped themselves in the belief that business, religion, social work, education and community government can best be conducted when each is thoroughly organized. And these organizations have grown with the progressive expansion of that section until each is a valuable asset, something which just as essential in a sense as the streets, schools and churches are because many of these benefits have been obtained through the efforts of one or more of the organizations.

Club Is Oldest

The largest and oldest of these groups are the West Asheville club, the West Asheville Community club and the West Asheville Merchants Association.

The former was organized in November, 1925 with S. D. Hall as president. Other presidents have been: Don C. Young, 1926, Hugh Sowers, 1927 and H. B. Posey, whose term will expire in November of this year. Both Mr. Posey and Mr. Sowers are bankers, the former being cashier of the Bank of West Asheville and the latter connected with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Young is representative No. 1 from Buncombe county in the General Assembly. G. G. Morgan was elected the first secretary and after his resignation was succeeded by Bert Starnes, who has served in that capacity since.

The club's membership of around 75, includes business and professional men of every calling—lawyers, bankers, ministers, physicians, merchants, public officials, and even one fire chief, a mayor and a few "politicians." The fire chief is A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, the mayor, Gallatin Roberts and the "politicians" include Mr. Young, who is also among Asheville's best known attorneys.

The club has since its organization shown a deep interest in the upbuilding and progress of the community, and at present has on schedule a number of plans in that direction.

Community Club

Shortly after the West Asheville club was formed the ladies of the community decided that they should also have a similar organization as the West Asheville Community club was formed.

The club has its musical and literary de-------- which have separate meetings and give programs in which the members participate. One of the most popular of these features is the monthly musical program, usually held at the home of a member. Local talent is used and a visiting artist entertains with vocal or instrumental numbers, or perhaps lectures on some interesting phase of music study. Each month the program is planned under the supervision of a selected member and is arranged so as to provide variety and an opportunity for each member to exercise their talent.

In many other ways the club takes an active part in the social, and church and educational life of the community, and has a large and active membership, many of whom are charter members.

Merchants Group

The West Asheville Merchants Association was organized in January, 1926 with a charter membership of 13 business men. The organization has since grown to 60 members, including practically every business concern in the community.

In accordance with tentative plans this organization has continued to function as a mutual benefit group for business men and citizens, and has accomplished much in the expansion of the business interests of West Asheville.

J. R. Mills, who died about two years ago, was the first president. Other officers elected at the initial meeting who are still serving are O. J. Judd, vice president and V. F. Brown, secretary. John May succeeded Mr. Mills as president.

Other Organizations

Other groups pprovide the essential organization element for the people, of the comunity.

Young people's organizations include two troops of the Boy Scouts of America; the Junior Music club; the Business Girls' Circle; the Young Men of the Presbyterian church, and others.

One of the Scout troops has been organized at the Methodist church and is sponsored by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, and others. Troop 3 of the Presbyterian church is under the leadership of Jimmy Haley, patrol leader and F. Bonnotte, Scoutmaster.

The Junior Music club was organized by Mrs. A. X. Blanchard and has since grown from eight to eighty members. The group was formed so as to give the children of the community with musical talent an opportunity to benefit from study and contact with each other, and to maintain their interest in music. The club is known as one of the most active in West Asheville.

Other organizations are the Calvary Baptist church orchestra and male quartet, the Junior choir of the Methodist church, Business Girls' Circle, Woman's Auxiliary, Men of the Church and Young Men of the Church, of the Presbyterian church, the Woman's Missionary groups of the community churches, the B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor organizations, the Mitchell Avenue Home club, the Friendship club, the Parent Teacher Association of Hall Fletcher, Aycock, Eugene Rankin, and Vance schools, the Sunday school groups and others.

Fraternal organizations include the West Asheville chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Locke Craig Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Red Men, Moose, Odd Fellows and the A. F. and A. M. Masonic

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Wednesday, April 28, 1965

H. B. Posey, Bank Veteran, Dies At Home

Humphrey B. Posey, 84, of 29 Richmond Ave., died Tuesday in his home after a short illness.

He was a native of Henderson County and had lived in Asheville for the past 50 years. He was the son of Woodfin and Wilmetta Brittain Posey.

He was a former Asheville insurance agent and vice president and cashier of the old West Asheville Bank.

For several years, Mr. Posey was appraiser for the Federal Land Bank here. He was active in Trinity Methodist Church, where he was a former chairman of the board of stewards. He was a charter member of the board of trustees of Aston Park Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Nelle P. Whiteside of the home; a sister, Mrs. J. L. Iler of Greenville, S. C.; a brother, John Posey of York, S. C.; two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a. m. in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home.

Dr. Embree H. Blackard will officiate and burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Bill and Norman Posey, Eugene and Posey Glenn, Reuben Mendez and Jack Lyle.

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Highway named after racing legend

By Keith Jarrett
SENIOR WRITER

BENT CREEK — He wouldn't have thought much about the speed limit — a piddling 45 mph — and he probably would have been embarrassed about all the fuss, but Bob Pressley would have been honored to have a highway named after him.

Bob Pressley

On the one-year anniversary of the death of the Asheville racing legend, family and friends gathered at Bent Creek Baptist Church Tuesday for a ceremony that included the official renaming of a section of Brevard Road/N.C. 191 as the Bob Pressley Highway.

"Pa-Paw would have been proud," said Coleman Pressley, Bob's grandson and the son of NASCAR racer Robert Pressley.

About 30 people met at the church to remember Bob, who grew up running a Model A Ford up and down the two-mile stretch of Bent Creek from Sardis Road to the Blue Ridge Parkway that now bears his name.

The five-lane highway runs right past the Bent Creek Cemetery where Pressley is buried.

A seven-time track champion at Asheville Motor Speedway who had more than 500 victories in a four-decade career in short-track racing, Pressley died of cancer April 27, 2004, at age 71.

"He was more than a racecar driver," said Doris Pressley, Bob's widow. "He was a very caring person and a humble man, but he would have been so proud of this.

"He did so much for his community. We had a wrecker service, and I don't know how many times he went out at two or three in the morning to help somebody out."

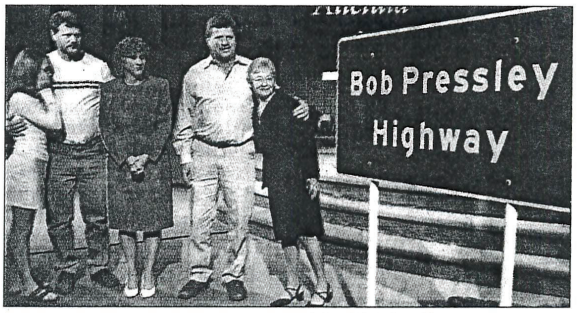
Tommy Thompson became the flagman at AMS in 1962, when Pressley began his racing career.

"He was a good friend, and I'm so happy to see this day come," said Thompson. "I'm happy for Doris and the kids and the grandkids to be here and see this honor. It's too bad they couldn't do this when he was alive."

Coleman, 16, is racing at Hickory Motor Speedway, continuing the family tradition.

"Something like this doesn't take away the pain of losing pa-paw, but it's a nice honor for him," he said.

"It's going to be cool driving up and down this highway every day and seeing that sign."



John Fletcher/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A portion of N.C. 191 was dedicated in honor of local racecar driving legend Bob Pressley on Wednesday during a ceremony at Bent Creek Baptist Church. Members of Pressley's family were there for the dedication, including: his niece, McKenzie Pressley, left, his son Ken Pressley, his daughter Patricia Warren, his son Michael Pressley and his widow, Doris Pressley. Bob Pressley died of cancer one year ago Wednesday.

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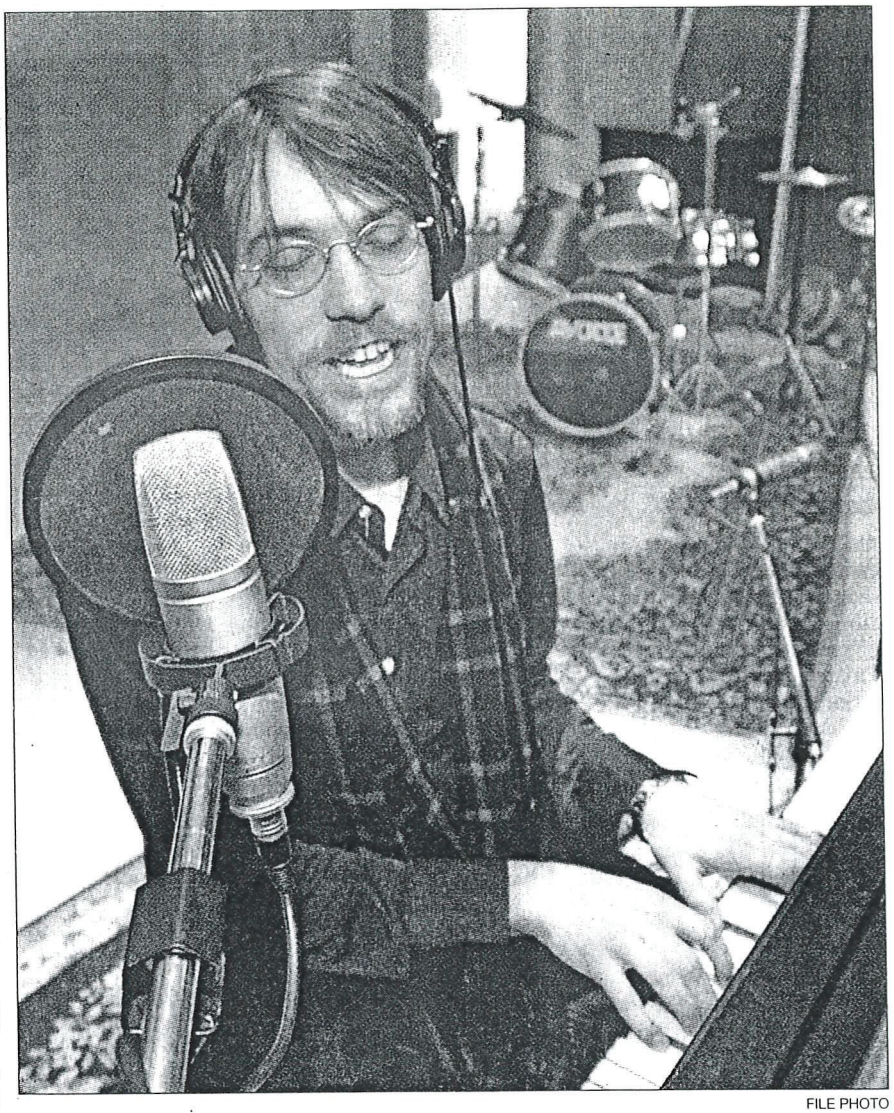
Concert to benefit shelter program

ASHEVILLE — The Outreach Committee of West Asheville Presbyterian Church will host a concert of local musicians to benefit the Hospitality House and Room in the Inn shelter program. The concert will take place at 4 p.m. Feb. 19 at the church, 690 Haywood Road. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children younger than 12.

All proceeds benefit Room in the Inn, a shelter program serving women out of local churches on a rotation basis. Performers will include **Woody Wood**, The Rib Tips, **Malcolm Holcombe**, **Aaron Price**, Mad Tea Party, Song o' Sky Sweet Adelines, **Katie Kasben**, **Daniel Coolik** and the Asheville Slavic Church Women's Choir.



FILE PHOTO

Local performers Aaron Price, shown above, Woody Wood, The Rib Tips, Malcolm Holcombe, Mad Tea Party, Song o' Sky Sweet Adelines, Katie Kasben, Daniel Coolik and the Asheville Slavic Church Women's Choir will perform at 4 p.m. Feb. 19 at a benefit for Hospitality House and Room in the Inn shelter program.

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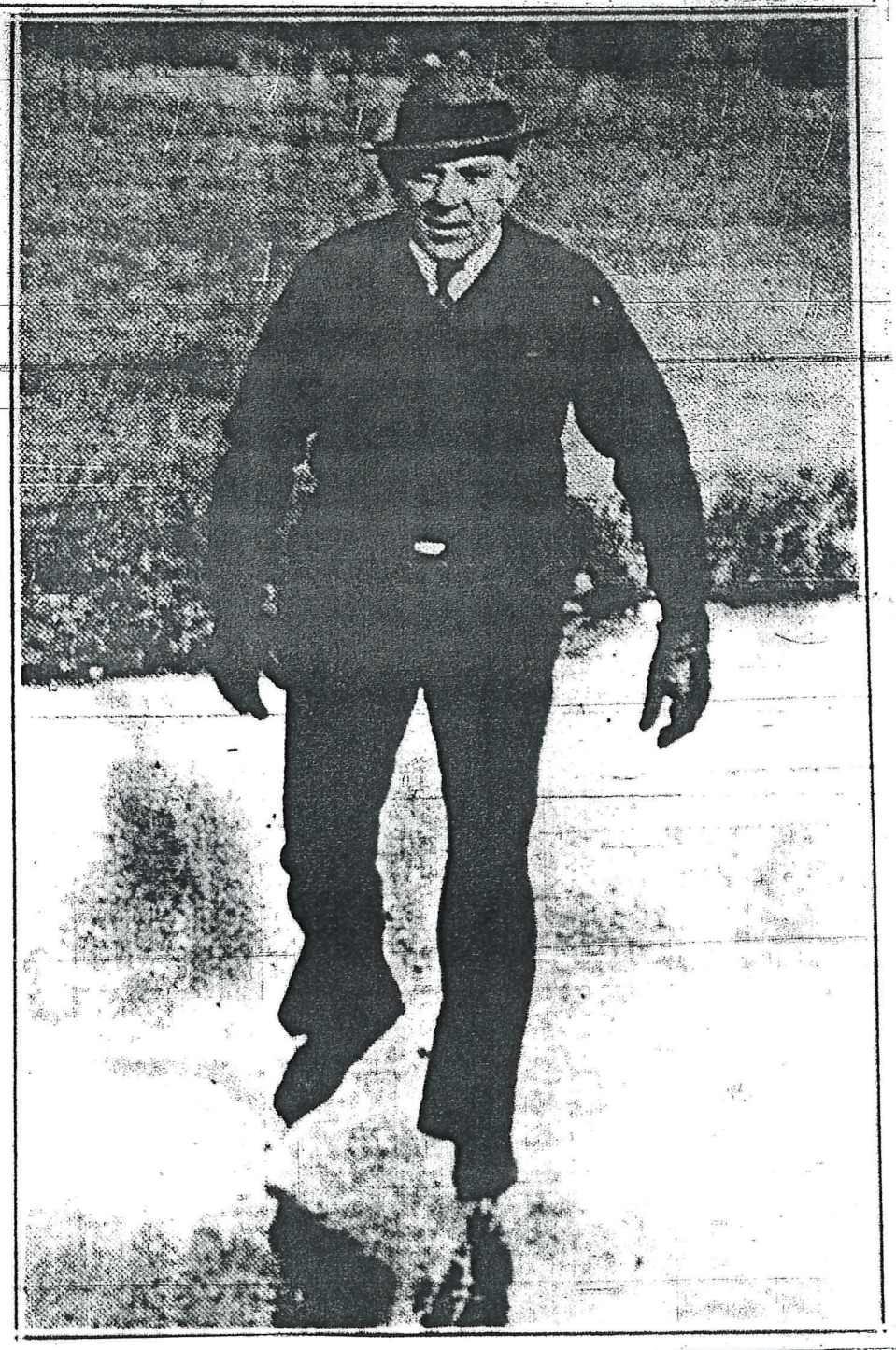
THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1934

Creek Here Offers Fine Skating



Wilfred W. Prince, pensioned Boston police officer, yesterday afternoon donned ice skates he has been unable to use since coming to Asheville four years ago for his health, and sped up and down Beaverdam creek just above the bridge at Beaver Lake. Mr. Prince, who makes his home at 51 Princeton drive, West Asheville, said he formerly enjoyed ice skating at Boston and had been longing for a chance to try the sport since coming here. The creek was frozen solid yesterday and Beaver Lake was covered with ice but it was too thin for skaters.

West Asheville People

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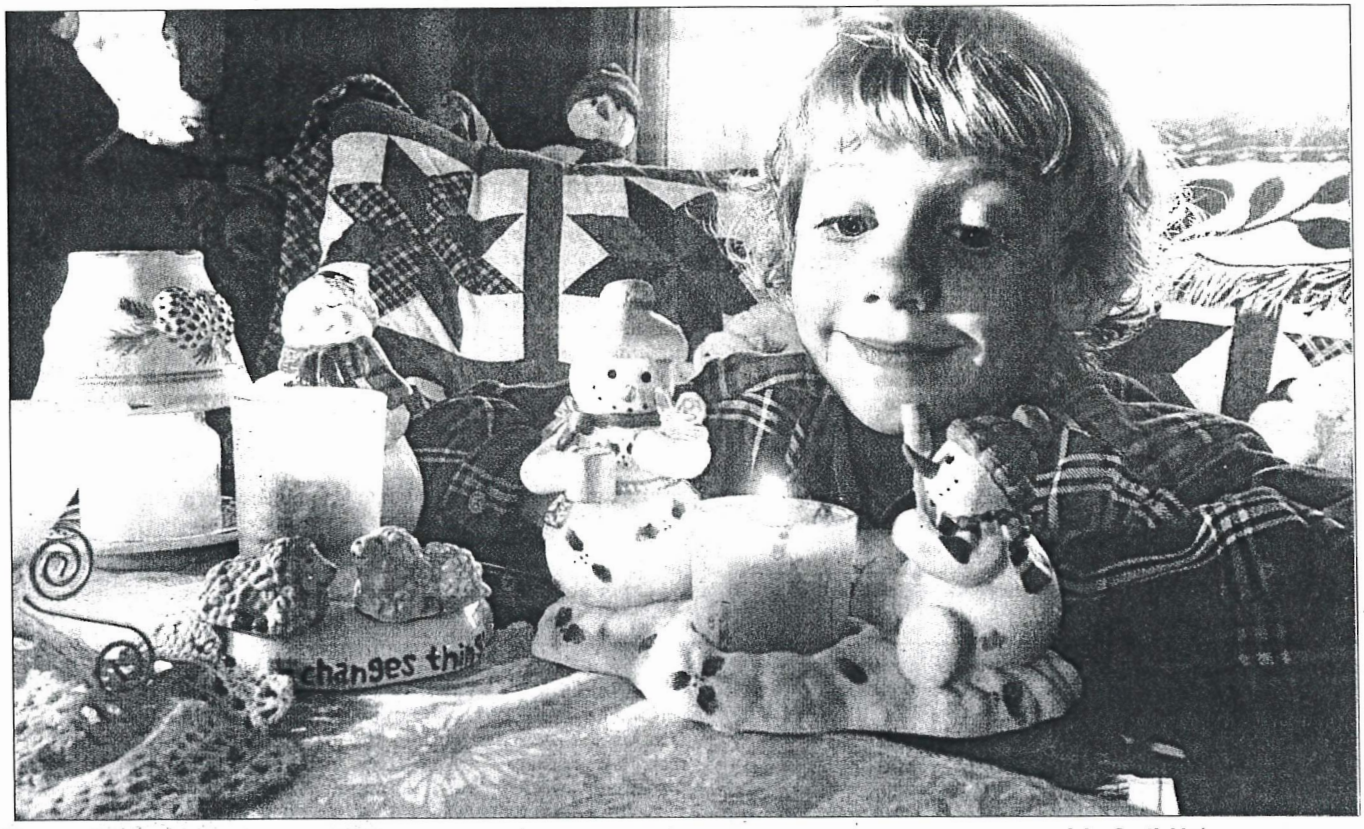
It's beginning to smell a lot like



John Coutlakis/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Daniel Rader, 6, sniffs scented candles at his family home in West Asheville. Mom Kelly uses many products to get that holiday smell to their home.

Christmas

Products abound to give your home the scents of the season

By Eden Foster
CITIZEN-TIMES CORRESPONDENT

ASHEVILLE — Smell the season ... pungent evergreen, holiday baking, sweet cinnamon.

But that evergreen smell doesn't always come from the tree. Today, it often comes in a bottle, a candle or a spray.

The home industry is rapidly expanding by developing new scents and imaginative new delivery systems.

Even olfactory research has gained momentum with the award of the 2004 Nobel Prize in medicine to two researchers for their investigation into how our bodies detect and process smells.

Entering Kelly Rader's West Asheville home is like walking into olfactory paradise. During the holidays, her living room smells like a freshly cut pine tree, her young sons' rooms smell like cotton sheets hung to dry in the sun, and her kitchen draws you in with the smell of mulled cider simmering on the stove.

"When your house smells good, your mind feels good," said Rader. "(Using room fragrance) adds a fresh, powerful punch to my day and it makes me feel good and enhances my mood."

Rader takes advantage of a number of new products on the market to add scent to her home. She burns fragrance-infused candles even during the day, mists the air with potent but subtle room sprays, and uses "plug-ins" in her wall sockets. busy mother of three, Rader finds certain fragrances have different effects on her mood.

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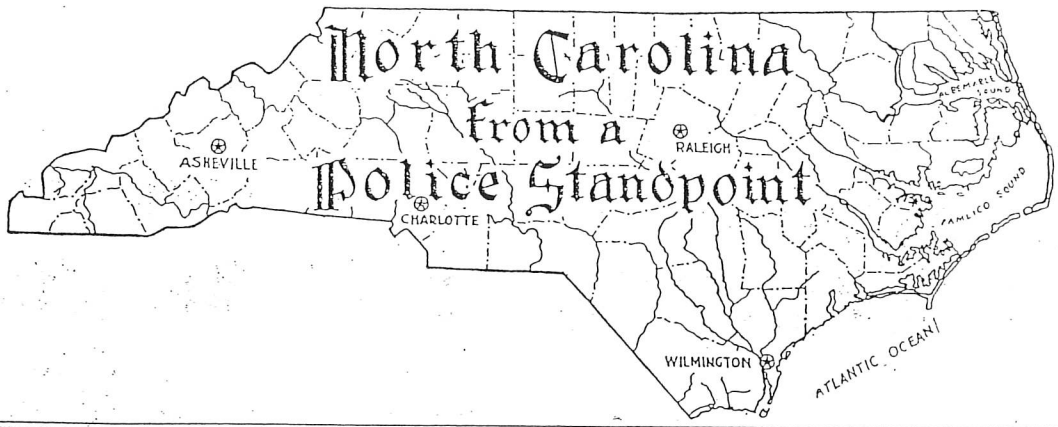

ARTHUR D. RAMSEY
Patrolman
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

The subject of this little sketch is Arthur D. Ramsey who was born in Madison County, North Carolina, December 13, 1892, so is just passing his 34th year of existence. He has grown to be a real he-man as he is six feet two inches tall and weighs two hundred pounds.

He received his appointment with the department, June 1, 1923 and is considered one of the most efficient officers on the force.

Previous to coming with the department he had nine years military service with Uncle Sam, having enlisted March 8, 1911. He was in the following companies during that period: Co. K, 19th Infantry; Co. E, 26th Engineers; Co. D, 2nd Engineers; Co. E, 5th Reg. Engineers. At the time of his discharge, October 16, 1920, he was Store Keeper, Quartermasters Department, ranking as a Staff Sergeant. He served in different parts of this country and at Vera Cruz and Mexico, also spent twelve months in Europe in the World War.

He says he likes police work and is a great advocate of discipline and believes there would be very little efficiency in any police department without it.

He gives as his opinion how police work could be made more attractive by having good working conditions, more pay and by keeping the police department out of politics.

He believes that prevention of crime and detection of criminals could be brought to a higher degree of perfection by a closer co-operation between the citizens and the police officers.

Officer Ramsey lives at No. 84 Indiana Avenue.

HONORED ON HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

J. E. Rankin, chairman of the board and trust officer of the American National Bank, and one of Asheville's leading and most highly respected citizens, yesterday enjoyed his eightieth birthday. Mr. Rankin is hale and hearty and seems good for many more active years of service to the community.

He served for three years as Mayor and has always been active in every movement for the upbuilding of Asheville and Western North Carolina. His business career has won him Statewide recognition for his ability and devotion to North Carolina.

Last night, Mr. Rankin was the honor guest at a dinner given at the home of one of his sons, A. E. Rankin, president of the American National Bank, at his home on Orange Street. At the dinner were all members of the Rankin family.

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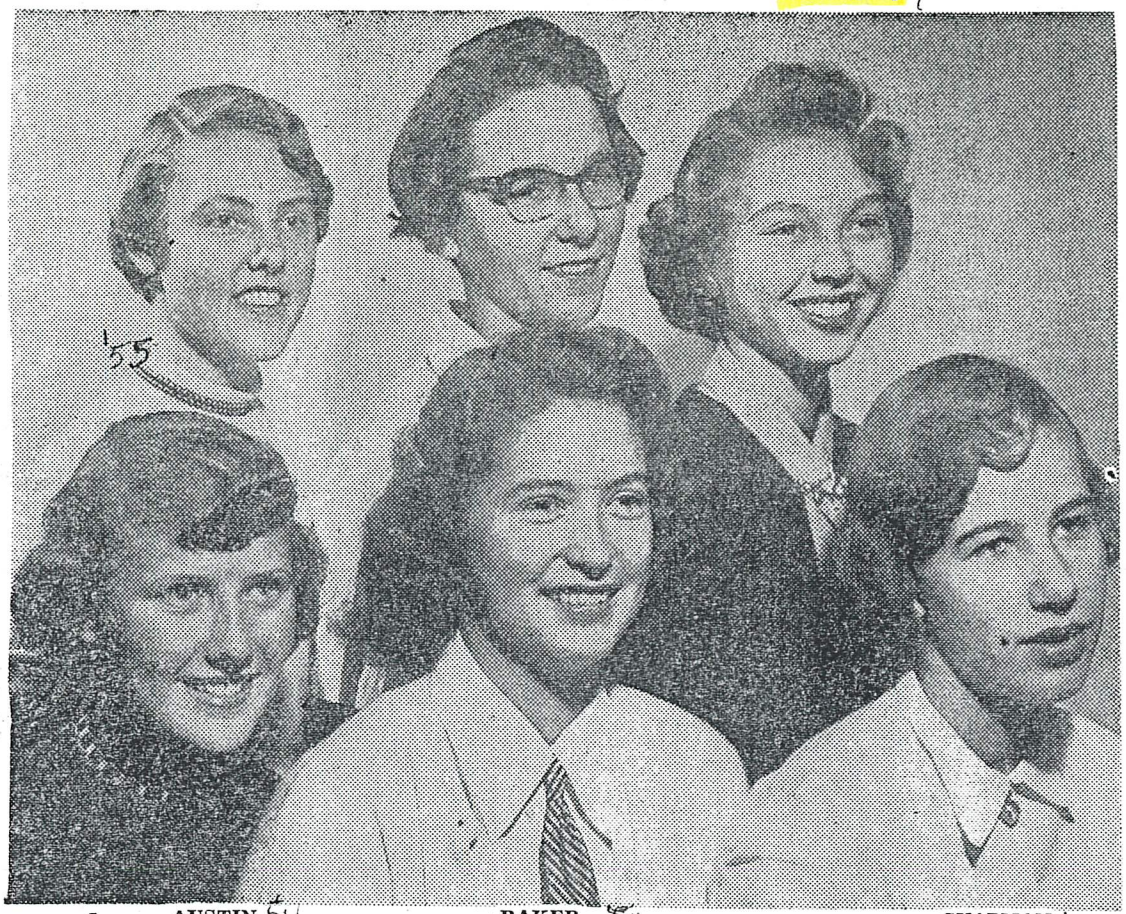


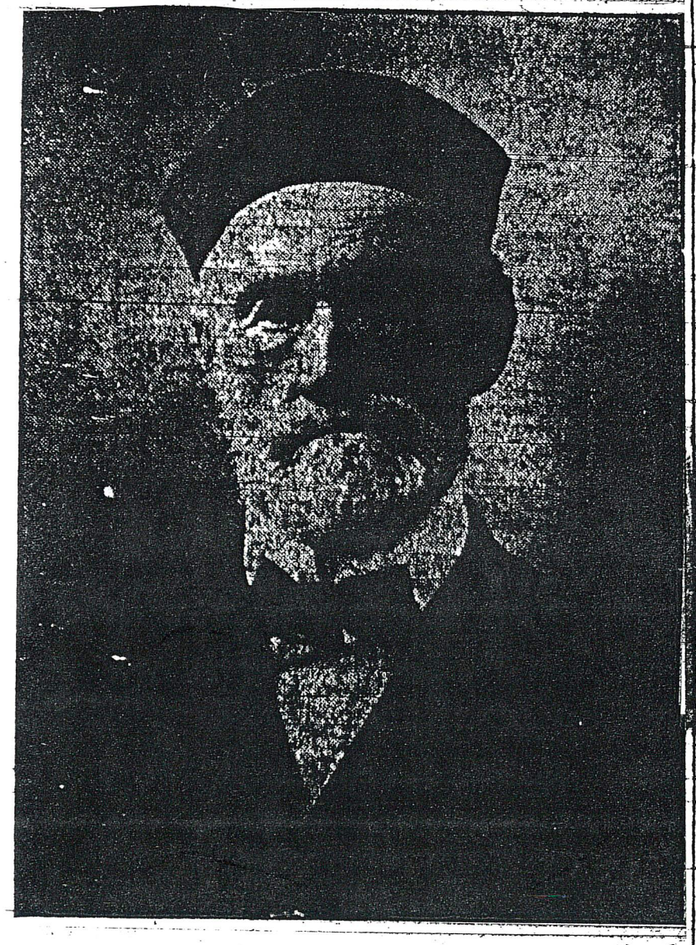
AUSTIN '54 BAKER '54 CHAPMAN '54

CLUB OFFICERS—New officers of the Monogram Club at Lee Edwards High School, are Bobbie Baker, president; Judy Griswold, vice president; Susan Merrick, secretary; Bobbie Rash, treasurer; Shirley Austin, recorder and Mary Lou Chapman, reporter.

FOUNDATION OF WEST ASHEVILLE LIBRARY LAID BY CAPT. J. E. RAY

HE "LOVES TO SEE HIS BOOKS AT WORK"

Noted Veteran, "As Old as Asheville," Gives 300 Books as a Start to Library Across the River, For the town in Which He is Taking a Great Interest.



CAPT. J. E. RAY,
Founder of West Asheville's Public Library.

Some day, when West Asheville has doubled and trebled its present population of 4,000 people, its citizens will point to a library building there, with well filled shelves and a big reading room, and say:

"Yes, Captain Ray—Captain J. E. Ray, you know—started that library."

The visitor will agree, and there will be recalled to him the beginning of that library of the future, now housed in a single room over a business house in West Asheville. There are 300 volumes, possibly more, on the shelves, and they offer the seeker after mental refreshment a well-balanced menu. There are books of travel, taking the reader to strange lands. Of first-class fiction there is no dearth, and histories there are in plenty. A long table down the middle of the room is filled with magazines and periodicals. Pictures are on the walls and everything invites the visitor to sink into one of the chairs and there rest both body and mind at one and the same time.

Begin Even Race.

The point is that West Asheville and its library are beginning an even race with the town having a little the better start. A few years ago West Asheville simply—well, compared with what it is today, it simply wasn't. It had a most admirable site for a large city, it is quite true, but the city was lacking. And so was the library. Then somebody discovered West Asheville, along about the time the splendid concrete bridge which spans the river was built, and which Mayor J. E. Rankin, a personal friend of Captain Ray, helped to build. After the bridge was thrown across the French Broad the street cars followed, and then the people and the library. Now there is on the other side of the river a most thriving, prosperous and healthful community, with the longest paved street in the state running through it, with handsome and substantial business blocks, a bank, comfortable homes by the hundred and with the foundations laid for a library. And a library, as it has been pointed out, is as necessary as a grocery store or other business house.

Library Will Grow.

So, then, while the municipality has the wee trifle of a start towards coming greatness, the library is close behind. As one grows, so will the other, and this is already manifest in this way:

There's a great brick structure now well towards completion in West Asheville. This is the new public school, destined to house 700 pupils. That is, there are 700 pupils ready to fill the building when completed. By that time there will be still more, of course. But in this handsome new building there will be set apart one room for the home of Captain Ray's library. It will be a much larger and better adapted room than the one where the books now rest, and from the windows of the room may be seen the mountains whose beauty alone will detract the attention of the library visitor from reading of the volumes. There will be a young lady in charge of the room, and its entire convenience will make it of far more general use than even at present.

So this is evidence that the library is about to catch up with the town in its growth. For without doubt, others inspired by the example of Captain Ray, will add still more books to those soon to be placed in this room, and so the list will grow and grow until a building all its own is demanded for the West Asheville library. And Captain J. E. Ray will have been responsible for it all.

Captain Ray is as old as Asheville, which is his home. He was born on the same day that the city was incorporated, but his looks and personal appearance are deceiving in this respect. He says he likes to see his books at work, and although he has many and loves them all, still he decided to part with at least 300 of them that others might enjoy them too. That is the kind of a man Captain Ray is. He has seen Asheville grow from nothing to its present importance. He has seen West Asheville start its remarkable growth to a town of importance. During all these years, with a record of brilliant service in the Confederate army, his heart is still as young as it was sixty years ago, and that, after all, it is the only thing that counts, declare those who have thought deeply on such matters.

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BOOKS AND PICTURES GIVEN BY COL. RAY

Colonel J. M. Ray, Who Likes to See Books at Work, Starts Public Library For West Asheville.

Colonel J. M. Ray is just as old as Asheville—although he doesn't look it. In other words, Colonel Ray was born the same year that Asheville was incorporated. Asked when this was, Mayor J. E. Rankin replied that Colonel Ray could, if he wished, give the desired information.

But whenever that was, it was several years ago, and Colonel Ray has seen many and wonderful changes in Asheville since then. He has kept pace with the growth of the city, however. He remembers the time when the ground now covered by the federal building was a place to be shunned by teams. It was a low place, and the land there was boggy. Teams were easily mired and the place had an unenviable reputation, says Colonel Ray. Since those days Asheville has prospered, and a suburb of many homes has arisen across the city, and so Colonel Ray has transferred his activities to that younger branch of Asheville.

"I have many books," said he, "and I have always liked to see my books at work. So I started a library across the river, over there in West Asheville."

The public library of West Asheville is composed of 100 volumes, donated by Colonel Ray, with many pictures, enough in fact, to line the walls of the two rooms which are at present the home of the library. The books are of various kinds and are being read by the children and the grown people, too. They are at work, as Colonel Ray expressed it, and this is what books are for. There will be, eventually, a room in the new school building provided for the library, where the books will be more accessible to the 700 school children.

"I hardly know of a town which has grown, without the stimulation of oil or gas discoveries, like West Asheville has during the past few years," said Colonel Ray, the other day. "It has every natural advantage required for a big city, and personally that is my opinion of what West Asheville will some day be."

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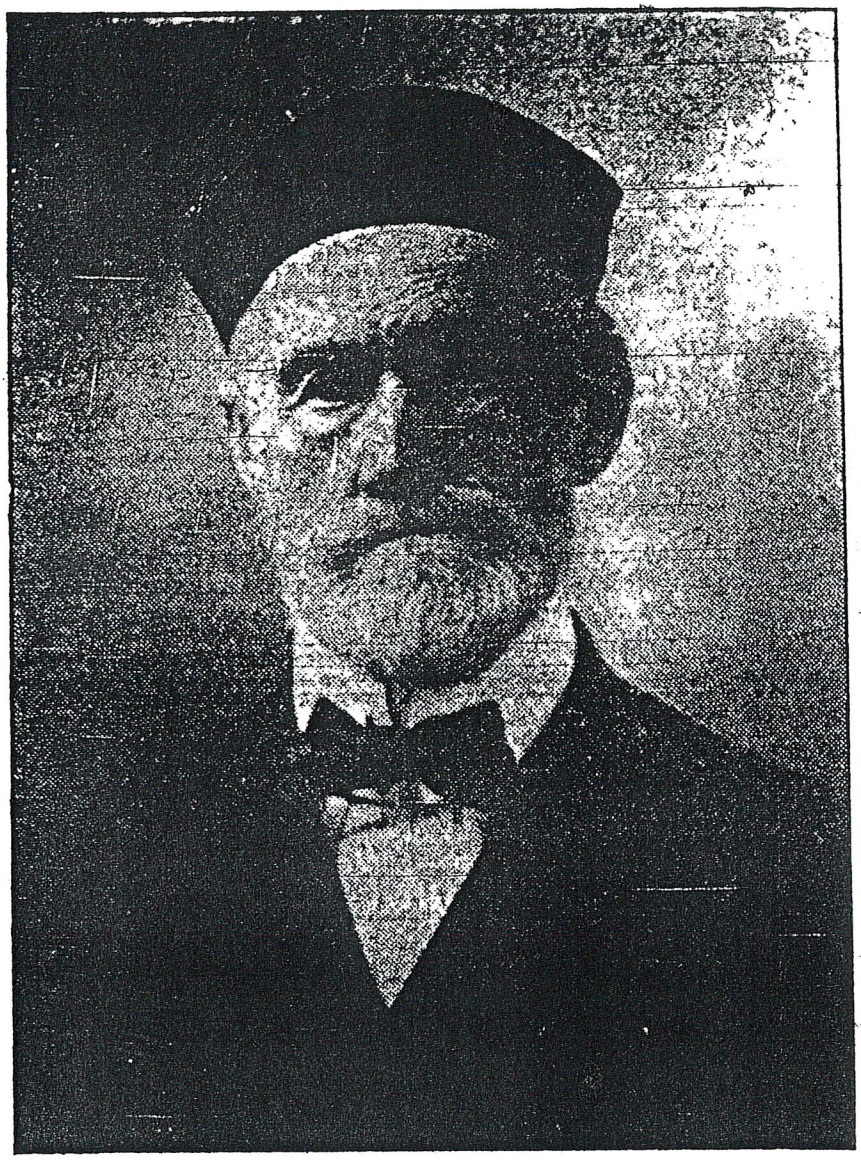
Capt. J. E. Ray, Aged Confederate Died Yesterday in His 87th Year



Well Known and Highly Respected Citizen Dead Here.

Captain J. E. Ray, one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Asheville died yesterday morning in his eighty-seventh year at his home on Hillside street, this city, as a result of a short illness. For more than a half century he has been actively identified with the religious, social and civic life of Asheville. Captain Ray, who served with distinction in the Confederate army during the war between the states, has been an active member of the veterans and has been a regular attendant at all reunion of his fellow soldiers. His death came as a sad blow to the Confederates, who left yesterday afternoon for the reunion in Houston, Texas.

He is survived by his son, Edwin L. Ray, president of the Citizen's bank, this city; his daughter, Miss Ethel Ray of Asheville; and the following brothers and sisters: General James M. Ray, formerly of the Confederate army; Dr. F. A. Sondley, Mrs. G. M. Roberts and Mrs. J. E. Millard.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Central Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Dr. E. K. McLarty, the pastor, and by Rev. H. Y. Leeper.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Dr. R. H. Reeves, D. W. Cauble, J. E. Rankin, W. R. Whitson, John H. Weaver, M. F. Stikeleather.

Active pallbearers will be: John A. Campbell, George S. Powell, A. H. Cobb, Eugene Bearden, Eugene Sawyer and Joe W. Sender.

West Asheville News October 3, 1920

Rays honored after service to community

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Marie Ray retired two years ago from Buncombe County Schools after 40 years of teaching music education in North Carolina. North Buncombe Elementary School named a theater in her honor, according to **Jeff Ray**.

Leroy Ray, who came to Asheville in 1962 and set up Ray's Home Improvement, was in the business for 38 years before turning the store over to his son Jeff. Leroy Ray was active for 30 years in the Asheville Kiwanis Club and was honored with a distinguished service award.

Mr. Ray, who was formerly married to **Mary Farmer**, who died in 1987, has three children. They are **Katie Leigh Luther**, **Karen Lynn Donner** and **Jeff Ray**. He has seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Ray's children are **Julie Flowers Lewis** and **Hal Flowers**. She has four grandchildren.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF RAY

Jeff Ray of Asheville brought in this picture of Marie Flowers Ray and Leroy Ray for publication in the Citizen-Times.

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The Police Review

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HAMILTON E. REDMAN
Patrolman
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Hamilton E. Redman was born July 9th, 1890, in Fairview, North Carolina, but didn't like the view and at the discerning age of one year moved to Asheville, apparently this view is exactly to his fancy because he has anchored himself in the town in a very permanent way by tying up with the police department.

This event took place in June, 1920.

When Officer Redman is anchored he is ANCHORED.

Of course you have always heard, large bodies move clowly and he is of rather generous size—6 feet 2 inches up and 230 pounds heavy whether he is up or down.

But we mean he moves slowly only in this sense, he fully decides what he wants to do and then isn't given to moving with every wind of opinion that blows; he is entirely capable of doing his own thinking and acting.

Ever since that first move of his at the age of one year, he has been an independent thinker and knows "he wants what he wants when he wants it."

He hasn't made many moves in his career but they have been wise ones, at least they appear so to us.

Certainly this last move is a fine thing for him and an even better thing for the community.

His work down in the Panama Canal Zone was policing in character so Officer Redman came to this department with valuable knowledge bearing on his work.

Officer Redman lives at 82 Herron Avenue, West Asheville.

Neighborhood groups strive to improve West Asheville

By Lynne Billings
STAFF WRITER

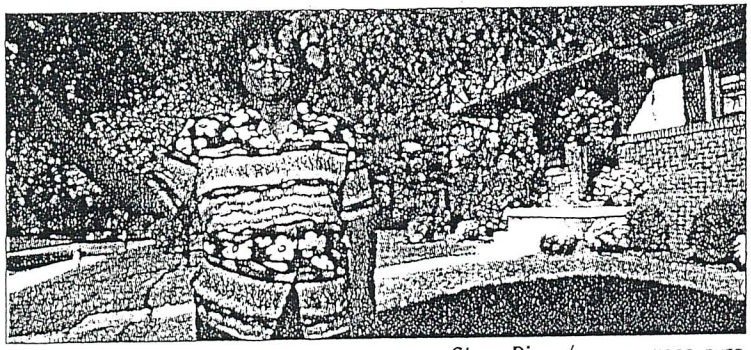
West Asheville residents are enthusiastic about living there but say it has its pluses and minuses like any area of the city. West Asheville includes a number of neighborhood associations that are working to preserve and enhance its attractive features.

Martha Hungerford was the first president of the West Asheville Estates Neighborhood Association, and her husband, Jimmy Hungerford, is the current president. They have lived in West Asheville for 25 years.

Several years ago, the City of Asheville was going to take down the maple trees along Vermont Avenue and give us new sidewalks," Mrs. Hungerford said. "We managed to save the trees. The trees on Vermont are absolutely beautiful."

"That's when we really started the (neighborhood) association. My husband and I have tried to keep it going," she said. The annual neighborhood block party was held Sept. 16 in front of the Hungerfords' home.

Their neighborhood association received a grant to plant new trees, and Jimmy Hungerford, and Charlie Ploss, the Hungerfords' son-in-law, have planted 15 new maple trees.



Steve Dixon/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Gloria Johnson, president of the Burton Street Community, takes time to smell the flowers at her home on Burton Street.

"We have a Neighborhood Watch. We're friends with the police," she said, and she walks her dog in the evening and feels comfortable. In fact, people come from all over the neighborhood and other neighborhoods to walk, run, and walk dogs along Vermont Avenue.

"We have a park at the bottom of the street. We would like to have a speed bump. So far we haven't managed to get that," she said.

Gloria Johnson is president of the Burton Street Community.

"I love living on Burton Street. I've been there all my life. I wouldn't live anywhere else. The neighbors will do anything for you," Johnson said.

"Our main concern right now is the traffic on our street. Cars just speed up and down Burton Street in front of the Community Center. If a child should run out in front of one of them, it's just a tragedy," she said.

The City of Asheville Parks and Recreation Department has said that the Burton Street Community Center has been approved for a grant to re-do the center and its old playground equipment, Johnson said.

"We've been waiting for a long time to get that (playground equipment) replaced," she said.

Also, the community has requested that the streets be paved.

"That was about four or five years ago, and nothing has been done as of yet," Johnson said.

Periodically, there are problems with the selling of drugs, she said.

"We had a march on Burton Street against drugs," Johnson said. "I had a talk with our community and told them 'When you see things going on, report it, so that's what we started doing'."

Lane Reid lives and works in West Asheville. He and business partner Joey Cain own a business there, Image 420 Screen Printing at 420 Haywood Road. Reid is also president of the Falconhurst Residential Association.

Falconhurst is bordered by Louisiana Avenue, Haywood Road and Patton Avenue, three busy roads, but, "It's a great quiet neighborhood, and it's so close to everything," Reid said. He and his family have lived there for about 10 years.

"We know all of our neighbors. ... We help each other, and everyone keeps an eye on everybody else," he said.

The association will have a block party in October.

"We get a permit, block a couple of streets off, set up tables in the middle of the road, and everybody brings great food for a potluck meal," he said.

"When we moved in it was affordable," he said. West Asheville is probably still affordable and has many young people moving in, he said.

However, "There's no sidewalks. I don't think they've paved the road in our neighborhood in eight years. We have grass growing in some of the streets," he said, with a chuckle that seemed to indicate he didn't mind too much.

He doesn't mind the cruising along Patton Avenue either, Reid said, but the screeching of tires from reckless driving late at night does disturb him.

As for his business, "The rents were very reasonable when we started out," he said. The area is getting built up, with a lot of new businesses moving in.

Reid is naturally very concerned about what will happen with I-240. "The status keeps changing," he said. "I try and go to all the meetings, but it's hard to keep up," with that and business and family.

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HEALTH CARE: INSURANCE OF SMALL-BUSINESS EMPLOYEES

Health insurance hurts small firms

Skyrocketing premium costs make covering employees difficult

By John Boyle
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE – Ask Lane Reid about the ever-escalating health insurance rates for his small business, and he sighs and laughs. But it's not a happy laugh.

"I know every time they call me about the renewal, the rates are going up," said Reid, who employs five people at his West Asheville business, Image 420 Screenprinting. "Usually, it goes up about 10 percent a year. Yet our costs haven't gone up that much. You just know it's never going to go down."

While most companies, including smaller businesses, enjoyed something of a health insurance rate increase honeymoon when managed care swept the country a few years ago, those idyllic days of static rates are long gone. Health insurance costs just keep rising, which puts a particular crunch on smaller businesses. They have smaller revenue streams to begin with and often don't get as attractive rates as bigger companies because their pool of employees – the potential insured – is smaller.

In 1987, the health benefit cost per employee was $1,751 in the United States, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute and Mercer/Foster-Higgins. By 1998, that figure had soared to $4,164. About 70 percent of health insurance in America is employer-based.

In North Carolina, 352,018 employees are in small group plans. The N.C. Department of Insurance estimates that the total of premiums written in the small group health insurance market in 1998 was $843.1 million.

Insurance companies stay in business by "spreading risk" among the insured. Essentially, that means enrolling far more healthy people than ones who tend to get sick and require big payouts. This way, companies take in more in premiums than they pay out in reimbursements – and they can make a profit.

Smaller companies – typically 50 employees or less – have smaller pools of employees to spread the risk among. That often translates into higher rates.

"We're spending about $12,000 a year on insurance," Reid said, adding that his company is fairly unusual in that it pays 100 percent of the insurance plan cost for

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JOHN COUTLAKIS/CITIZEN-TIMES

Lane Reid, right, the owner of Image 420 Screenprinting, says annual health insurance rate increases of 10 percent or more are making it hard for him to provide 100 percent coverage for his five employees. Here, he and employee Lee Buckner are printing designs on T-shirts.

Premium increases blamed on drugs, equipment

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employees. "It's getting to where it's very hard to pay that."

Susan Morgan and business partner Liz Koenig run Accelerated Benefits Solutions, a West Asheville agency that helps small businesses find health insurance plans. Over the past few years, they've delivered plenty of bad news to small companies regarding rate jumps.

"We just delivered a renewal for a local organization, a $208 employee rate," Morgan said of the 45-employee operation. "Four years ago, we were looking at an employee rate of about a hundred bucks."

The organization's $208 rate constitutes a 25 percent increase.

"If these small businesses raised their product rates that much, they'd drive themselves out of business," Morgan said.

Cheryl Wolfe, chief executive officer of the Asheville Board of Realtors, says she routinely budgets for a 20 percent health insurance rate increase. Faced with a 20 percent increase this year, she switched the organization's 13 employees to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, the largest carrier in the state. Offering good health coverage has become a necessary perk in the modern workplace if you want to keep good employees, she said.

"We pay 100 percent for the employee, and they pay the difference for the family," Wolfe said. "It is a good deal, but I don't know how long we'll be able to do that. You hate to take a benefit away, but if costs keep going up you have to make decisions."

Most companies have the employ[illegible] pay some portion of the prem[illegible]

Wolfe, who worked previously for a large medical provider company, suggests that Medicare cutbacks have caused medical providers to make up the slack elsewhere, which in turn drives up insurance rates. This is partly true – the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 will cut $115 billion in Medicare spending by 2002 – but experts say the recent rate increases are more complex than that.

"If I had to identify one reason for increased premiums it would be the huge costs of pharmaceuticals," said Tom Jacks, deputy commissioner for the Life and Health Division of the N.C. Department of Insurance. "Drugs are probably the most important factor in the rising cost of insurance."

He also mentioned the influence of managed care.

Paul Goldbeck, a senior vice president with Aon Consulting, the fifth-largest human resources consulting firm in the country, says "there's definitely been an uptick (in premium rates), going back six to 12 months." Part of that is because of the end of the managed care cost savings.

"Managed care's initial impact tends to be on the price side of the cost equation – negotiating lower prices," Goldbeck said from his office in Winston-Salem. "But you can benefit from it for only so long. There's only so much the providers can give back."

In 1996, the average premium growth for employers was just 1 percent, and average premiums actually dropped in 1997, according to the Alliance for Health Reform, a non-partisan, nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. One survey suggested that employers' premiums rose 4 percent in 1998 and will rise 8.5 percent this year.

Western North Carolina's lack of huge employers, a contrast to other parts of the state, makes some insurance carriers reluctant to come into the area, which can further drive up premiums. Also, with the recent consolidation of Memorial Mission and St. Joseph's hospitals, some insurance industry workers feel the lack of competition scares off insurance carriers.

"Here we've got about 10 carriers to choose from, and they're not all competitive," Morgan said. "We do some business in Charlotte and Hickory, and there are about 35 carriers to choose from."

The state has 73 carriers listed as serving North Carolina. The Department of Insurance has approval authority to regulate rates only of Blue Cross and of health maintenance organizations.

When it comes to rising premium costs, Blue Cross and the HMOs are held to caps of 15 percent plus the rate of inflation.

Another factor driving up rates is ever-improving – and expensive – medical technology. Some critics, Morgan and Koenig among them, suggest that doctors overbill for these tests, as well as for regular office visits.

"People have got to open up their eyes and see what's going on," Koenig said. "People go in and pay their co-payment and say, 'Great.' Then the next year they get a 48 percent increase."

"In our opinion, it's not the insurance companies (driving the rate increases)," said Morgan, whose company has about 140 small bus[illegible]ss clients. "It's the doctors. I me[illegible] how much money do you have to make?"

Exact costs of fraud and abuse of the health care system are tough to pinpoint, and estimates vary from between 3 and 25 percent of total annual health care costs, according to the Source Book of Health Insurance Data. But in the early 1990s, the General Accounting Office estimated the cost of fraud at 10 percent of annual health care costs, or $100 billion.

Naturally, assertions of overcharging or outright fraud rankle doctors and doctor's office administrators.

"It is often difficult to diagnose what is ailing someone," said Elizabeth Lancaster, chief executive officer of Asheville Family Health, a 16-doctor practice with 51 employees. "I can tell you they don't do unnecessary tests."

In part, doctors must go through a process of elimination to arrive at a diagnosis, she says. But there is another consideration when ordering tests.

"I can also tell you it's a litigious society in which we live, and doctors are somewhat forced to have a defense," Lancaster said.

She notes that reimbursements to the practice – what insurance companies pay out for certain procedures or visits – have largely remained static for the past few years, or even gone down. She cites a recent Blue Cross and Blue Shield reimbursement increase of .6 percent for a simple office visit.

"That is negligible. That's 46 cents," Lancaster said. "On another one, the most complex type of office visit, they've gone down 22.9 percent. They lowered (the reimbursement) by $30.84."

Asked if doctors were getting rich, she laughed and suggested the insurance companies are a better place to look.

And by the way, her office's insurance rates for those 51 employees went up 40 percent last year. Asheville Family Health spends $80,000 annually on health insurance.

Not surprisingly, insurance companies say they're not getting rich, either.

Bob Greczyn is an executive vice president and the chief operating officer at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, which insures 1.8 million people statewide. He cites soaring pharmaceutical costs and expensive technology as the main culprits in rising insurance rates.

"Ultimately, if you look at most health insurance companies, if they're profitable the profit margins are not very high," Greczyn said. "Especially in the context of other businesses, they're actually quite low – probably way less than 5 percent. At Blue Cross, we've struggled with operating losses the last few years. We're trying to get back to having a positive bottom line."

What all this comes down to is this: small companies, like everyone else, can expect health insurance rates to keep rising.

Jean Holliday, a supervisor with the Life and Health Division, foresees no relief for small businesses, or any companies, really when it comes to insurance rates.

"We anticipate seeing quite a few double-digit increases in the years to come, not only for small companies but the large ones, too," she said.

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THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

(Continued from page one)

ROM MILLER REID

By Tom Cushing

With this issue Rom Miller Reid leaves his post as editor of the West Asheville News to take a position on the advertising staff of the Charlotte, N. C. "News."

For 10 years Rom Reid has been the neighbor as well as the purveyor of news to all West Asheville and its vicinity. His weekly column, "The News Personality of the Week" has been a feature of this paper usually sought first by the reader; and if turn about is really fair play, then paeans of praise should be sung at Rom's farewell: for never has he failed to be a good neighbor or to have a good word to say about the other fellow.

Under Rom Reid's guiding editorial hand this West Asheville News has been characterized by its neighborliness. Anyone of the many hundreds of Rom Reid's friends knows that his expansive good nature and innate spirit of brotherly love would never permit a touch of maliciousness or vindictiveness to mar any news sheet he might edit. That there is some good in the worst of us has been an axiom of Mr. Reid's editorial career.

He was born in Statesville, N. C. Sept. 17, 1908, and vows he was named just plain "Rom" and not some romantic - sounding "Romulus". His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Reid of 21 S. Ann St., brought him to Asheville as a young child and lived in West Asheville when this thriving community was a sparsely settled, practically rural suburb of Asheville. He attended Asheville public schools, and graduated from high school before going to the University of North Carolina where, as he says, he just "freelanced" in the studies, taking such subjects as he chose rather than working toward any degree. This independent spirit in his education has unquestionably added much to his well-rounded ability as a newspaper man.

Reid's first touch of the indelible printer's ink was rubbed into his spirit when he was just a child, carrying papers to every section of the city for the old Asheville Gazette News, the Citizen, and the Times. Even then, though the section was nothing more than a large country village, Rom liked West Asheville territory best. Today he recalls most pleasantly the period in which he worked for the old Citizen when Ray DeVault was circulation manager and Randall Harris, now business manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times, was cashier.

Interviewing a professional interviewer is not easy; but in quick grabs over the telephone or in his office the writer gets from Rom Reid a humorous anecdote now and then. He laughs when he remembers the days he worked carrying papers for the old Gazette and Times. Ownership of the daily changed so fast that Rom says half the time the boys did not know whom they were working for. One Sunday morning after deliveries had been made some of the paper's workers were gathered in the back room to engage in a bit of "African golf". A stranger entered and asked what was going on. One of the players scarcely looked up as he inquired, "What business is it of yours? Who are you, anyway?" The stranger had bought the paper business the day before!

Returning from the University, Rom Reid went to work in the circulation department of the Asheville Times under Ralph Corn. Pat Burdette, present city manager of Asheville, was then publisher of the paper, and D. Hiden Ramsey, now general manager of both dailies, was editor. One day Rom made a bet with one of the boys in his department, that he could get a quick raise in pay out of Mr. Burdette. Whereupon young Reid trembled his way into the sanctum of the publisher, and based his plea on the fact that he had just married the former Miss Harriet Gatling and, as a man of greater responsibility, just plain needed more money. Mr. Burdette granted the raise, adding, "Young man, you are not worth it, but we can't let your wife down."

The roseate days of the local gone-but-not-forgotten Real Estate Boom-erang came, and Rom Reid was well established in the advertising department of the paper when advertising lineage at high rates gushed from the pens of every expanding real estate office. Young Reid, wiser than many of his elders, suspected something was wrong with all this prosperity when he, not overly experienced, was offered a job as advertising and public relations man with a real estate company . . . at the almost unheard-of salary of $75 per week. His only job would be to prepare one ad a day, then sit in the swanky office of the firm and look wise. Rom shied away from this too-good offer, kept his regular job, and so was able to keep on eating when the real estate boomerang flew back to crack Asheville very painfully on the nose.

Rom's next job was in the advertising department of the Times when that paper was purchased by Don Ellas, present owner-director of radio station WWNC. Shortly afterward Reid took a position in Columbus, Georgia, his main reason for changing being a thirst for knowledge of this section in which he had set The Great Novel that Rom, like all young writers, meant . . . and still means . . . to write. In the Georgia town a close personal friendship developed between the Asheville man and Julian Harris, son of the great writer of the 'Uncle Remus' tales, Joel Chandler Harris. Julian Harris, editor and publisher of the Columbus Enquirer at the time, won the Pulitzer Prize for his expose of the Ku Klux Klan.

While in Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Reid lived in the same beautiful old Colonial home that the Marquis de LaFayette had as his residence when he was in that part of the country. Except for the fact that Rom has forbidden me to mention it, I should like to tell you about the "consolation party" given after the defeat of Al Smith of the Presidency by the owner of this fine Georgia home where the Reids resided. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, living in Warm Springs at the time, was an honored guest at the party, and today the memory of that day is sweet to the Rom Reids. (Note to Walter A. Ward, publisher of the West Asheville News: Rom will be in Charlotte when this appears; so please leave this part of the story in.)

Asheville and West Asheville have seen the Rom Reid family grow to include two sons, Richard, 17, a graduate of Lee Edwards high school and the aeronautics post-graduate course there, and Robert 15, a student at Hall Fletcher high school. Richard is soon to enter the armed services.

There is on old poem which says "A rose to the living is more than sumptious wreaths to the dead." This line could be almost a motto to our friend and neighbor, Rom Miller Reid. As he leaves West Asheville to take up a new and, it is to be hoped temporary, residence in Charlotte, his host of friends here in the mountains wish for him the best that life can bestow; with the added best of all, that he and his family will remember always: Buncombe county is a most pleasant place; and welcome to the Rom Reids will be as full when they return as the community's loss is great when they depart.

West Asheville News June 18, 1943

REID EXTENDS THANKS; WISHES NEWS CONTINUED SUCCESS

By ROM REID

Especially in view of the friendships which I have so fortunately, but perhaps in many instances undeservedly, acquired during the more than a decade with The News, it is but natural that the adieu on my part be attended by no small measure of regret. But neither separation, time nor circumstance can erase the priceless memory that is mine as result of the pleasant associations both within and outside of the organization of The News during the years . . . relationships which have helped the labors, though arduous they sometimes have seemed to be, to be joyous ones and appear not altogether in vain.

Whatever successes that have accrued have been chiefly the product of the loyalty and interest of the readers, the indispensable aid and encouragement of the advertisers and other patrons, all other assistance, however small.

For this I am profoundly grateful, as I know Mr. Walter A Ward undeniably is. On my leave taking my wish for him and his associates is naught but continued success, and my hope is that all who have evinced interest in The News will see fit to continue the cooperation they have so generously extended in the past.

West Asheville News June 18, 1943

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1941

IN HONOLULU

ERNEST H. REVIS, JR.

Mr. Revis is stationed in Honolulu war zone on the USS Northampton. A seaman first class, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Revis of 33 Madeline avenue, West Asheville.

Bruce Emory
Research

HE'S IN NAVY

THOMAS J. REVIS, JR.

Mr. Revis, son of Thomas J. Revis of 346 Haywood road, who has been in the navy for three months, is at home for a furlough. He expects to return to his station at Key West, Fla., Monday. The 17-year-old apprentice seaman attended Hall Fletcher high school and enlisted in the navy at the Macon, Ga., recruiting station.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

THIS COPY TO REGISTER OF DEEDS ON FIFTH OF MONTH
MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
Every item of information should be carefully supplied. The correct age is especially important.
Please write the causes of death clearly and legibly.

PHYSICIANS:

Registration Dist. No. 11-25 Certificate No. 165

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Buncombe
(b) Township ..... (If in town limits, leave blank)
(c) City or town Asheville (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)
(d) Street, hospital or institution Mission
(e) Length of stay in hospital or institution ..... (Yrs., mos., or days)
In this community ..... (Yrs., mos., or days)

2. HOME (USUAL RESIDENCE) OF DECEASED:
(a) State N.C., (b) County Buncombe
(c) City or town Asheville
(d) Street or R.F.D. 87 Oakwood
(e) Is place of residence in corporate limits? yes
(f) If foreign born, how long in U.S.A.? ..... year

3(a) FULL NAME Mary Osie Reynolds
3(b) If veteran, name war
3(c) Social Security No.
4. Sex Female
5. Color or Race White
6(a) Single, married, widowed, or divorced.
6(b) Name of husband or wife O. H. Reynolds
(c) Age of husband or wife if alive unknown years.
7. Birth date of deceased unknown (month, day and year)
8. AGE: Years about 38 | Months | Days | If less than one day ..... hrs. ..... mins.
9. Birthplace Waynesboro Ga. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation nurse
11. Industry or business
FATHER 12. Name Morgan Gordon
13. Birthplace Ga.
MOTHER 14. Maiden Name Mamie Fulcher
15. Birthplace Ga.
16(a) Informant's Signature Frank Rackley
(b) Address Waynesboro, Ga.
17(a) Removal (Burial, cremation, or removal) (b) Date thereof 3-18-46 (Month, day, year)
(c) Cemetery Magnolia Cemetery
(d) Location Waynesboro Ga.
18(a) Funeral director Anders & Rice
(b) Address Asheville N.C.
19(a) 3-18 1946 Filed (b) M. M. McFee Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. Date of death 3-17 1946 at 3:25 P.M.
21. I certify that death occurred on the date above stated; that I attended deceased from never 19..., to ..... 19...
and that I last saw h. never alive on ..... 19...

Immediate cause of death	Duration
hemorrhage	
Due to Concussion of brain	
Due to blow on head	
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)	
Major findings: Of operations	
Of autopsy	

Physician: Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) homicide
(b) Date of occurrence 3-17-46
(c) Where did injury occur? Asheville (City or town) Bunc. (County) N.C. (State)
(d) Did injury occur about home, on farm, in industrial place, in a public place? Home (Specify type of place)
While at work?
(e) Means of injury blow on head by some blunt instrument
23. Signature P. R. Leery (Coroner) M.D.
Address Asheville Date signed 3-18-46

4-19-46 Husband convicted - pub. 2nd degree murder

ASHEVILLE

1949 Seniority Book.

D.R. Maye 5/2/1919 Yard Engineer

O.H. Reynolds 2/27/1926 Yard Fireman

W.C. Reynolds 10/16/1943 Switchman

Above Southern Railway Seniority Book
furnished by Joe Mehaffey
Joe Joyner

JAMES T. RICE (right) of 81 Bear Creek Road and 1962 president of West Asheville Kiwanis Club, received an honorable mention award during the annual Kiwanis International Achievement Report contest recognition recently in Atlantic City. The award was presented by Jack C. Grimmett of the International Awards committee. The West Asheville club was one of five in the nation to be honored in competition among clubs of the 35 to 45-member group. The award cited community service programs and administration.

Good Show

J. T. Rice, a funeral director, bought a piece of land near Weaverville and decided to clear it and run cattle on it.

He rented a tractor and bush hog and arranged to have them delivered the next day at 3:30 p.m.

He forgot that he had a 2 p.m. funeral the same day.

At the end of the funeral, he looked at his watch and saw he didn't have time to go home and change clothes, so he drove to the farm in his black suit, white shirt, and black tie.

The man was there with the equipment and J. T. said, "Show me how to run it." The man explained the operation and J. T. climbed aboard to experiment. He got the hang of it rather quickly, and the other man left.

The weather was a bit too cool for J. T. to remove his coat and roll up his sleeves. So, fully dressed, he bush-hogged away. After about 30 minutes he measured the work he had done, gauged what remained to be done, and decided that if he kept at it he could finish before dark.

Shortly, he saw a pickup truck stop and a man in overalls got out. Two young boys got out, too. They stood against the side of the truck watching him.

Thinking they might have come to see him on business, J. T. drove over to the side of the field and spoke, "Good afternoon, gentlemen"—he's a very polite man.

"Afternoon," the farmer said.

"Anything I can do for you?" J. T. asked.

"Naw," the farmer replied. "I never saw nobody bush-hogging in a suit and tie before and just wanted the boys to see it."

From "Bob Terrell's Old Gold", 1981

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J.A. HALLER
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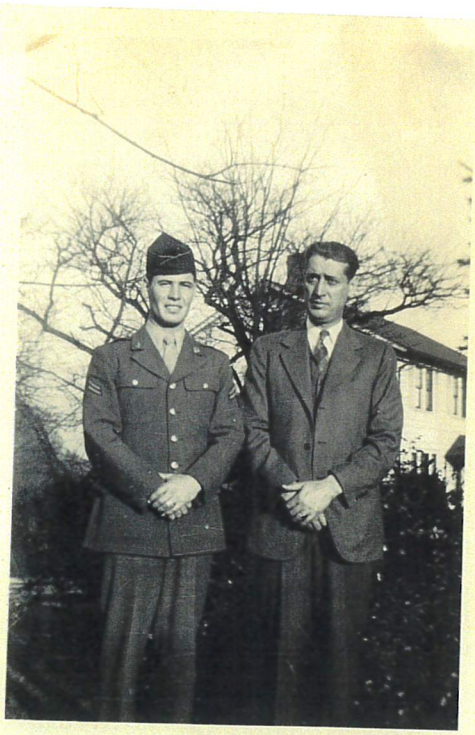
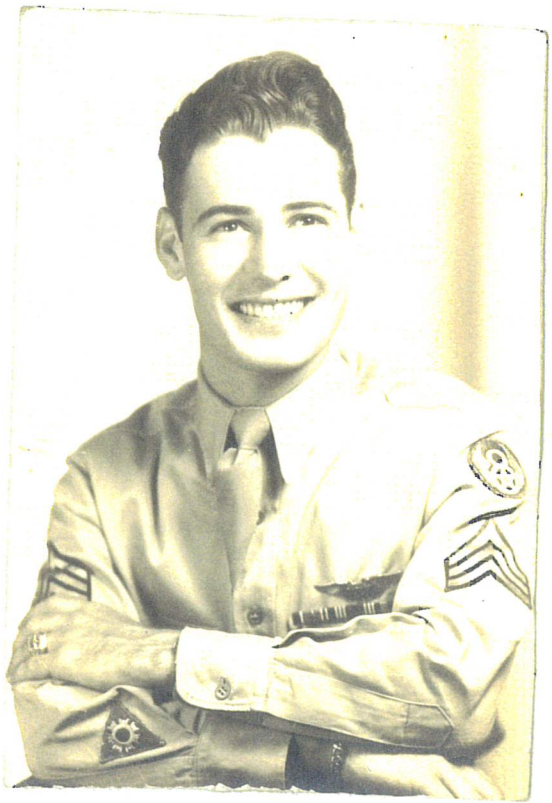
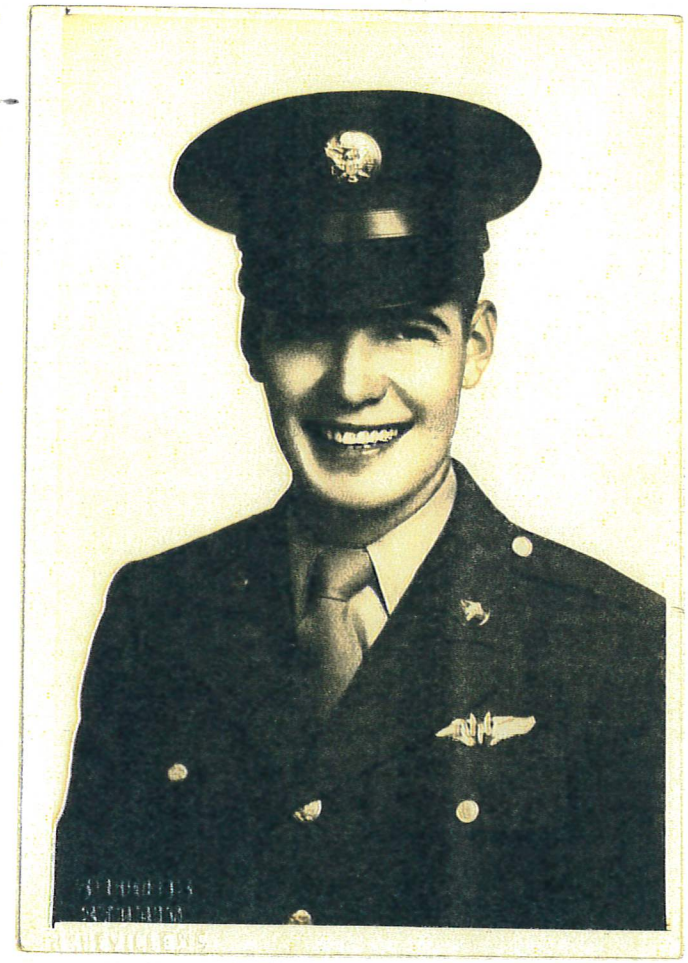






THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C.
Tuesday, September 4, 1956

Rich, Teacher, Dies At 24

Maurice (Eddie) Rich, 24, popular young educator and former member of the faculty of Newton Elementary School here, died at 8:05 a.m. yesterday in an Asheville hospital following a short illness. He became ill and went to the hospital Thursday.

He was a graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School. In the Spring of 1954 he was graduated with highest honors from Western Carolina College at Cullowhee.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. tomorrow in Calvary Baptist Church.

The Rev. J. Lester Lane, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joe Burgin, Curt Pfalzgraf, Bron Brookshire, Arthur Smith, Edwin Grover and Robert Ward.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Frank Gross, Dr. Walter Johnson, Arnold Penland, William Ledford, Dwaine Oliver, Marvin Berry, Dr. W. E. Bird, president of Western Carolina College, and members of the College faculty.

The body will remain at Groce Funeral Home until it is taken to the church to lie in state from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

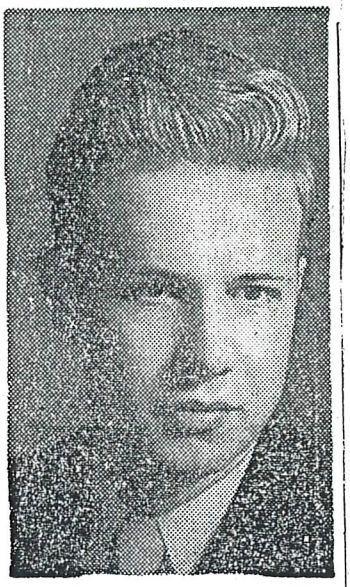
During his college days Rich was president of Alph Phi Sigma fraternity, president of the Future Teachers of America and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

He was a Sunday School teacher at Calvary Baptist Church and was active in other church work there.

For one year following his graduation at WCC, Rich taught at Newton School. He then became affiliated with Johns and Co., insurance adjustors of St. Petersburg, Fla. where he was employed as an adjustor. He had been with the latter firm since the spring of 1955.

Rich later resigned his position with the St. Petersburg firm to resume his teaching profession. He was assigned a school in the Florida city and was to have assumed his new duties there today.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice C. Rich Sr.; one sister, Mrs. Peggy Ramsey; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Rich; and the maternal grandparents, Mrs. and Mrs. A. O. Penland all of Asheville.



MAURICE RICH

Claude Rickman Given Commission As Ensign

Claude R. Rickman has been commissioned an ensign in the United States navy after completing his midshipman's training at Northwestern university, Chicago.

RICKMAN

Ensign Rickman, accompanied by his wife, is spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rickman of 114 Indiana avenue. He is a graduate of Brevard high school and received his A.B. and B.S. degrees at Marion college, Marion, Ind. He is a member of the West Asheville Wesleyan Methodist church, and before entering the navy in October of last year he was employed in the war training program at Purdue university. Ensign Rickman was employed in the Powell decorating business before the outbreak of war.

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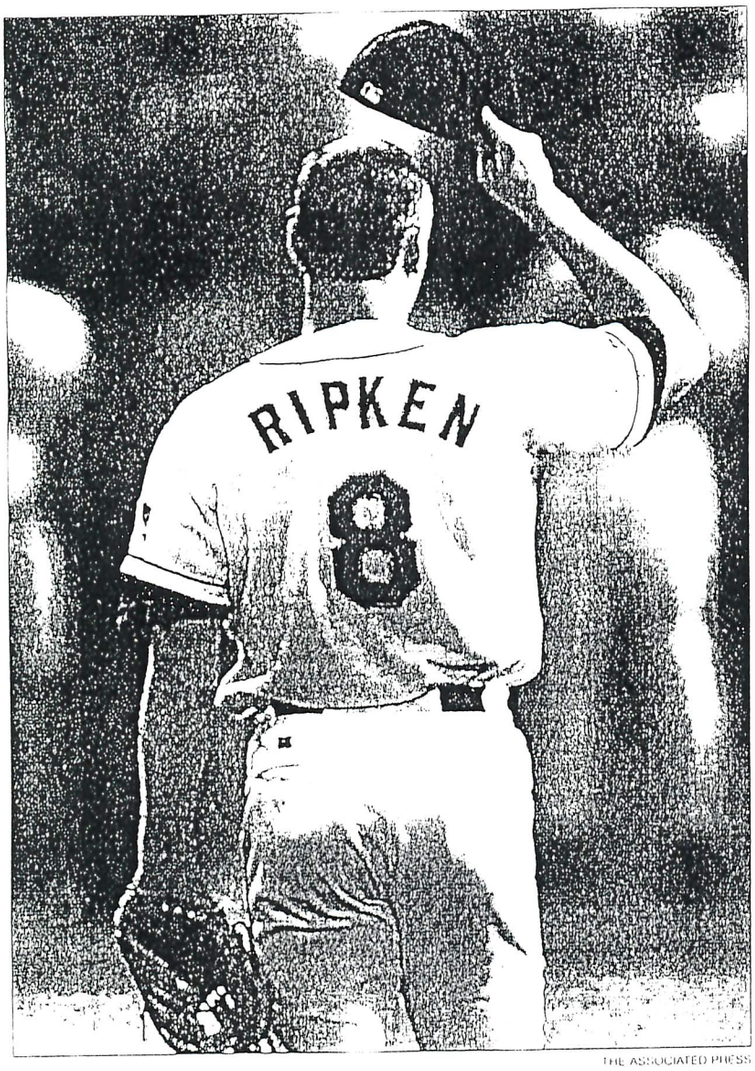
Members of the 1973 West Asheville All-Stars, from left to right, bottom row, Scotty Martin, Danny Crowe, Mike Hembree, John Hooker, Ricky Robinson; middle row, Norman Byrd, Bobby Thomas, Doug Cowan, Mike Cobb, Cal Ripken Jr., Mike Bailey; top row, Ricky Moore, Mark Broome, manager Earl Cobb, coach Rodney Duckett, Ken Johnson.



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Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles tips his cap to the crowd at the start of the game against the California Angels before breaking Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games on Sept. 6, 1995. Ripken said Monday he intends to retire at the end of the season.

"The reality is that players can't play forever." — Cal Ripken Jr.

Cal calls it quits

Ripken to retire at end of season

By David Ginsburg
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — Nothing lasts forever — not even Cal Ripken Jr.

Baseball's Iron Man, who broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games, will retire after his 21st season with the Baltimore Orioles — the only team he ever played for.

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"I don't see this as an ending so much. I'm not stopping something. I'm just moving on," the 40-year-old third baseman said Tuesday, which would have been Gehrig's 98th birthday.

Injuries were not a factor, said Ripken, who has been plagued by back problems in recent seasons. Time away from his family was.

"I'm as healthy now as at any time," he said. "The last couple of years I've been noticing that I miss being away from home. I miss my kids' activities and it seems like the passion ... I was getting into other things."

Ripken, a two-time Most Valuable Player, said it was the start of another phase in his career, one that will include more time with 11-year-old Rachel and 7-year-old Ryan.

"The reality is that players can't play forever," said Ripken, who led the West Asheville Little League All-Stars to the state title in 1973.

Ripken played in 2,632 straight games, from May 30, 1982, to Sept. 20, 1998, when he voluntarily ended the streak.

Ripken is also one of seven players in major league history with 3,000 hits (3,107) and 400 home runs (421).

He is a rarity in baseball — a player who has spent his entire career with the same team. Baltimore also happens to be the team he grew up rooting for, and the one his father once managed and coached.

"The Orioles have been my whole life," he said.

An 18-time All Star whose 345 home runs as a shortstop are a major league record, Ripken has been a part-time player this year. He is hitting .210 with four homers and 25 runs batted in.

Ripken recalled hearing some players talk about their regrets.

"I didn't want to be in position at the end of my career and regret not going about it a certain way," Ripken said. "So when I look back, I don't have those regrets. I accomplished what my skills, ability and determination allowed me to."

Ripken's Numbers

■ **2** — Most Valuable Player awards (1983, 1991); Gold Glove awards (1991, 1992).
■ **7** — Members of 3,000-hit, 400-homer club, including Ripken.
■ **11** — Fielding records owned by Ripken.
■ **18** — All-Star appearances, all consecutively. Ripken also is the current leader among AL third basemen in the 2001 All-Star balloting.
■ **345** — Homers hit by Ripken as a shortstop, most in major league history.
■ **2,632** — Games Ripken played in consecutively from 1982 to 1998, a major league record.
■ **3,107** — Career hits.
■ **5,045** — Players put on the disabled list from the time Ripken started his consecutive games streak to the time he first went on the DL in April 1999.
■ **8,243** — Innings Ripken played in consecutively (1982-87), also a major league record.

Asheville Citizen June 20, 2001

Ripken gives locals a claim to fame

By Mike Benzie
STAFF WRITER

HICKORY — Separated across three generations and 51 years, Earl Cobb, Stan Dotson and Kenny "Bubba" Nelson share connections to Cal Ripken Jr. that stem from Little League baseball, where they all developed respect and even awe for the Baltimore Orioles star.

Cobb, a retired 70-year-old former Little League coach and city councilman from Asheville, said he saw a well-disciplined 12-year-old when Ripken led the West Asheville All-Stars to a state Little League championship in the summer of 1973.

Cal Ripken Jr.

"He was fit on becoming a major-league ballplayer," said Cobb.

"No doubt, he had all the tools. He was a very well-behaved kid and always at practice on time."

Ripken lived in Asheville during summers from 1972-1974 while his late father Cal Sr. coached the Asheville Orioles, a Class AA affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, where the 18-time all-star played his entire career.

He said Monday night he will retire at the end of this season after 20 years as one of the most talented, popular and durable players in the history of major-league baseball.

"Kids wanted to grow up to be like him," said 19-year-old South Atlantic League all-star Kenny "Bubba" Nelson of the Macon Braves.

"When kids threw the ball, they wanted to hold the ball like him."

Nelson started following Ripken and the Orioles when he played baseball around the diamonds in Fort Washington, Md.

By the time Nelson was 2 years old, Ripken, from Aberdeen, Md., had already won Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player awards as well as a World Series ring.

"I just loved the guy," said Nelson. "Everything I did was to be like him. I played third base and shortstop. He's a good idol."

Ripken, a future Hall of Famer, is most famous for playing in 2,632 consecutive games, breaking a record once thought untouchable.

Dotson, a 39-year-old Fairview resident, has no trouble remembering his one run-in with Ripken on the diamond.

"My memory is that I got a hit off him," said Dotson, who played third against the then-pitcher in the playoffs. "There is no scorecard or video, so nobody can dispute the fact."

Ripken also set marks for consecutive innings played and for 345 home runs as a shortstop. In a part-time role this season, Ripken was hitting .210 with four home runs and 25 RBIs.

"That is my claim to fame," said Cobb. "Even back then, you could see the potential."

Cobb's group of all-stars missed qualifying for the Little League World Series by one game.

"All his hard work and effort paid off," said Cobb. "He is truly an example for kids to follow."

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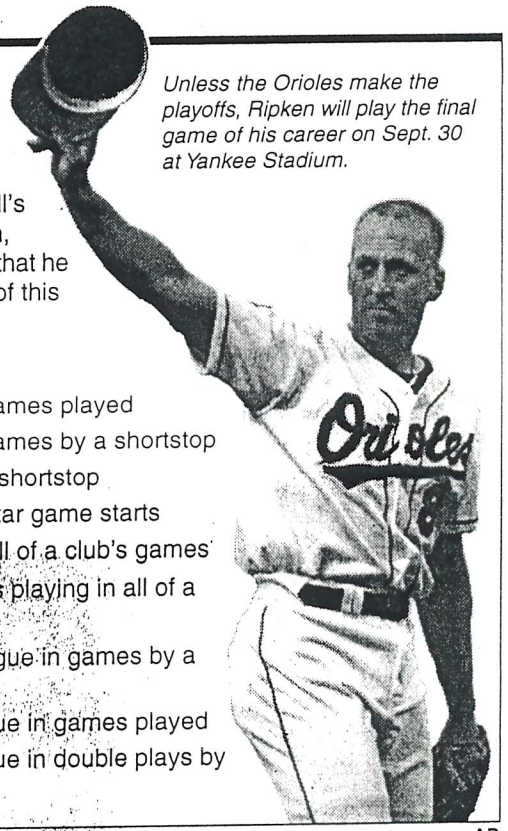
Ripken to retire

Professional baseball's iron man, Cal Ripken, announced Tuesday that he will retire at the end of this season.



Unless the Orioles make the playoffs, Ripken will play the final game of his career on Sept. 30 at Yankee Stadium.

Ripken's records

2,632 consecutive games played
2,216 consecutive games by a shortstop
345 home runs by a shortstop
16 consecutive All-Star game starts
15 years playing in all of a club's games
15 consecutive years playing in all of a club's games
12 years leading league in games by a shortstop
9 years leading league in games played
8 years leading league in double plays by a shortstop

SOURCE: Major League Baseball

AP

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ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES

MIKE LOPRESTI
sports commentary

Ripken never took the game for granted

The long ride will end in Yankee Stadium, which could not be more perfect. That is where it ended for Lou Gehrig, too, who set the record no one could ever possibly break.

Of course, someone did. Now it will soon be Cal Ripken's turn to say goodbye.

A career ended not by fatal disease as Gehrig's, but just by the facts of life.

It is time for Ripken. Probably a little past. He took the microphone Tuesday — officially announcing this will be his last season — as a part-time player hitting .210. A third baseman with not quite the same range anymore, not quite the same bat.

Who wants to see Cal Ripken, once indestructible enough to go 2,632 straight games, slowly fall apart?

"The reality is players can't play forever," he said. "I've always known that."

He is 40. Soon to be 41. An age when a man, any man, naturally looks down the road and wonders if there is something else that needs to be done.

Ripken sees his kids growing older. He sees the youth baseball program he wants to develop. He sees the Baltimore Orioles bringing in the new wave, trying to escape third place.

"I paid attention to the things that were pulling at me," he said. "I'm not stopping something. I'm moving on."

The last appearance will be in Yankee Stadium in late September, the afternoon shadows long, the air probably turning chilly.

The Yankees' minds might be on another postseason. Another World Series. But they will stop long enough to cheer. Yes, they will.

Ripken, by the way, got to play in one World Series, 18 years ago. Just one.

He said Tuesday he would have traded a few of those 21 years for another. No questions asked.

"The lesson I learned," he said of winning a championship, "is that it's not easy."

It is time, all right. He will leave on his schedule, his terms. Healthy. With a family that still needs some raising.

And he will leave an Oriole. It is almost always a sad sight, to watch a fading star squeeze out another year or two in a strange uniform, an alien city. It is nearly impossible not to look ... old.

If not for the streak — Gehrig's record was thought invulnerable, and Ripken blew through it by three years — his most amazing feat would be all 21 seasons spent in the same uniform.

This is the Free Agent Age. The Big Ego Age. The Follow-the-Money Age.

Players change teams like they change socks.

He has been out there awhile, since he made his first major league appearance as a pinch-runner — an odd sort of a debut for a man who would steal only 36 bases in 21 years.

By the way, Los Angeles outfielder Shawn Green has the longest active consecutive game streak, at 334.

Only 14 more years to catch Cal Ripken.

Ripken mentioned Tuesday how, as a young player, he would sit in the back of the bus and talk to the aging veterans. He would listen to their bitter words as the end approached. Their would'ves, should'ves, could'ves.

It taught him to never take the game for granted, nor his chance to play it.

He never did. Day, after day, after day.

"I tried to love every minute I was on the field," he said. "I feel lucky. ... I don't have the regrets those players had I asked years ago."

No regrets, no ill feelings. Looking forward to the last precious games. "I also look forward to the end of the season," he said. "And the rest of my life."

Would every athlete, would all of us for that matter, be able to leave that way.

Asheville Citizen June 20

MISS BERYL ROBERTS of Asheville has been chosen to represent the Western District of North Carolina Federated Music Clubs in the audition for the Samuel Goodman Scholarship in voice to be held in Raleigh Saturday. The winner will receive a summer's study at Juilliard School of Music, New York. Miss Roberts, a 17-year-old soprano was chosen for the audition at the Western District Festival held at Mars Hill College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G Roberts, 138 Brevard Road, and a Lee H. Edwards High School senior. She studies voice with Mrs. John Kemps of Enka.

Asheville Citizen April 12, 1950

Gallatin Roberts

Gallatin Roberts Bio

Gallatin Roberts, mayor of Asheville during the vibrant 1920s and tireless advocate for West Asheville, rose from simple beginnings to meet a tragic end. Born on a farm 12 miles north of Asheville in the Flat Creek area, he learned early on the value of hard work, walking to and from a one-room schoolhouse two miles away. He worked his way through higher education, attending Weaverville College, Washington College in Telford, Tennessee, and eventually King College in Bristol, Tennessee, all while holding down a variety of jobs.

It was on a trip to Asheville, however, where he found his calling. When some clothes he purchased were stolen, Roberts was introduced to the legal system. After watching and participating in the trial, he decided that he would be a lawyer. He just wasn't sure how he would afford it.

After graduating from King College, he returned to the Asheville area, where he worked a series of teaching jobs, first at Sand Hill School, then Barnardsville, and later at Flat Creek School. When he had saved up enough money, he enrolled in the Wake Forest Law School.

With his law degree in hand he returned home to ply his trade. Only, he had no money to open his own practice. He went back to teaching, returning to Flat Creek, then to Morgan Hill School.

In January 1907, he married Mary Althea Sams. They moved to Asheville, where he purchased a home on Livingston St. He decided it was time to put his formal training to work, so he opened his law office on N. Pack Square. Eventually, Roberts built up his following, aided by two factors: being elected County Attorney of Buncombe County and entering a partnership with W. G. Fortune.

Beginning in 1910, Roberts entered public service. That year he won a seat in the State Legislature. Roberts was progressive for his time. The first bill he introduced was a proposed amendment to the state constitution extending the vote to women. This was eight years before the Eighteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed that right nationwide. The measure was soundly defeated then, and also in 1912 and 1914 when he reintroduced the bill. Roberts served three consecutive terms in the legislature before running for mayor of Asheville in 1919.

He defeated the incumbent, Mayor Rankin, by 500 votes. As mayor he presided over many improvements in the city's infrastructure, including construction of a water line from Bee Tree Reservoir, improved city facilities, the construction of Claxton, Newton, Vance, and Lee schools, and the construction of the first permanent fire station in West Asheville. He also fought for the consumer by demanding a reduction in telephone rates.

Roberts had moved to a house on Brevard road and campaigned tirelessly for West Asheville. He attended the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, where he was active

regionally and nationally. He also was active in the West Asheville Club, dedicated to the improvement of West Asheville. In his second term as mayor, beginning in 1927, he pledged to develop gardens and a park at Rhododendron Park.

Despite his popularity, he was unable to avoid the effect of the Great Depression. In 1929, the bottom fell out of the stock market and banks and businesses folded all over the country. In 1930, Central Bank & Trust Co. went defunct, taking with it millions of the city's dollars. The city was left owing $1 million in overdue notes and $875,000 in new notes, with no way to pay them. Charges of corruption were leveled at Roberts and C.H. Bartlett, the commissioner of Public Safety. The Asheville Merchants Association and the Buncombe County Medical Society called for their resignations. An *Asheville Citizen* editorial claimed that Roberts and Bartlett had "betrayed these trusts [of the people] and in so doing have brought Asheville to the verge of irreparable ruin." Roberts at first refused to resign, then seeing that he had no choice, stepped down on December 11, 1930.

By February, he had been indicted along with six other public officials on charges of conspiring to misapply and convert public funds and to use them for the benefit of the Central Bank & Trust Co. On February 25, Roberts took his own life in the lavatory on the 4th floor of the Legal Building downtown. His was a tragic end to a life of tireless effort for his city and his profession. All of Asheville mourned his death.

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ASHEVILLE MAYOR PROTEST AGAINST TELEPHONE RATES

Calls Commission for Not Letting People Be Heard

LETTER TO GOVERNOR FROM MAYOR ROBERTS

Gen. Tyson to Tell Raleigh People About How the 30th Broke Line

Asheville Citizen Bureau, 402 Merchants' Bank Building.

By JULE B. WARREN.

RALEIGH, Oct. 6.—The governor received a letter from Mayor Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, protesting in very vigorous terms against the continuation of the war-time telephone rates indefinitely and against the failure of the corporation commission to give the parties in all parts of the state, and Asheville especially, the opportunity to be heard on this question.

Mayor Roberts addressed the letter to the governor because he said the attitude of the corporation commission was such that it seemed useless to make the appeal to this rate making body. Members of the commission, the letter said, were wired when it was published that the hearing of the appeal of the Southern Bell would be heard last Thursday, and asked that Asheville be allowed to present her protests. In order to prepare the case Asheville's mayor asked that the hearing be postponed until the subscribers protest to continuation of war-time rates could be prepared. Mayor Roberts says in the letter to the governor that the commission has not even given the request for a postponement the courtesy of an answer.

Because of what Mayor Roberts terms the seeming indifference of the corporation commission to the interest of the people, he makes the appeal direct to the governor, and asked that he see what can be done to protect the interest of the public from the encroachment of the corporate interests of the state. The governor is conferring with Chairman W. T. Lee, of the commission, who comes from Waynesville, about the matter before answering Mayor Roberts.

Members of the commission, who read the letter in the Asheville papers, say that Mayor Roberts and other people in the state have misunderstood the whole matter of the hearing of the Southern Bell officials about continuation of the war-time rates. The telephone officials merely filed certain data and information about the necessity for a continuation of the war-time rates with the corporation commission. These exhibits and other evidence is how being made up into a report, and this report will be furnished cities of the state with the understanding that they may and probably will desire to enter protests and be heard sometime in the future. The commission declares that no decision or order has been reached concerning the necessity for a continuation of the war-time rates, and none will be made until sometime later when the other side of the case has been presented.

In the meantime, however, the old rates will continue in force, through an understanding with the commission, that the continuance of the rates now, will not prejudice the case for the companies when the time comes for the cities and towns to file their protests and a real hearing is set. The directors of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce misunderstood the action of the company and of the commission last week, and had a special meeting for consideration of the case, asking the corporation commission for a postponement of decision until a protest could be made. Following the visit of the committee to the commission it was learned this was just what had been done.

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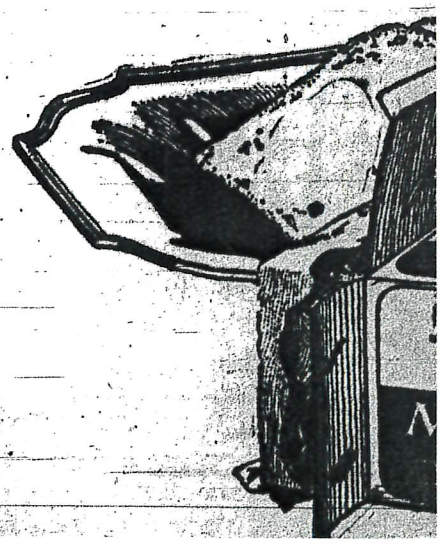

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Consequently, the association invited General Tyson to prepare an accurate historical account of those events from a military point of view and present them to the association at the annual meeting on November 21, and the general has accepted the invitation. His paper will deal with the breaking of the Hindenburg line from the military expert's view, and as General Tyson was in command of one of the brigades of the 30th division in that famous battle, and was one of the leaders in formulating all plans for the battle, his account will undoubtedly be of highest authority. What he says will fix the story of those events for all time to come.

General Tyson is not only a trained West Point soldier, but he is a scholar and orator of great eloquence. His coming to the meeting of the association will be one of the interesting events in its history. Though now living in Tennessee, General Tyson is a native of North Carolina and his mother and sister live in Raleigh.

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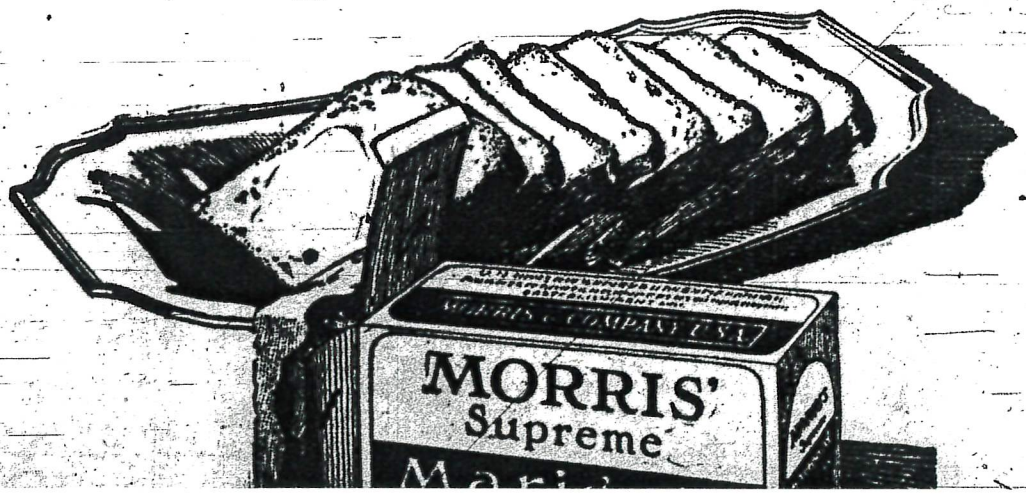

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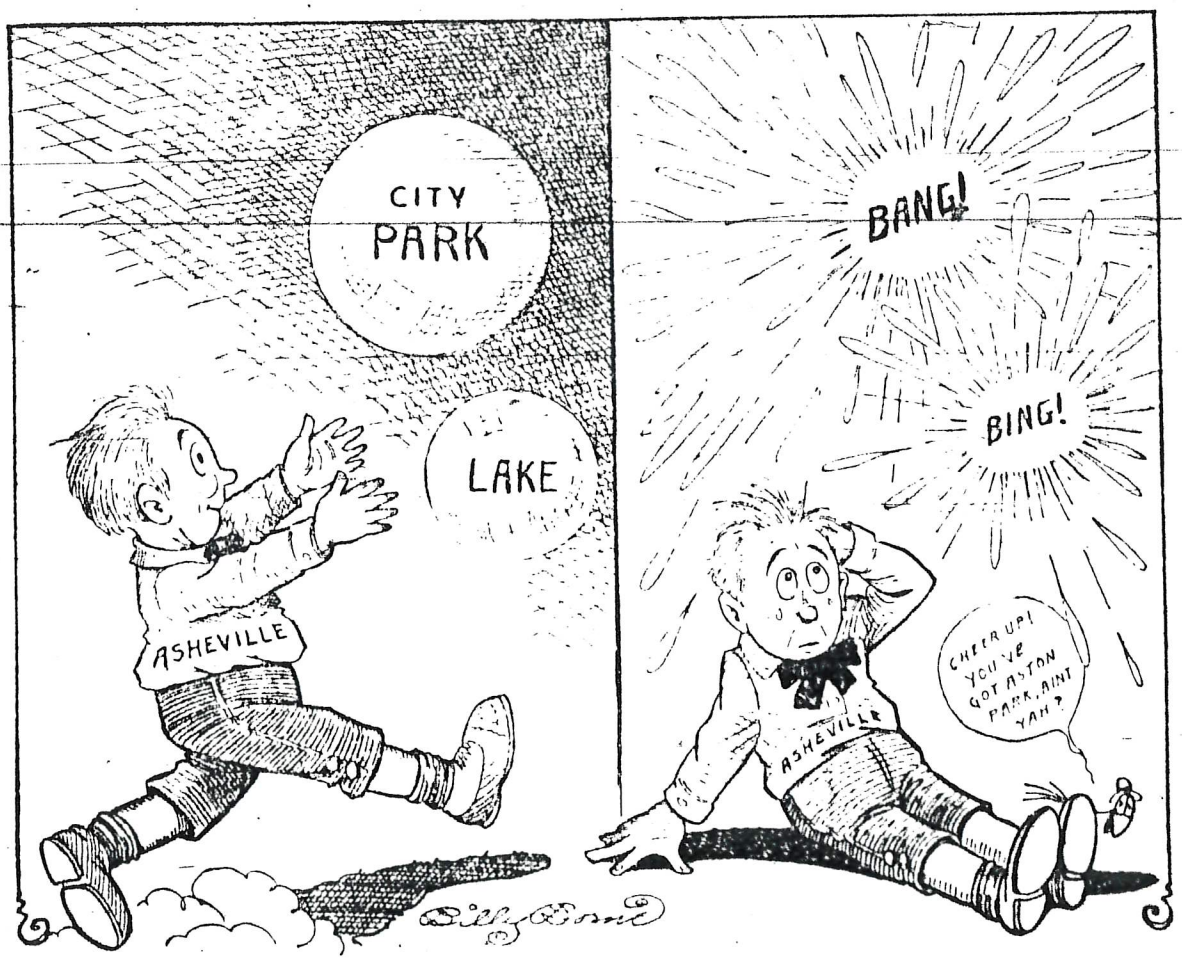

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DECISION IN THE GOSNELL CASE HAS BEEN RESERVED

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 2, 1919.

RACE CLASHES IN ARKANSAS CALL FOR FEDERAL SOLDIERS

Two Whites and Seven Negroes Killed Near Helena

PROPAGANDA CAUSE OF TROUBLE, IS SAID

Blacks Reported on Point of General Uprising—Hundreds Are Armed.

HELENA, Ark., Oct. 1—Clashes today at Blaine, near here, between negroes and posses searching for two men, Clinton Lee and J. K. Tappan, of Helena, and seven negroes are known to be dead at Blaine, near here, as a result of clashes today between a posse searching for the persons who last night from ambush fired upon and killed W. D. Adkins, railroad special agent, according to reports reaching here tonight. A third white man, Ira Proctor, and a number of negroes are known to have been wounded. Troops have been asked for.

LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 1.—Although Secretary of War Baker and General March, chief of staff of the United States army, were said to have authorized the sending of troops to Elaine, Phillips county, scene of today's race riots, soldiers had not left Camp Pike at 11 o'clock tonight. It was reported that Major-General Samuel D. Sturgis, commander of Camp Pike, refused to send the troops without orders from the war department.

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FALL AMENDMENTS TO PEACE TREATY REACH VOTE TODAY

Democrats Claim Victory, Republicans Are Not Boasting of Strength

SENATOR DISLIKES TREATY COMMISSIONS

Wolcott Asserts League Would Aid the Cause of Ireland

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The first vote on amendments to the German peace treaty will be taken in the senate tomorrow afternoon.

Formal agreement was reached late today by republican and democratic leaders to call up at 2 o'clock the thirty-six amendments proposed by Senator Fall, republican, New Mexico, adoption of which would eliminate the United States from representation on numerous foreign commissions created by the treaty. The agreement provides for discussion under the five-minute rule, and a vote before adjournment tomorrow night.

Democratic leaders declared tonight that all of the amendments would be beaten. Some republicans admitted privately that the vote would not be an accurate test of the line-up of the forces on the question of ratifying the treaty, with its League of Nations covenant. Indeed, some democratic spokesmen have stated that they would inform President Wilson that as matters stand now, the treaty cannot be ratified without reservations.

Fight May End Soon

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This view was quite at variance, however, with that expressed by Senator Wolcott, democrat, of Delaware, who in the course of a twenty-thousand word speech declared at the present rate of progress it would require two, if not four months to hear all that may be said concerning the wisdom of ratification. There is no doubt of the growing desire among senators to cut [illegible] the speeches and shift [illegible] debate, to urge fewer words, in view of the admitted belief that neither side now expects to change one vote by weeks of oratory.

Irish Question

Senator Wolcott devoted the greater part of his address to the Irish ques-

MAYOR APPEALS TO THE GOVERNOR FOR SQUARE DEAL

Tells of Action of North Carolina Corporation Commission

THINKS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS IGNORED

Reiterates Declaration That Local Telephone Rates Are Too High

The heretofore unheard-of necessity of a North Carolina mayor appealing to a North Carolina governor to protect his people from grave injustice at the hands of a state body formed to protect the residents of the commonwealth seems to have arisen here. Indications of such a condition are revealed in the letter from Mayor Roberts to Governor Bickett, in which the city's chief executive implores the state's chief executive to take a hand in curbing the alleged arbitrary action of the North Carolina corporation commission.

Mayor Roberts' letter is inspired by the treatment the corporation commission has accorded his requests to be heard in opposition to the granting of war-time rates for peace-time telephone service here. Not only has he been ignored in his appeals for an opportunity to fight the increase but he has been informed that the telephone company's side is being presented as though the city had no voice in the matter.. On the same mail that takes the mayor's letter to the governor, there goes a letter to the corporation commission attacking its procedure and pleading with it to give the municipality its day in court.

Mayor's Letter

The mayor's letter is as follows:

"Asheville, N. C.

"October 1, 1919.

"Honorable T. W. Bickett,
"Governor of North Carolina,
"Raleigh, N. C.

"My Dear Governor:

"As mayor of the city of Asheville I appeal to you as chief executive of the state to do something if you can to aid in protecting the rights of the people against [illegible] corporate interests, and the arbitrary action on the part of the corporation commission of North Carolina. I feel that you are interested in the people of this state, and that you will do whatever you can to aid in protecting them against flagrant injustices.

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"LEFTY" WILLIAMS MAY TRY TO STOP RUSH OF RED LEGS IN SECO

Moran Says It Makes Difference—Reds' Batting Demonstrated

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PITCHERS NAMED.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 1.—Accordi to announcements from the hea quarters of both teams tonig Claude Williams, the southpa will pitch for the White Sox morrow and Harry Sallee, lik wise a left-hander, will work Moran's team.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 1. — Cla ("Lefty") Williams, rated as one the best left-handers in the Am can league this season, probably be manager "Kid" Gleason's pitch selection to stop the batting drive the Reds in the second game of world's series tomorrow.

While Pat Moran, the leader of Reds, did not care to make any cial announcement concerning mound choice, it was generally cepted that either "Slim" Sallee, "Hod" Eller would oppose the W Sox tomorrow.

"We got away to a flying sta said Manager Moran tonight, "b ing Cicotte, Gleason's best bet, it makes no difference to my what pitcher Gleason starts tom row. They said before the series the Reds couldn't hit. Fourteen tells the story. The same bat will carry them through to victor [illegible] Reds entered the seri [illegible] tory has given them a lot more fidence. Reuther deserved a sh out and the Chicago players will it just as hard to hit our other pit ers. Reuther deserves great cr for the victory. He was cool at times. His batting was a surprise me."

MISSISSIPPI NEGROES HAPPY AND CONTENTED SAY CHICAGO VISITORS

Are Becoming Land-Owners —Schools and Churches Are Good

NEGROES TESTIFY

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Exceptional happiness, contentment and prosperity among the negroes of Mississippi is reported by a committee of Chicago white and negro men after an investigation of conditions in that state. The committee was delegated to visit Mississippi by the Chicago Association of Commerce, the federal Bureau of Labor and organized labor to which had been referred a question of aiding the return of southern-born negroes to the south.

A written statement prepared by the committee said:

"The happiness, contentment and prosperity among the colored race in Mississippi is much greater than the committee expected to find. We know no place where greater happiness and prosperity prevail among them."

School facilities were found to be good, churches adequate, housing conditions being improved rapidly and race relations good, according to the report, while the industrious negro is afforded excellent opportunities to become a land owner. No police oppression, imposition or "lawlessness was found. Negro workers in the sawmill districts were reported happy and contented.

Many of the farm laborers were found to be working on the share system. Negroes having no capital, teams or implements are equipped by the land owner, receiving, usually, a half of the crop they produce, while those with teams and implements are given two-thirds. The statement continues:

"We found that the average worker who cultivated what is known as the 'one mule crop' was able, using the year 1918 as a criterion, to produce a sufficient crop to net him, over and above all living expenses, from $500 to $1,500 a year. We found several men who began work under the tenant system and who now own their own plantations and are themselves employers of negro labor and are worth from $10,000 to $175,000. These facts were secured from the negroes themselves and we had the privilege of riding with them and surveying their farms in automobiles they own."

LOCAL "DOKAYS" WILL VISIT MORGANTON

Bagdad temple, No. 213, D. O. K. K., has accepted an invitation to stage a "Dokay" ceremonial at Morganton on October 24 and the entire divan

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Other Letter

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"October 1, 1919.

"Corporation Commission,
"Raleigh, N. C.

"Gentlemen:

"On yesterday I was advised by telegram from the mayor of Winston-Salem that there was set for hearing before you yesterday the matter of telephone rates in North Carolina, and I promptly wired asking that the matter be postponed until the people of the city of Asheville could be heard in the matter. Just why you have seen fit to ignore not only my request but my telegram, and have not shown me the courtesy of a reply, I do not know. If press reports are correct no one appeared before you in this matter but the telephone companies interested. Their evidence was introduced, arguments heard, and the case closed.

"I submit to you gentlemen that this procedure is unfair, unreasonable and contrary to any part of justice with which I am familiar. My understanding of the law is that when a petition is presented or request made for a hearing upon any subject of which the commission has jurisdiction which affects the rights and interests of the people, these interested are to be advised of the hearing and given an opportunity to present such arguments as they may have. Of course it is possible that the press reports are erroneous and for the purpose of being advised of the true status I respectfully request a communication from the commission giving such information as may be pertinent to the case and for the people who are users of telephones in this city. I demand that they be given an ample opportunity to be heard in such arguments and facts as they desire to place before the commission. I feel sure the commission will not overlook the fact that under the fundamental law of our land every person whose interest is affected is entitled to have his day in court.

"Yours very truly,
"GALLATIN ROBERTS,
"Mayor.

Mayor Roberts yesterday reiterated his declaration that the people of Asheville are unwilling to pay continued high rates for service with which they are dissatisfied. He declares that it is far from what it ought to be and he thinks that Asheville must fight for its rights to save thousands of dollars to its subscribers, collected in "the aggressions of corporate interests." If the commission consents to hear the city, Mayor Roberts will name an attorney to assist Corporation Counsel Pennell in fighting the increase. If he finds that neither his influence as mayor nor that of Mr. Bickett as governor is sufficient to get an opportunity to put the city's case before the commission he will try to think of other steps to take in the matter.

RACE CLASHES IN ARKANSAS CALL FOR FEDERAL SOLDIERS

CAPT. RAINEY WINS IN CONGRESSIONAL CONTEST

League of Nations Was the Principal Issue—Majority Around 800.

GADSDEN, Ala., Oct. 1.—Etowah Seventh district to Captain L. B. county which gave the democratic nomination for congressman from the Seventh district to Captain L. B. Rainey, of Gadsden, has elected him to the office over Chas. B. Kennemar, his republican opponent, according to the unoffical tabulated vote of the county with six precincts missing, made public this morning which gives Rainey 1650 to Kennemar's 550.

Returns were slow coming in from other counties, but claims of both sides concede Cherokee county also to Rainey. The republicans gave him a majority of 150 and the democrats 350. The democrats also claim Marshall county by a majority of 75 and Blount by a majority of 50. St. Clair is conceded to Kennemar by a majority of 100. Cullman by a majority of 300 and Dekalb by 100.

At republican campaign headquarters Etowah county was given to Rainey by a majority of 600 and Cherokee by 150. Kennemar's managers claim majorities for their candidate in other counties as follows, giving him the victory by 75 votes. Blount 100; Dekalb 175, Cullman 350, Marshall 100 and St. Clair 100.

The principal issue involved in the election was the League of Nations, the republican forces hurling down this gauntlet, which was readily picked up by the democrats. The apparent results of the election indicate the sentiment of the district on that subject, and also for the first time puts a congressional district on record for the covenant.

RUETHER, NEW STAR FOR FANDOM, LEADS REDS TO VICTORY

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afterward tied the score, it was still regarded as anybody's game.

Cicotte started the trouble for himself by pegging Rath between the shoulders and he looked a little worried as the Red second baseman, a former Sox castoff, enjoyed his unearned increment on first base. The visiting twirler put one in the groove for Daubert who singled cleanly, sending Rath to third. The latter scored on Groh's sacrifice fly to left, giving the Reds the first run of the series.

Red errors largely accounted for the lone Sox tally, counted in the opening half of the second. Jackson grounded to Groh, who threw wild to first and the runner reached second. Felsch advanced him with a sacrifice and Gandil dropped a fly back of second, and Jackson trotted home with the tying run. Thereafter Chicago threatened only twice, in the fifth and sixth, but Ruether rose to the occasion and the danger passed.

The fourth inning opened with a fly by Roush to Felsch. Duncan singled to right but was forced by Kopf. Neale hit a funny one which eluded two infielders with as many high bounds, sending Kopf to third. Win-

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More than a hundred negroes and a white man who is alleged to have in his possession a quantity of questionable literature had been arrested by posses operating in Blaine and vicinity when he left, according to former Sheriff Amos Jarman, who arrived here late today. A number of the prisoners have been brought to Helena and others, according to Jarman, are on the way under heavy guard. The white man is not among those already here, it is said.

Advices here said the trouble had its beginning when the posse was fired upon by a crowd of men, said to have been negroes, at Blaine. The fire was returned and in a few minutes became general in the streets of Blaine, according to reports.

Late today a telephone message as received here from Blaine stating that the posse had taken 175 prisoners and was bringing them to Helena.

Women and children of Blaine and vicinity are being brought to Helena on a special train for safety, it is reported here. The local situation is tense but no trouble has broken out here. Armed men are patrolling the streets.

The trouble began with the discovery last night of an alleged negro plot to rise against the white residents of the southern part of Phillips county, when Deputy Sheriff Pratt, with Adkins and a negro trusty were ambushed opposite a negro church at Hoop Spru, two miles north of Elaine, while on their way to arrest members of the Clem family, who were said to be in-

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KING OF BELGIANS TO LAND THIS MORNING

Albert and Queen Elizabeth Will Tour U. S.—Breaks Monarchs' Record.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Albert I, soldier king of the Belgians, the first reigning monarch of Europe to land in the United States, with Queen Elizabeth and Crown Prince Leopold, will arrive at Rockaway Beach, Long Island, this morning. The transport George Washington, on which they are traveling anchored off Sandy Hook last night. They will remain in the United States twenty-six days and in that time will travel from coast to coast, making their base at Washington. Before they leave the country the king and queen will have been guests of the nation at a dinner in the capitol, given by the senate and house of representatives, and will have addressed a joint session of congress.

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Fight May End Soon

Action by the senate on the Fall amendments will clear the way for consideration of the pact and hasten its final disposition. The opinion was expressed today by a senator, high in the councils of the majority party, that treaty discussion might end in two weeks, with a vote immediately thereafter.

This view was quite at variance, however, with that expressed by Senator Wolcott, democrat, of Delaware, who in the course of a twenty-thousand word speech declared at the present rate of progress it would require two, if not four months to hear all that may be said concerning the wisdom of ratification. There is no doubt of the growing desire among senators to cut short the speeches and write into the record, as debate, to urge fewer words, in view of the admitted belief that neither side now expects to change one vote by weeks of oratory.

Irish Question

Senator Wolcott devoted the greater part of his address to the Irish question and declared the League of Nations covenant supplied the method by which the cause of Ireland could be brought before an impartial tribunal for hearing, while rejection of the covenant would deprive her of the long-sought opportunity.

In announcing that he would vote for reservations that would give the league "a chance to live and America a chance to fulfill her mission," Senator McLean said if the senate rejected them he would vote "to return the whole of the medieval volume to its authors and the hope that its revisers will look for peace where peace may be found."

The question of voting tomorrow on the Fall amendments was laid before the senate just before adjournment by Senator Lodge, who asked for

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RAILROAD BUSINESS SHOWS INCREASE, GOVERNMENT PILES UP SMALL SURPLUS

But 4-Cent Raise for Shopmen Will Wipe Out Gains

TON MILEAGE LOW

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Business handled by the railroads in August continued the increase begun with the advent of the harvest season, and the government achieved a surplus of approximately $[illegible] over the guaranteed monthly rental of the properties under federal control.

This was the second month of the year in which an apparent surplus was shown, the July net income having been $1,968,453 greater than the rental, but the expenses of neither month took into account the increase incident to the raise in wages recently given the shopmen and which was retroactive to May 1. Estimates are that the increase will amount to about $4,[illegible] a month.

As the account now stands the government has encountered a deficit of $[illegible] in the operation of the roads for the first eight months of the year, which will be increased to approximately $[illegible] when the back pay for the shopmen for

tion commission.

Mayor Roberts' letter is inspired by the treatment the corporation commission has accorded his requests to be heard in opposition to the granting of war-time rates for peace-time telephone service here. Not only has he been ignored in his appeals for an opportunity to fight the increase but he has been informed that the telephone company's side is being presented as though the city had no voice in the matter. On the same mail that takes the mayor's letter to the governor, there goes a letter to the corporation commission attacking its procedure and pleading with it to give the municipality its day in court.

Mayor's Letter

The mayor's letter is as follows:

"Asheville, N. C.

"October 1, 1919.

"Honorable T. W. Bickett,
"Governor of North Carolina,
"Raleigh, N. C.

"My Dear Governor:

"As mayor of the city of Asheville I appeal to you as chief executive of the state to do something if you can to aid in protecting the rights of this people against [illegible] corporate interests, and the arbitrary action on the part of the corporation commission of North Carolina. I feel that you are interested in the people of this state, and that you will do whatever you can to aid in protecting them against flagrant injustices.

"On yesterday I received a telegram from the mayor of Winston-Salem requesting me to wire the corporation commission asking that commission to postpone the hearing in the matter of telephone rates, which hearing was set before the commission the very day that I received the telegram. It was the first intimation or information that I had from any source that this matter was to be held before the commission yesterday. I promptly wired the commission requesting that the hearing be postponed in order that the telephone users in the city of Asheville might have an opportunity to present their facts and arguments. The commission has entirely ignored my telegram and has not even shown me the courtesy to answer the same, and I see from press reports that the hearing was proceeded with, arguments heard, and the case closed and a definite day was set for the rendition of the decision.

"This matter is of vital importance to the people of this community and they are urgently protesting against this unjust and unheard of procedure. Can it be that the peoples' rights are to be determined by a body that will not give the people notice of the fact that their rights are in jeopardy? It seems unreasonable and preposterous, and if there is any way for relief to be had I assure you that I shall not permit the people of Asheville to be compelled to submit to gross injustices of this nature.

"Will you not write me fully your views and suggest to me what rem-

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CONFEREES AGREE ON PROHIBITION POLICY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Breaking a three weeks' deadlock, senate and house conferees reached an agreement today on the prohibition enforcement bill. Quick approval of the conferees' report is expected by leaders and the measure may go to the president early next week.

The bill, which establishes one-half of one per cent as the maximum alcoholic content of beverages, was passed by the house July 22 and by the senate September 5. The conference report will be acted on first by the senate, to which it will be reported Friday and then sent to the house.

The bill will be returned from conference without fundamental changes in its plan for strict enforcement both of war-time prohibition now and the

CINCINNATI, Oct. 1. — Cl
("Lefty") Williams, rated as on
the best left-handers in the Am
can league this season, probably
be manager "Kid" Gleason's pitc
selection to stop the batting driv
the Reds in the second game of
world's series tomorrow.

While Pat Moran, the leader of
Reds, did not care to make any
cial announcement concerning
mound choice, it was generally
cepted that either "Slim" Sallee
"Hod" Eller would oppose the W
Sox tomorrow.

"We got away to a flying st
said Manager Moran tonight, "b
ing Cicotte, Gleason's best bet,
it makes no difference to my
what pitcher Gleason starts to
row. They said before the series
the Reds couldn't hit. Fourteen
tells the story. The same ba
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out and the Chicago players will
it just as hard to hit our other pi
ers. Reuther deserves great cr
for the victory. He was cool at
times. His batting was a surpris
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"We will even up the series ton
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White Sox. "When Cicotte hit R
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could have taken him out then,
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to start Williams tomorrow and h
every confidence that there will
a different tale to tell.

"Ruether had a world of stuff
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game. He should have all the cr
for the victory. His batting sta
him as a second Babe Ruth.

"Today's defeat has not dishearte
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will act as an incentive to win
morrow. There are nine games
be played and one defeat doe
mean that the series is lost."

BIG LUMBER DEAL

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son Waits company of Caryville, F
have purchased the mills, lands
logging railroads and all other pr
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deal involves a consideration of th
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said the mill at Paxton will cut m
of the lumber of the new company

SUGAR INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Investi
tion of wholesale and retail prices
sugar by the federal trade comm
sion was ordered by the house late
day through adoption of a resoluti
introduced by Representative Tin
ham, republican, Massachusetts.

ENGLISH STRIKE SEEMS NEAR TO MEDIATIO

Labor Believed Governme Proposed Destruction Unions.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—For the first ti
since the railway strike began, the
has been a serious attempt at med
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owed last night by the powerful tran
port workers' federation. This o
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voices to a sympathetic strike, d
cided to say it was not possible

E. E. GALER ELECTED ROTARY SECRETARY

Meeting Yesterday Largest Dinner Session Ever Held By Local Rotarians—Elton Warner Enrolled

E. E. Galer was elected secretary of the Rotary club at the session held yesterday at noon at the Battery Park hotel. He succeeds N. J. Warner, who resigned at the meeting yesterday.

This afternoon members of the club will motor out to the Farm school, where they will be the guests of John Calfee, president of the Asheville Normal and Collegiate Institute. Mr. Calfee's invitation was accepted at last week's meeting.

Colonel O. F. Snyder, veteran of six wars and who will sail shortly with an American expedition to Poland, delivered an address before the Rotarians yesterday, which was enjoyed by the city's business men very much. Colonel Snyder having had twenty-three years' experience in the United States army, and during that time having traveled extensively is always an interesting talker. The address scheduled by R. R. Williams was postponed.

The meeting yesterday was reported as the largest dinner meeting ever held by the organization. Elton Warner was admitted to membership in the club.

NAVY APPRENTICES WITH THE MARINES

United States navy trained and experienced hospital apprentices were with the marines in every battle from Belleau Woods to the crossing of the Meuse on the morning of November 11, 1918. This medical corps unit served with the marines, under navy surgeons, during the entire time the soldiers of the sea were helping to clear France of the Hun.

This outfit won for itself undying glory and made history for the service it represented. Over thirty per cent of the personnel were decorated for conspicuous bravery. Others wear wound stripes. Several have gone west in the great cause. These are the brave young Americans who selected, for their part in the war, that post where they could assist the wounded, be with the dying and minister to the sick.

There was not a battle where they did not follow the men right to the barrage, and into it when the fighters

MAYOR'S TELEGRAM FINALLY ANSWERED

Sec. Corporation Commission Says Telephone Case Still Open For Protests From Any City

In a telegram from R. O. Self, secretary of the state corporation commission, to Mayor Roberts yesterday, it was stated that the commission had heard the request of the Southern Bell Telephone company, to be allowed to continue the war-time rates, which do not change until January 1, next, but that the commission is still ready to hear any protest from cities of the state. The messages stated that it was an answer to the mayor's telegram of last Tuesday.

Mr. Self explained in his message that when the government took over the wires and arbitrarily raised the rates, it was announced that the war rates would be in effect four months after the wires passed back into private ownership.

In commenting on the message Mayor Roberts stated yesterday that he is at a loss to understand why the state corportaion commission rushed to have a hearing now which would only affect rates four months from now. However, he is greatly relieved that the state commission finally answered his request for an expression, even though the expression is not what he expected.

Mayor Roberts let it be known that the city administration would definitely fight a request to continue the war-time increase and that this city would employ an attorney to assist the corporation counsel to prepare the city's case.

A COMMUNITY FAIR FOR AVERY'S CREEK

People of the Township Enthusiastic About Fair Which Will Be Held Tuesday, October 7

A community fair for Avery's Creek township will be held Tuesday, October 7, according to an announcement by E. D. Weaver, who is now busy selecting judges, and making other

AMBITION PILLS

For Nervous People

The great nerve tonic—the famous Wendell's Ambition Pills that will put vigor, vim and vitality into nervous tired out, all in, despondent people in a few days in many instances.

Anyone can buy a box for only 50 cents, and your druggist is authorized by the maker to refund the purchase price if anyone is dissatisfied with the first box purchased.

Thousands praise them for general debility, nervous prostration, mental depression and unstrung nerves caused by over-indulgence in alcohol, tobacco, or overwork of any kind.

For any affliction of the nervous system Wendell's Ambition Pills are unsurpassed, while for hysteria, trembling and neuralgia they are simply splendid. Fifty cents at your druggist's and dealers everywhere.

Advt.

DR. INGERSOLL BREAKS OLD CHINESE CUSTOM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The distinction of having broken an ancient Chinese custom probably belongs to Dr. Louise Mason Ingersoll, of Asheville, N. C., who recruited six Chinese women as nurses in an American Red Cross unit serving at the Siberian front. These nurses are believed to have been the first women of China in the forty centuries of its history who volunteered to journey to a foreign country and nurse fighting men of another race. As nurses they are reported to have shown unusual deftness, tirelessness and intelligent activities.

MACE CHARGED WITH LARCENY OF AN AUTO

C. R. Mace was arrested by Sheriff Mitchell and Deputy Lyda Wednesday night, charged with the larceny of an automobile belonging to J. R. Yown, of Greenville. Upon the arrival of an

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CITIZEN WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

, MAY 7, 1919. PRICE FIVE CENTS

ROBERTS, FITZPATRICK, SHERRILL AND WELLS WIN OUT BY LARGE MAJORITIES

RESULTS OF YESTERDAYS ELECTION

Candidates	1st Precinct	2nd Precinct	3rd Precinct	4th Precinct	5th Precinct	6th Precinct	7th Precinct	8th Precinct	9th Precinct	10th Precinct	Totals
Mayor—											
Rankin	137	229	174	197	95	69	123	85	47	58	1214
Roberts	118	180	173	194	83	186	208	186	247	158	1733
Com. of Safety—											
Ramsey	120	242	185	206	92	60	116	78	67	74	1240
Fitzpatrick	135	167	161	185	83	192	212	194	222	142	1693
Com. of Works—											
Sherrill	100	188	164	233	100	183	199	202	180	120	1669
McDowell	154	217	184	153	74	70	129	69	106	92	1248
Police Judge—											
Wells	127	265	213	267	114	140	229	177	251	167	1920
Brown	124	140	130	117	62	141	97	95	38	44	988

The Vote Exceeded Expectations of Most Optimistic Supporters of Winners

BELIEVED SCHOOL BONDS CARRIED

New Officers Will Take Their Offices on May 17. Day Was Quiet.

Mayor.

Roberts	1,733
Rankin	1,214
Roberts' majority	519

Commissioner Public Safety.

Fitzpatrick	1,693
Ramsey	1,240
Fitzpatrick's majority	453

Commissioner Public Works.

Sherrill	1,669
McDowell	1,248
Sherrill's majority	421

Police Court Judge.

Wells

DEFICIT OF GOVERNMENT IN OPERATING RAILROADS 3 MONTHS $192,000,000

TWO BILLION DOLLAR MARK PASSED BY NATION IN RACE FOR ITS GOAL BY SATURDAY

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1919.

TO HAND OF ALLIES ORLD WAR

WAREHOUSE CASE ARGUED BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Atty.-Gen. Manning Still Contends Act Is Null and Void

MAKE ROOM FOR NEW FARMERS' BUILDING

Two New Cotton Mills and Molasses Concern Are Given Charters

The Asheville Citizen Bureau,
Merchants National Bank Bldg
(By JULE B. WARREN)

RALEIGH, May 6—The cotton warehouse case was argued before

NEXT MAYOR OF ASHEVILLE

GALLATIN ROBERTS

TELEPHONE RATE CASE CONCLUDED; DECISIONS SOON

Court Temporarily Permits

ROBERTS, SHERRILL OUT BY

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DEFICIT OF GOVERNMENT IN OPERATING RAILROADS 3 MONTHS $192,000,000

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TWO BILLION DOLLAR MARK PASSED BY NATION IN RACE FOR ITS GOAL BY SATURDAY

Near 150 Million Came From the New York District Alone

ST. LOUIS STILL LEADS

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The two billion dollar mark has been passed by the nation in its race toward the $4,500,000,000 goal, which must be reached by Saturday night. Subscriptions officially reported to the treasury tonight amounted to $2,060,752,000, or 45.79 per cent of the quota sought.

The increase in the total during the last twenty-four hours was $256,000,000 of which $146,000,000 came from the New York district alone. This is a better record than has been made for the last few days, but falls far short of the $622,000,000 average daily subscriptions which must be piled up in the remainder of the week if the loa nis to be subscribed fully.

At the corresponding time of the Fourth Liberty loan campaign bond sales amounted to $2,798,000 or 46.64 per cent of the total.

Tommorrow is navy day throughout the country, and committees everywhere hope to make it a banner day with the slogan "match the navy." Fruits of the day's work will not be reflected for two or three days, however. Special naval demonstrations have been arranged at many sea and lake port cities.

"Experts who have been associated with all loan campaigns are at an absolute loss to explain the slowness of subscriptions," said the treasury's review tonight. "The belief held by many of them at the outset of the loan that its attractive features both as to interest and maturity would cause an early over-subscription has been rapidly dissipated and yet no one seems to be able to assign a cause for this situation. Slowness in buying is easily explained in a few isolated localities where farm work is backward or there has been a shortage of employment in certain industries, but generally speaking no one seems to be able to assign a definite cause for the failure of the country to keep the pace that was expected of it."

The St. Louis district continued to lead in the percentage race tonight, with [illegible] its salesmen hard. Apparently St. Louis has drawn so far away from Chicago and Boston that there is little chance of either of these districts [illegible] Brooklyn, N. Y., and Hartford, Conn., reported today that they had exceeded their quotas.

LOAN HAS TOTALLED OVER 66 MILLION

[illegible] March 6.—Actual

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Commissioner Public Safety.

Fitzpatrick	1,693
Ramsey	1,240
Fitzpatrick's majority	453

Commissioner Public Works.

Sherrill	1,869
McDowell	1,348
Sherrill's majority	421

Police Court Judge.

Wells	1,920
Brown	988
Wells' majority	932

By majorities far exceeding the expectations of their most optimistic supporters Gallatin Roberts was elected mayor in yesterday's election, Captain R. L. Fitzpatrick as commissioner of public safety, and R. J. Sherrill as commissioner of public works. The decisive majority for R. M. Wells for police court judge was, however, not unexpected.

Culminating a campaign of bitterness, almost unprecedented in local politics and featured by a display of intense personal feeling, the election ended with the closing of the polls at 8:21 o'clock with no sign whatever of the landslide concealed in the ten big ballot boxes. In fact, there was an evidently genuine display of confidence by the backers of every candidate, except in the police court judge contest.

It was only when the first precinct to report to the crowded police court room showed an upset of estimates that the final losers drew suspicious inferences, and the return of the next precinct, the third, banished all hopes of the Rankin, Ramsey and McDowell men. They seemed to fade from the room and the elated backers of the winners came to the front, and voiced their joy at winning and their appreciation of the magnitude of their winning. The third was expected to give a big majority for the losers and it emphatically failed to do so.

Popuar interest was ttested all day in unmistakable form.

Despite the frequent and heavy showers the voters turned out in surprising numbers, and at each polling place, except the fifth, there was always a crowd of workers. The total vote cast tells its own tale of the widespread popular interest. Contrary to all precedents, the vote in the election exceed that of the primary, despite the fact that there were only 8 candidates as against 19 entered in the primary. 2775 votes were cast for mayoralty candidates in the primary while the vote yesterday was 2947.

It is impossible to state positively whether the necessary majority of the registered voters cast ballots for the $200,000 school bonds because several precincts failed to report the vote on bonds. There is strong reason for believing that a majority was recorded for the bonds, probably several hundred. To "carry" the bonds it is necessary that a majority vote affirmatively for bonds, regardless of how few vote against the bond issue.

The popular demonstrations at the polls and at the City Hall last night indicated very clearly that the candidates were grouped. There was evident a common support of Roberts and Fitzpatrick, and only to a slight-

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ROBERTS, FITZPATRICK, SHERRILL AND WELLS WIN OUT BY LARGE MAJORITIES.

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ly less extent of Sherrill. On the other hand supporters of Rankin and Ramsey, and generally McDowell made a common cause. The vote by precincts reflects this association of names. Robert M. Wells was swept to victory by voters of both sides. The precinct vote for Judge Brown, however, shows that the greater part of his vote came from precincts where the Roberts, Sherrill, Fitzpatrick vote was the largest. Judge Wells carried every precinct except the 6th.

The election marks a complete change in the city government, and it was generally admitted last night by all sides that this was what the voters wanted, and the supporters of those who lost declared this sentiment was the underlying cause of defeat. Among the demonstrators at the City Hall confident predictions were made of a "clean sweep" in appointive officers of the city.

Whether this expectation will be verified by the new commissioners a very brief time will tell since the new officers will take charge May 17. That they will have many applications for every position, corporation counsel, city clerk, tax collector, accountants, water superintendent, officers and members of the police court no one doubts. In fact ante-election rumor has assigned many men to positions, often several men for the same place.

All the candidates yesterday are democrats but this does not mean that the republicans were unrepresented in the election. On the contrary they were a considerable factor. It was generally credited that the influence of several prominent republican leaders was thrown strongly to the winning candidates. It was even asserted by some on the other side that an understanding had been reached some days ago by which in return for this support republicans were to be given a proportion of the appointive places, this, of course, being another tale yet to be verified. On the other hand another element of republicans, largely of the business class, threw their support to the retiring commissioners.

The canvassing board, composed of all the precinct officials, thirty in number, will meet in the City Hall today noon to officially canvass the vote.

A number of bets, some of considerable size, were posted on the election, and it was remarked as a strange fact that the winners were men of less political experience, in most cases, than the losers.

A feature yesterday was the presence at the polls of school girls distributing cards asking voters to vote for the school bonds.

TO TRY FORMER KAISER.

PARIS, May 6.—(By The Associated

ARGUED BEFORE SUPREME COURT

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in capital of $101,000, were incorporated by Gastonia men today, these being among the largest charters issued during the past week. The Dixon Mills, Incorporated, was granted a charter, which authorizes a capital stock of $400,000, $150,000 of which may be issued in preferred stock. Of this amount $71,000 is paid in by A. M. Dixon, R. R. Ray, J. K. Dixon, W. L. Balthus, E. N. Pegram and O. F. Mason.

The other cotton mills incorporated was the Ruby Cotton Mills, with an authorized stock issue of $300,000 and $30,000 paid in by G. R. Spencer, W. H. Adams and J. M. Holland.

Another charter was issued for a molasses manufacturing company for North Carolina, this being one of the few ventures of this kind so far authorized by charter. The main office of the American Molasses company will be in Wilmington, and the authorized stock is $100,000 and $1,000 of this is paid in by George Brauburger, of New York, and F. L. Fuller, jr., and Jones Fuller, of Durham.

Other charters issued follow.

R. A. Grimes company, Hickory, for the conduct of a drug store, $10,000 authorized and $3,000 paid in by J. R. Wooten, C. H. Geitner, G. E. Bisanar, J. J. Willard, R. A. Grimes and F. A. Abernethy.

Cathey Lumber company, Charlotte, authorized capital $100,000 and $25,000 paid in by J. R. Cathey, J. N. Barber and A. K. McLeod and W. S Stewart.

Colerain Electric Light company, Colerain, incorporated by Enders White, L. D. Perry and others for the purpose of supplying a light plant for the town.

Parks Belk and company, Kannapolis, authorized capital $100,000 and $31,000 paid in by W. H. and J. M. Belk, B. F. Matthews, J. G. Parks and C. E. Parks.

Blalock Motor company, Oxford, authorized capital $30,000 and $30,000 paid in by W. N. Thomas, E. B. Howard, J. M. Blalock, J. F. Veazey and W. L. Mitchell.

The Interstate Storage Battery company, Charlotte, authorized capital $10,000 and $1,600 paid in by H. C. Maynelo, H. T. Long and J. D. Antem.

CHINESE PRESENT PROTEST AT PARIS

PARIS, May 6.—The Chinese delegates presented a brief, formal and dignified protest concerning the disposition of Kiao-Chau. The Portuguese delegates expressed satisfaction regarding the treatment accorded Portugal.

The protestations made to the various delegations are not regarded as serious as no definite reservations were made by the protestants.

Italy was represented at the session by Signor Crespi.

The Italian spokesman said he desired to make reservations concerning any provisions in the treaty not acceptable to Italy.

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The death of former Mayor Roberts has shocked and stunned the people of this community. That would have been true in any circumstances. It is peculiarly so now. The tragedy of which he was one of the victims has brought to Asheville far more than its share of trouble and sorrow but nothing heretofore quite so appalling and distressing as that which happened yesterday. This community, sadly divided in many ways, will not be divided in deploring this new grief. It will not be divided in the depths of sympathy with which it will think of Mr. Roberts and his family now and remember him hereafter.

The Luxury Tax Probable

News from Raleigh that the sub-committee of the House and Senate Finance Committees has adopted "in principle" the Hinsdale "selected commodity" sales-tax bill and the Brummitt proposal to include intangible value in the franchise tax on corporations is not surprising. It was predicted in these columns months ago that North Carolina would probably come to the luxury tax this year and if the State is to carry the burden of supporting the schools in all counties for six months on a uniform basis it is difficult to see how this can be accomplished otherwise than, in part, through a tax on so-called luxuries.

What revenues North Carolina can expect from such a tax is debatable. The North Carolina Tax Commission has pointed out that if a tax on cigarettes, candies, theater admissions and so on is adopted certain license taxes now imposed in this State will have to be eliminated and has argued that the adoption of the South Carolina system of a sales tax on selected articles in lieu of North Carolina' spresent system of license taxes will probably not have "enough bearing on any of the forms

passed out of existence. Then the forest disappeared "and the lands were planted in cotton. They have been steadily impoevrished. Cotton in North Carolina approaches the point of impossibility." That is true and it is also true that "if the forest crop had been cared for it would have yielded year for year, more value than cotton has yielded and the land itself would be better than ever."

Then The News comes to the point. "There are many signs," it says, "that putting North Carolina lands back to pine-growing is more than the ultimate wisdom, that it is the inevitable necessity. If that is so, the sooner the better. When will the end come for cotton-raising in the State—ten years hence, five years, next year? And what then? When will our elder statesmen begin asking this question of our economists?"

These are pertinent questions, for while we do not think that cotton-growing in North Carolina is impossible we do think that it is impossible for a large percentage of those who are now attempting to grow it. There is plenty of land in North Carolina upon which cotton can be produced profitably. There are and always will be farmers in North Carolina who are capable of growing cotton in competition with the rest of the world. But there is much land still planted to cotton the yield from which is so low that its cultivation is unconomical. There are thousands and tens of thousands of farmers in North Carolina who are not now and who probably never will be again in position to cultivate cotton with any assurance whatever of being able to get as much from the crop as it costs them in labor and money to make it.

If there is anything that can be done with the unproductive cotton lands except put them to growing timber we do not know what it is. The laws of North Carolina will have to be changed to make that possible. That was one of the chief arguments in favor of the reclamification amendment to the constitution which was defeated in the general election last fall. But what is to become of the marginal farmers who are being inexorably crowded off the land? It seems to us that many of them face extinction or exile or the lowest form of peasantry unless industry can be expanded in the State to take care of them. Yet, strangely enough, some North Carolinians who seem to have most reason for being concerned about the plight of these people want to make it impossible for industry to expand in North Carolina.

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Are Citizen patterns popular? Western North Carolina women ordered 534 during January! See today's offering.

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Legislative Advisory Body Approves Plans For City Schools

BOARD OF 5 MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED

Appointive Body Will Have Full Charge Of Operations

BOARD TO ELECT SUPERINTENDENT

School Head Would Have Power To Extend Studies Taught

Approval of a bill designed to vest in the city school board, complete control and management of the buildings and equipment of the city school system was given by the legislative advisory council yesterday afternoon.

The bill which repeals section 10, chapter 205, Private Laws of the general assembly, 1929, would create a board of five members who would be known as the Asheville local tax school district. These five committeemen will be named in the bill for a period of two years starting from the 6th day of April 1931. Their successors shall be chosen by the governing board of the City of Asheville each and every two years thereafter.

Custody of Buildings

Sets Record

Dorothy Hester, above, is the new feminine outside loop record holder of the world. She recently achieved five loops over Glendale, Cal., airport, breaking the former record by two loops.

BANDITS HARVEST

POLICE ARREST MAN WHO DROVE AUTO OF DEATH

Alleged Slayer Is Held In Raleigh; Body Of Woman Is Found

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Officers Claim Corpse Was Hauled About In Frazer's Car

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Stoutly denying he killed the woman, he was in jail here tonight awaiting the arrival of Prosecutor Abe J. David, of New Jersey, who was on his way to question him.

David was expected here tomorrow. Meanwhile, police at David's request refused to permit questioning of Frazer. They were informed a formal charge of murder had been lodged against him.

Two detectives who were advised Frazer was using the alias, H. G. Devin, arrested him when he called at a postoffice general delivery window for mail in that name.

SNAKE IN BATHTUB CAUSES NEGRO TO CLIMB BOOKCASE

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The squad car roared forth to battle, the detectives' minds filled with images of boa constrictors and rattlers.

Revolvers in hand, they entered the apartment.

"Where's that snake?"

"Thas him, boss, all curled up in de bathtub," sobbed a negro perched atop a bookcase.

The law advanced. One detective ventured to peer over the side of the tub. Sure enough, something was curled about the side of the tub. Just as he was ready to shoot, another cried:

"It's only the ring around the tub."

"Bad liquor," was the verdict of the police.

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For twenty years, I was in public life, and I never did a dishonest act during all these years and yet, I have been shamefully charged with committing a felony. God knows I did no wrong during my term in office. My hands are clean, and my conscience is clear, and I want to say further that Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Rogers are both clean good men, and have done no wrong.

I have given my life for my city, but I am content. I did what I thought was right. I trust the people of Asheville will cease to wrangle, and all pull together for the common good. Why do you hate each other? Don't you know that life is just like a fleeting shadow, and that you will soon pass to the great beyond? I do not hate a soul on this earth. Won't you people highly resolve to cease your bickering and strife? I want you to do this.

I toiled hard for a larger and better city. I knew that it was imperative. Every act of my life during my term of office was for that which I thought was for the best interest of this community.

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Leaving his office on the third floor of the Legal building on Pack Square, yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock Mr. Roberts entered a small lavatory on the fourth floor of the building, placed a .38 calibre revolver, which contained only one cartridge, to his right temple, and sent a bullet crashing through his brain.

Investigation yesterday afternoon revealed that Mr. Roberts, who was 51 years old, had closed up a number of business affairs during the past week and belief was expressed by his friends that the former mayor had planned for several days to take his life. He had apparently been putting his financial and personal affairs in shape for the act.

Died Instantly

Death was probably instantaneous, former county coroner Dr. E. R. Morris said. The body was found about 2:15 o'clock by B. B. Worsham, blind attorney, and an elevator operator. Worsham had heard the report of the gun and started an investigation which led to the finding of the body.

The bullet entered the right temple of the former city official, went through the brain and imbedded itself in the door of the lavatory. Although more than a dozen persons who had been intimate friends of the ex-mayor viewed the body while it was lying in the lavatory it was nearly 20 minutes before identity could be established.

Chief of Police W. R. Messer and several officers arrived on the scene of the shooting shortly after the body was found. The body was slumped over on the floor of the lavatory.

The pistol, used by Mr. Roberts to end his life, was found lying

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"My soul is sensitive and it is wounded unto death," wrote former Mayor Gallatin Roberts in a letter addressed to the "People of Asheville" a short time before his death yesterday. "I know exactly who the men are who were trying to destroy me, but now, I forgive them," he continued.

This letter, with two others, was found on his desk in his Legal building offices a few minutes after his body was discovered in a lavatory on the floor above. Near the letters were two clippings from the Congressional Record of recent date containing prayers delivered by the House chaplain at the opening of the session.

The second letter was addressed to George Pennell, city corporation counsel, whom Mayor Roberts had twice appointed city attorney. The first appointment coming when Mr. Pennell was a young member of the bar. The third letter was to Mrs. Roberts.

Letter To People

The text of the letter to the people of Asheville follows:

To the People of Asheville:

My soul is sensitive, and it has been wounded unto death. I know exactly who the men are who were instrumental in trying to destroy me, but now, I forgive them.

For twenty years, I was in public life, and I never did a dishonest act during all these years and yet, I have been shamefully charged with committing a felony. God knows I did no wrong during my term in office. My hands are clean and my conscience is clear, and I want to say further that Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Rogers are both clean good men, and have done no wrong.

I have given my life for my city, but I am content. I did what I thought was right. I trust the people of Asheville will cease to wrangle, and all pull together for the common good. Why do you hate each other? Don't you know that life is just like a fleeting shadow, and that you will soon pass to the great beyond? I do not hate a soul on this earth. Won't you people highly resolve to cease your bickering and strife? I want you to do this.

I worked hard for a larger and better city. I knew that it was imperative. Every act of my life during my term of office was for that which I thought was for the best interest of this community.

I used my best efforts in resisting the effort that was made to foster higher telephone rates upon you people.

When I went into office nearly four years ago, I found millions of dollars of the people's money in the Central Bank and I filled with all my soul to

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Friends Believe Suicide Was Planned For Several Days

"I have given my life for my city. I did what I thought was right."

Saturday between 10 and 2 o'clock, while his body lies in state in the rotunda of the city hall where he served the city as its chief executive, Asheville will pay tribute to former Mayor Gallatin Roberts, who wrote the above lines a few minutes before he ended his life yesterday afternoon.

Members of the Buncombe county bar association and present city officials last night announced that a guard of honor selected from the city police and fire departments will be placed around the bier while friends file past and pay a final tribute to the man who served the city as its mayor for seven years.

Leaving his office on the third floor of the Legal building on Pack Square, yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock Mr. Roberts entered a small lavatory on the fourth floor of the building, placed a .38 calibre revolver, which contained only one cartridge, to his right temple, and sent a bullet crashing through his brain.

Investigation yesterday afternoon revealed that Mr. Roberts, who was 51 years old, had closed up a number of business affairs during the past week and belief was expressed by his friends that the former mayor had planned for several days to take his life. He had apparently been putting his financial and personal affairs in shape for the act.

Died Instantly

Death was probably instantaneous, former county coroner Dr. E. R. Morris said. The body was found about 2:15 o'clock by B. B. Worsham, blind attorney, and an elevator operator. Worsham had heard the report of the gun and started an investigation which led to the finding of the body.

The bullet entered the right temple of the former city official, went through the brain and imbedded itself in the door of the lavatory. Although more than a dozen persons who had been intimate friends of the ex-mayor viewed the body while it was lying in the lavatory it was nearly 20 minutes before identity could be established.

Chief of Police W. R. Messer and several officers arrived on the scene of the shooting shortly after the body was found. The body was slumped over on the floor of the lavatory.

The pistol, used by Mr. Roberts to end his life, was found lying

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Four Trainmen Perish As Train Drops Into Stream

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 25 (AP). The locomotive and tender of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad's Pensacola limited, bound from New Orleans to Cincinnati, plunged through an open draw-bridge over the Mobile river 12 miles north of here early today, carrying four trainmen to their death.

Engineer [illegible] of a passenger and mail express, [illegible] was killed in the plunge. The fireman was scalded to death by escaping steam. Two other trainmen escaped with the Pullman porter and a negro cook.

Police Sergeant George Thorne told of the accident and described the [illegible] and said he saw the train, [illegible] Mobile and Ohio railroad, [illegible] Mobile, [illegible] the bridge.

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FROM RALEIGH

A staff correspondent stationed in Raleigh will provide Asheville Citizen readers daily with General Assembly news of interest to W. N. C.

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Final Discussion Set For Meeting Of Board Friday

Faced with the alternative of providing operating funds from day by day tax collections or closing the city school system, members of the school board, yesterday afternoon, after a spirited meeting at the city hall, admitted that the outlook for continued operation was apparently hopeless.

The question of shutting down the schools of the city for an indefinite period was discussed at the meeting after the board had been informed that the school fund in the city treasury totaled only $9,000.

Book lists have been distributed to the children who are being promoted and many parents are preparing to buy or have already purchased new books, but this point was not discussed at the meeting yesterday when decision to defer further discussion of the closing order until next Friday was reached. One week from today the payroll of the city schools, amounting to $48,000, will come due. Board members admit that they see no hope of the city schools remaining open. The whole matter rests with the taxpayers and the manner in which taxes are paid during the coming week.

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Talk With Solicitor

Adams said yesterday that he confer with Solicitor Nettles ing the proposition. He said he had not yet made up his to accept. Earlier in the day adams notified the Governor e would not be able to accept ppointment, but later he wired preciation of the chief execu- message and announced his ness to take up the matter by al conference.

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"JOHN SNEED ADAMS."

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Mayor Harry Plummer, chairman of the board, informed board mem- bers that he did not believe taxpay- ers of the city and county had real- ized the acuteness of the situation here. "Hope and confidence are all good," the mayor said, "but we need more than these to keep the city and schools going. Sparks of civic pride of Asheville taxpayers should glow into city patriotism, causing them to pay their current and de- linquent taxes and assessments."

Members of the school board ex- plained that while the necessity of closing the schools would be nothing short of a calamity, there is no other course for them to follow with the condition of the treasury in its present state. Several of the board members agreed that the most logical time to close the schools would be at the end of the past semester, which closed yesterday afternoon.

There are more than 10,300 child- ren in the Asheville system and approximately 350 teachers in ad- dition to some 80 other employes of the system. In addition to salaries of the employes the fuel, gas, elec- tricity, phone, and other services of the city system aggregates more than $5,000 monthly.

Teachers of the Asheville system recently adopted resolutions of con- fidence in the city school authori- ties. They agreed to remain at their posts with only promises of their salaries.

Evans Resigns

Ben H. Evans, member of the board, yesterday tendered his resigna- tion as a board member to Mayor Plummer. Other members of the board voted unanimously to have

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GARDNER FAVORS UNIVERSAL CUT

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General Discussion

"I think the general discussion developed since my message has been wholesome and has tended to clarify the thinking of the public with respect to the subject of salary without discrimination.

"May I say in conclusion, I have advanced the proposal that through a universal salary cut we undertake to put the entire public within reasonable limits into more nearly the same position with respect to facing our present situation, over which neither the salaried employes nor the citizens of the state have any material control. I am conscientiously convinced that unless it is done in a spirit of democracy and absolute fairness it should not be done at all."

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Mrs. Israel is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marshall, of Biltmore, and Mrs. E. U. Bryson, of Arden; one son M. L. Israel, of Fletcher; one brother, Charles Edward, of West Asheville, and 19 grandchildren.

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Members of the board are appointed by the general assembly. Mayor Plummer is chairman ex-officio. They do not receive any salary or expenses for their services. Those present at yesterday's meeting were: Mayor Plummer, Mrs. Eugene Gudger, Mrs. W. E. Logan, Ben H. Evans, R. H. McDuffie, Sr., and William Smathers.

Members of the school board yesterday "found" the "missing" $87,000 of the school fund when John B. Hooks, Jr., chief accountant for the city, submitted figures to the board which showed that salaries and operating expenses of the city schools for July and August, 1929, had not been taken into consideration by persons who had alleged the city school fund was short $84,000.

Mr. Hooks explained that the city school system ended its 1929 fiscal year period on June 30, and started upon the next fiscal year on September 5, 1929. Salaries of teachers for July and August, 1929, Mr. Hooks said, used the $84,000.

Members of the school board explained that the city schools system formerly operated its fiscal year between June and June of each year. When the schools were turned over to the county in 1929 the fiscal year was changed to start and end in September.

A request from Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morriss, director of adult night schools, for financial aid to operate the adult night school classes was declined. Mrs. Morriss asked for approximately $450 to defray salaries for the month of January and $100 monthly for her classes. In the interest of economy the school board was forced to decline the request.

It was announced yesterday that the adult school would be discontinued due to the lack of funds.

The request from A. C. Reynolds, superintendent of county schools, that members of the city school board sign pay rolls and requisitions of the city system was met with determined opposition on the part of several members.

It was charged that Mr. Reynolds was attempting to place the city school board in the same class with various school committees of county

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Members of the board are appointed by the general assembly. Mayor Plummer is chairman ex-officio. They do not receive any salary or expenses for their services. Those present at yesterday's meeting were: Mayor Plummer, Mrs. Eugene Gudger, Mrs. W. E. Logan, Ben H. Evans, R. H. McDuffie, Sr., and William Smathers.

Members of the school board yesterday "found" the "missing" $87,000 of the school fund when John B. Hooks, Jr., chief accountant for the city, submitted figures to the board which showed that salaries and operating expenses of the city schools for July and August, 1929, had not been taken into consideration by persons who had alleged the city school fund was short $84,000.

Mr. Hooks explained that the city school system ended its 1929 fiscal year period on June 30, and started upon the next fiscal year on September 5, 1929. Salaries of teachers for July and August, 1929, Mr. Hooks said, used the $84,000.

Members of the school board explained that the city schools system formerly operated its fiscal year between June and June of each year. When the schools were turned over to the county in 1929 the fiscal year was changed to start and end in September.

A request from Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morriss, director of adult night schools, for financial aid to operate the adult night school classes was declined. Mrs. Morriss asked for approximately $450 to defray salaries for the month of January and $100 monthly for her classes. In the interest of economy the school board was forced to decline the request.

It was announced yesterday that the adult school would be discontinued due to the lack of funds.

The request from A. C. Reynolds, superintendent of county schools, that members of the city school board sign pay rolls and requisitions of the city system was met with determined opposition on the part of several members.

It was charged that Mr. Reynolds was attempting to place the city school board in the same class with various school committees of county townships. Ben H. Evans, member of the board, declared "it would take an order of the court to have him sign papers for the county authorities."

Other members of the board objected to this procedure. The request was tabled.

ISAAC EMERSON TAKEN BY DEATH

Headache Cure Magnate Was Born in North Carolina

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Noted Business Forecaster Warns That Recovery Will Not Be Rapid.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The bottom of the business depression is at hand, according to all the "old signs and symptoms," and recovery next year should be expected, Col. Leonard P. Ayres, vice president of the Cleveland Trust Company and internationally prominent business forecaster, said today.

He made this forecast in his annual address before the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

Recovery To Be Slow

He cautioned, however, that it "is already clear that we are not warranted in expecting a rapid recovery.

"The purchasing power of an important part of our population is still seriously restricted by the paying of debts incurred in unsuccessful stock speculation," he said.

Another reason for a delay in business recovery is because "we have not developed any new wave of constructive enterprises such as canals, railroads, war materials, highways and automobiles. These activities have usually come from men of courage who took advantage of the low interest rates to float bond issues for financing expansion and improvements.

New Construction Vital

"Such new construction is the most effective force making for bus-

HOOVER WARNS AGAINST RAISING BUDGET FIGURES

Says Increase In Appropriations Would Necessitate Tax Boost.

'POLITICS' CHARGED

Bill Providing $110,000,000 For Construction Program Reported.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The senate today passed the bill authorizing $60,000,000 for relief to drought stricken farmers. The measure was approved without a record vote after Democrats had bitterly assailed the contention of the administration that funds should not be loaned to farmers for purchase of personal foods. Republicans made no effort to cut down the $60,000,000 to the $25,000,000 recommended by President Hoover.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—President Hoover declared today that efforts were being made to impose greater financial burdens upon the government than its financial position would permit.

Prosperity can not be restored by raids on the public treasury, he warned.

Noting that pending legislation would impose additional burdens of $4,500,000,000 above the sums he asked for in his budget message, he said the budget contained the maximum expenditure that the government could make without increase in taxes. Any tax increase, he continued, would fall on the farmer and worker.

Hurls Charge of "Politics"

Mr. Hoover said that some organizations were playing politics at the expense of "human misery."

"The American people will not be misled by such tactics," he added.

The full text of President Hoover's statement:

"I observe that measures have been already introduced in congress and are having advocacy which if

BILL CARRIES OVER $3,000,000 FOR N. C.

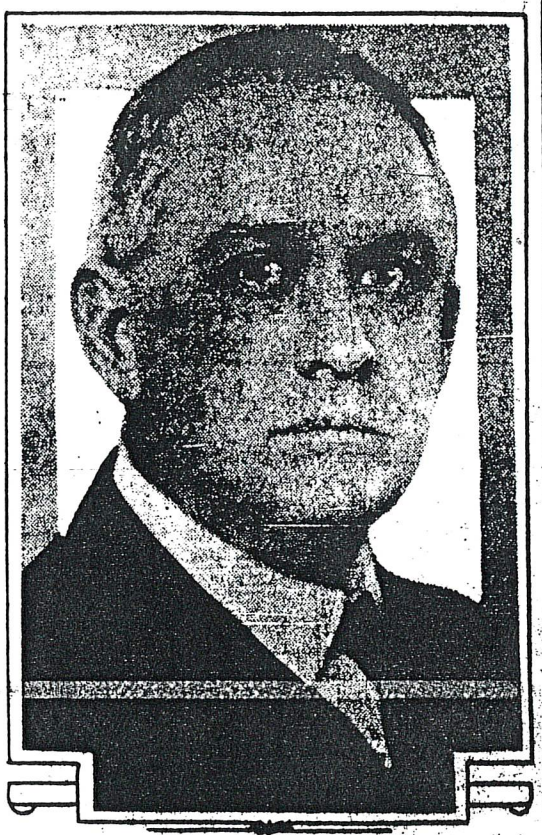
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The emergency construction bill reported to the house today carried provisions for expenditure of $1,104,600 on rivers and harbors in North Carolina.

The total is exclusive of an item of $530,000 for construction of a waterway from the Cape Fear river to Winyah Bay, S. C., part of which will be expended in North Carolina.

The largest item for the state in the bill was one of $785,000 for improvements in the Cape Fear river channel at and below Wilmington.

The highway aid allotment for the state was listed at $1,926,775.

Preparing To Step Out Of Office



GALLATIN ROBERTS

Begins Work Liquidating Four Banks

G. N. Henson of the state banking department, Tuesday assumed his new duties as liquidating agent for the suspended Central Bank and Trust company, the Biltmore-Oteen bank, the Bank of Leicester and the Bank of Black Mountain, formerly the Commonwealth Bank and Trust company.

John Mitchell, of Raleigh, chief state bank examiner, will arrive in Asheville this week, probably Wednesday morning, for a conference with Mr. Henson and the local attorneys, Johnson, Smathers and Rollins. Mr. Henson will hold a preliminary conference with Judge Thomas L. Johnson, of this firm, Tuesday.

On Direct Charge

Mr. Henson will have direct charge of the liquidation of the Central Bank, including the Haywood street branch, while assistant liquidating

MERCHANTS AND PHYSICIANS ASK MAYOR TO QUIT

Resolutions Are Passed At Meetings Of Two Bodies In City.

The Asheville Merchants association and the Buncombe County Medical society, as a result of actions taken Monday afternoon and night, have joined with the Civitan club in demanding the resignations of the city commissioners.

Commissioner L. B. Rogers resigned Saturday, and Commissioner C. H. Bartlett Monday night announced his intentions to retire as soon as the legal requirements can be met.

The resolutions of the medical society condemned the city and past county administrations, while the merchants association appointed a

CONFERRING ON SUCCESSORS TO COMMISSIONERS

Dr. John E. Calfee Chosen Head Of Committee Now Studying Situation.

TENSION IS RELIEVED

New Officials Will Serve Until State Assembly Meets Next Month.

Mayor Gallatin Roberts today advised friends and a large committee of representative citizens he would resign as mayor of Asheville as soon as the details were worked out regarding the naming of his successor and the succession to the other two city commissioners who have already submitted their resignations.

The committee of representative citizens is now busy working out the details with Mayor Roberts and the first step—the inauguration of a new board of city commissioners—in the solution of the complicated affairs is expected to be taken. The [illegible] of commissioners, which will probably be [illegible] day or two, will [illegible] state legislature [illegible] worked out.

Mayor Roberts [illegible] board—Commissioner [illegible] and Commissioner C. H. [illegible] had previously [illegible] they were elected in the [illegible] election of 1929. Commissioner [illegible] ers' resignation was accepted [illegible] morning, but the resignations of Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett cannot be passed upon until a successor has been named for Mr. Rogers.

Tension Relieved

Much of the tension that prevailed throughout Asheville since the closing of the Central Bank and Trust company and several other banks three weeks ago, was relieved with the news of Mayor Roberts' decision to resign. Business and financial leaders viewed the situation with optimism, asserting the financial problem created by the bank's failure could be solved with the selection of a competent board of commissioners and the co-operation of the general public. New York and state financial interests have already promised their aid in the draft of a refinancing plan.

Mayor Roberts informed Dr. John E. Calfee, chairman of a special committee which had been selected as a

HARRY PLUMMER IS NAMED MAYOR

Roberts Resigns Post As Chief Executive Of City Thursday

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shortly after 8 o'clock by a notary public. Mr. Goode had been sworn in by Mayor Roberts shortly before the latter's resignation as the city's chief executive.

The new board. Ex-Mayor Gallatin Roberts, Ben H. Evans, J. E. Gibson, secretary-treasurer of the city, and George Pennell, city corporation counsel, held an informal conference immediately after the new board had been selected.

News of the developments in the city's governmental tangle spread rapidly during the early evening and a score or more of persons were outside Goode's Drug Store to congratulate the new and retiring officials. Neither of the former commissioners, C. H. Bartlett and L. B. Rogers, was present at the informal conference

Address Employes

Later in the evening the new commissioners addressed members of the police and fire departments at the city market building. Mr. Bartlett presided at this meeting. The new mayor was introduced by Mr. Bartlett.

Rising to his feet amid deafening rounds of applause, Mayor Plummer stated that he felt highly honored at being selected as mayor of the city. "The more I dwell upon the duties attached to the office of mayor," Mr. Plummer said, "the more I am impressed by the sense of responsibility that goes with the title as mayor of the city of Asheville.

"I have nothing but praise for the efforts of Commissioner Bartlett during his tenure of office, and I earnestly solicit the cooperation of every member of these two departments during my stay in the city hall."

Goode Speaks

Mr. Goode was introduced and elaborated upon the remarks of Mayor Plummer. "I don't know a fingerprint from a footprint," Goode stated. "This morning I would have wagered good money that I would not have been commissioner of public safety tonight. The office was tendered me in such a way that I couldn't decline. There will be no changes in the personnel of either departments under my control, I will assure you,

"We must exercise the same efficiency in the future that has been shown in the past. My only request is that each and every one of you men do your duty."

Commissioner Parker followed Mr. Goode to the floor and made a brief talk. He also asked for the cooperation of all city employes. Chief of Police William R. Messer, in a brief address, urged the police officers to live up to the confidence which the new officials placed in them. George Pennell, in a brief talk, expressed the highest regard for members of the two departments, and praised in eloquent terms the new officials.

Career of Goode

Mr. Goode has displayed an active interest in all civic affairs of the city for the past several years. He received his early education in the public schools of Marion and later became an employe of the drug store of James Johnson at Raleigh.

In 1915 Mr. Goode came to Asheville and with R. D. Hage opened a drug store on Patton avenue under the firm name of Goode and Hage. Several years later he moved the business to its present location.

He is affiliated with the American Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists. On September 25, 1926, he was elected a vice-president of the National Association of Retail Druggists. He also served several terms as a member of the executive board of the druggists body. He is a former president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association

Active Civic Worker

In 1928 he was elected president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce and headed the general committee which was in charge of staging the Rhododendron festival in 1928. He also has served as president of the community chest and various other civic and fraternal organizations. He is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Asheville Rotary club

On November 9, 1927 he was named as a member of the Buncombe county board of education

Civil Engineer

Mr Parker is a widely known civil engineer and was for many years manager and engineer of the vast holdings of the late E W Grove in Asheville and Western North Carolina. Upon the death of Mr Grove he resumed his private civil engineering practice

He was endorsed by the special committee of representative citizens at the meeting of that body Wednesday.

Mr Plummer former president and manager of the Asheville Electric company, later the Asheville Power and Light Company now operated under the name of the Carolina Power and Light Company is well known to residents of this city

The new commissioners will formally take over their new offices this morning. They will be introduced to employes of the city administrative building today Among the first official acts of the new mayor will be the signing of city checks today

CASEY LOSES IN LATEST EFFORT TO ESCAPE CHAIR

KINSTON, N. C., Dec. 11. (AP)—Herman Casey, 44-year-old truck driver, lost his latest attempt to escape the electric chair here today when Judge Vernon Cowper ruled he was without jurisdiction to grant the new trial asked by attorneys for the convicted slayer.

Casey was tried and sentenced to death in connection with the killing last July 3 of J. C. Causey, Suffolk, Va., lumberman, whose burned body was found in the charred ruins of his automobile near here the following day.

The defene challenged the eligibility of some of the trial jurors and sought to establish that new evidence had been discovered. Attorneys for the defendant announced they would appeal to the Supreme Court from the ruling of Judge Cowper.

AL CAPONE NOT TO BE DEPORTED, OFFICIALS THINK

WASHINGTON D C Dec 11 (AP) Whatever happens to Al Capone at the hands of the law he is not likely to be deported.

Immigration authorities said today it seemed Capone was a citizen of the United States

Capone is understood to have been born in Naples but has been naturalized.

SEN. OVERMAN TAKEN BY DEA

Veteran N. C. Legisl Yields To Illness Several Days

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Overman was a descenda Major James Smith who fought the American forces in the R tion. In 1878 he married Ma Merrimon, daughter of United Senator A. S. Merrimon. He w many years a member of the b of Trinity College, and of the versity of North Carolina, bo which institutions honored him the LL. D. degree.

DRAFTED LOCAL BILL

One of Senator Overman's la ficial acts before his illness w draft a bill providing that the ury department deed to Ashevi fee simple the building and s the postoffice on Haywood and Patton Avenue. This bill introduced in the house a few ago by Representative George Pritchard, of Asheville. It pr that the building and site are used by the city for municipal poses only, such as a park or ational center

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Ballots for the election of the board are coming in at the Cha... of Commerce The new board be named within the next week ...e first meeting will be the se... Tuesday in January

Important matters of the Cha... of Commerce including plans next year will be discussed Tuesday evening The reports of various departments for the past will be given and plans for the ...rtising and future policies of organization will be brought up members of the board have urged to attend the meeting

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SMALL INCREASE IN PARCELS POST RATES ADVOCATED

Tilson Cites Needs For 5 Per Cent Advance In Charges

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11. (AP)—Citing a parcels post deficit of $15,570,730 last year, Assistant Postmaster General Tilton today urged adoption of the 5 per cent increase in parcels post rates proposed by Postmaster General Brown to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

He issued a statement saying the postoffice department was helpless to deal with the deficit.

Major expenditures of the postal service, he said, are almost entirely beyond control of the postoffice department, the basis of expenditures being fixed by Congress and salaries by law.

Tilton held an Interstate Commerce Commission order of July 10, 1928, granting increased compensation to railroads for transporting mail, responsible for a $8,500,000 per annum increase in cost of handling parcels post.

Add To Loss

He said salary increases and postal reductions by acts of Congress added $13,000,000 to the loss.

Intensive studies in economies, he declared, had shown that "even the

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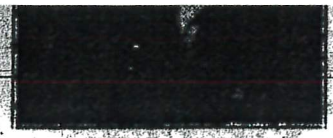

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It has been announced that the Central Securities company will not resist the application. Alfred S. Barnard, Asheville attorney for the stockholders, secured the official papers from the office of J. Y. Jordan, Sr., clerk of federal court, yesterday in preparation for the hearing in Shelby this morning.

The application of A. E. Kuesterer and company in behalf of the plaintiff company and the stockholders was filed in federal court in Wilmington December 8, but the action has already been started here through Mr. Barnard, following the failure of the Central Bank and Trust Company to open on November 26 and the American National November 21.

To Prevent Dissipation

The receivership is requested in the order to "prevent further dissipation and diversion" of the company's property and assets. The suit also asks that the Central Bank and Trust company, as trustee, of which the bill states the officers are the same as the defendant company, be "restrained and enjoined from diverting, misappropriating or interfering with any of the property or funds of the company or any of the trust funds held in the bank as security for loans of the defendant company."

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Not Increased Debt

"During our administration we have not increased the debt of the City of Asheville, except to pay for improvements under contract or under the process of construction at the time we assumed office, but on the other hand, we have actually paid off and retired $1,116,200 of the bonded debt of the City.

"We have labored, together for three and a half years—worked hard, saved, and used every possible effort to reduce expenses. We voluntarily reduced our own salaries twenty per cent as fixed by law. We regretted to reduce the salaries of our loyal employes, but it was necessary, and they quickly saw the situation and joined in the necessary program.

"I have sacrificed my life in trying to save for the city more than $2,000,000 of the people's money in the Central Bank. This money was in the bank the day I went in office nearly four years ago. I could have wrecked that bank any day in the last two or three years, but we were always assured that the bank was amply solvent and that conditions would improve, and we would be able to greatly reduce the city's business. We were not able to get bonds with-

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LONGWORTH SURE HOUSE WILL CUT DROUGHT FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. (AP)—Confident that the house will approve a deficiency measure, minus $25,000,000 of the $45,000,000 amount proposed by the senate appropriations committee, Speaker Longworth today [illegible]

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The oath of mayor was administered to Mr. Plummer last night.

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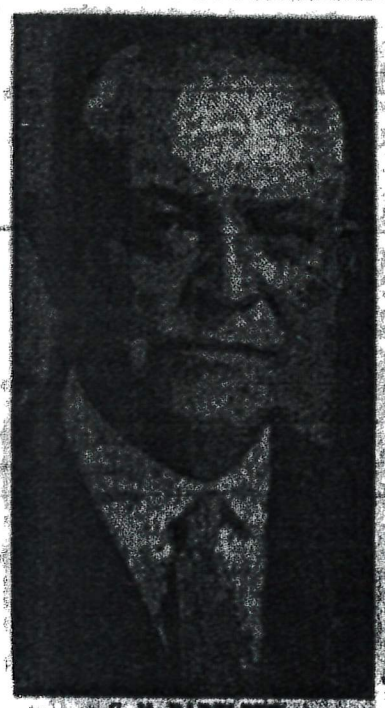

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Criticism directed at the Asheville city commissioners since the closing of the Central Bank and Trust Company with $4,683,118 on deposit, took a definite turn yesterday and last night when directors of the Asheville Merchants association and members of the Buncombe County Medical society passed resolutions requesting them to resign.

The actions of the merchants came after a meeting of several hours which started yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The medical society resolutions were adopted at a meeting held in the council chamber of the city hall last night.

Petitions Circulated

During the day yesterday petitions were circulated calling a mass meeting of citizens at the City Auditorium for tonight to consider the affairs of the city but at a meeting of those who had been instrumental in circulating these petitions and of a numerous body of leading citizens it was decided to postpone the proposed mass meeting for the present.

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On November 4 county commissioners authorized sale of $875,000 tax anticipation notes with which to pay the $1,000,000 in notes falling due November 12 and 15. The county planned to meet from current revenue an additional $125,000 in notes of the same issue.

Admit Getting Funds

The notes were sold through the Central Bank and Trust company. While the bank apparently received money for the notes a week earlier, L. L. Jenkins, Buncombe county treasurer, was not notified by the bank until October 20 that the funds had been placed to the credit of the county. In a letter dated October 20, 1930, J. Charles Bradford, cashier of the Central Bank and Trust company, informed Mr. Jenkins:

"We are enclosing herewith duplicate deposit slip $875,984.27 covering proceeds of Buncombe county notes sold for your account, $875,000 plus interest. This was credited to your account on October 14, 1930, and the mailing of the credit advice was overlooked. Regretting the oversight, and with best wishes . . ."

The writer added by postcript that "account of expenses in handling this issue will be mailed later," and also that copies of the letter were directed to Mr. Anderson and to N. E. Walker, then county auditor.

Mr. Anderson said he was "repeatedly assured" that the money was being held by the bank in readiness to meet the notes when they came due and he was unaware that things were different until two or possible three days before the notes fell due.

Notifies County

A representative of the bank informed the county commissioners at that time that the bank did not have the money to meet the notes [illegible]

BARTHOU SEEKING TO LINE UP NEW FRENCH CABINET

Former Premier Accepts Difficult Task Of Organization

PARIS, Dec. 6. (AP)—Senator Louis Barthou, once premier of France and a dozen times cabinet minister, tonight was trying to conciliate France's many political parties in an effort to form a cabinet to succeed the defeated Tardieu ministry.

M. Barthou accepted the difficult task of forming a government late today after former Premier Raymond Poincare had refused on account of ill health.

Certain political groups held the belief, however, that President Gaston Doumergue might ask M. Poincare to reconsider and take command if Senator Barthou fails to get enough support.

To Report Today

The latter told the President he would consult friends and political leaders during the night and would return to the Elysee Palace tomor-

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Receiver For Central Securities Company Is Asked

DISSIPATION OF PROPERTY IS ALLEGED

Charge Directors Have Fraudulently Used Company Assets

ALLEGE CENTRAL BANK BENEFITED

Hearing At Wilmington, Del., Is Scheduled December 20

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 8. (AP) — Application for a receiver for the Central Securities Company, of Asheville, N. C., was filed in United States district court today by A. E. Kuesterer and Company, on behalf of the plaintiff company and other bond holders.

The receiver is requested in order to "prevent further dissipation and diversion" of the company's property and assets. The suit also asks that the Central Bank and Trust Company, of Asheville, N. C., as trustee, which the bill says the officers are the same as the defendant company, be restrained and enjoined from diverting, misappropriating or interfering with any of the property or assets of the company or any of the trust funds held in the bank as se-

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HOOVER RELIEF BUDGET SCORED BY DEMOCRATS

Program Not Adequate, Party Leaders In Senate Say

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8. (AP)—A Democratic uprising in the senate against President Hoover's unemployment program signalized the reporting today by congressional committees of the first of the emergency measures.

Led by Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, a half dozen Democrats took the floor to denounce the administration proposals as a "drop in the bucket" and to demand a Democratic program of greater dimensions even at the price of increased income taxes.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, who joined in the pledge of party leaders for cooperation on relief legislation, listened intently. Already he has broken from the Hoover program on drought relief and tomorrow the senate will take up the $60,000,000 drought bill reported today by Chairman McNary, of the agriculture committee. The administration urged $25,000,000 for this.

Walsh compared the Hoover ad-

Hope For The City

(EDITORIAL)

The biggest development yesterday in the grave crisis which confronts the City of Asheville, was the decision of Commissioner of Public Safety Bartlett to resign.

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In the decision which he has made to resign he has been guided, as he says, by the advice of his true friends, and guided also, we are sure, by his own earnest desire to eliminate himself when he has been convinced that it was in the public interest for him to make way for some other man who can better serve the community in its serious emergency.

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With a new City Commission commanding the full confidence of the people and of the financial interests with which the city is compelled to deal immediately if it is to avoid disaster, there will be hope for Asheville.

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Sinking Fund Group Is Willing To Cooperate Constructively

RALEIGH, Dec. 8. (AP)—Asheville and Buncombe county will have to look to other sources than the state Sinking Fund Commission for aid in their present financial crisis.

A formal statement, issued today by Wright Dixon, executive secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission, said the commission "within its power is ready and willing to co-operate in a constructive way, but in the present status there is nothing it can do."

No Legal Power

The statement said "there is no legal power by which the commission could render the aid requested."

A delegation of Asheville and Buncombe county officials appeared before the Sinking Fund Commission last Thursday. The need of more than $600,000 to meet present emergencies was cited. A loan to cover this amount was proposed.

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ROBERTS, BARTLETT WILL NOT RESIGN; STATEMENT ISSUED LATE SATURDAY

Mayor And Commissioner Declare They "Despise Impudence And Cowardice Of Demand" Made Upon Them

L. B. Rogers, commissioner of public works for the city of Asheville, yesterday afternoon tendered his resignation to the two remaining members of the board stating that he desired to do "what is best for my community under the feelings which now exist."

At the same time Mayor Gallatin Roberts and C. H. Bartlett, commissioner of public safety, issued a joint statement in which they flatly refused to resign saying "we despise alike the impudence and cowardice of the demand that has been made upon us."

These developments followed the revelation yesterday morning that the commissioners had been warned of the peril in dealing with the Central Bank and Trust company in a special audit report made by George G. Scott and company, auditors of municipal finances here for the past 15 years, which said November 15 "it is possible to be charged that the commissioners have perverted the credit of the city to the gain and advantage of a private institution."

Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett, in their statement refusing to resign, said:

"To THE People of Asheville:

"The undersigned Commissioners of the City of Asheville choose this method of response to the demand of a conference of local "bankers, financiers and business men" of undisclosed composition, notification of which comes to us by newspaper publications, that we forthwith resign our several memberships in the governing body of the City of Asheville, to the end, we presume to infer, that the government of said City be forthwith taken over by said conference.

Categorical Refusal

The offices which we hold, with the public trusts which they impose, were bestowed upon us by the votes of the qualified electors of this City duly cast in the last municipal election, and we are competently advised that we have neither the legal duty nor the moral right voluntarily to resign these several trusts to any lesser or other authority than that under which we hold. Therefore, there can be no other answer to the extraordinary demand of this anonymous would-be municipal dictatorship than a categorical refusal.

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DICTATORSHIP TO SOLVE BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS URGED

Young Laborites Demand Emergency Changes In Government

LONDON, Dec. 6. (AP)—Eighteen prominent young Laborites tonight defied the MacDonald government by issuing a manifesto which calls for a semi-dictatorship to solve the British industrial crisis and also for postponement of the repayment of war debts.

The dictatorship plan of the eighteen, who are led by Sir Oswald Mosley, would set up five dictators instead of one, these men to act as a group to deal with the economic situation.

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JIMMY DEHART'S DUKE REGIME ENDS

More Than 15,000 Brave Cold Drizzle To See Hectic Struggle

KENAN STADIUM, CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 6. (AP)—Two bitterly fighting football teams struggled vainly for a "break" this afternoon as the University of North Carolina and Duke University brought their 1930 seasons to a close, but a sea of mud and a steady rain stopped every real scoring threat and the game ended 0 to 0.

The game today was the last for a Jimmy DeHart football team at Duke. The Blue Devil mentor will be succeeded next year by Wallace Wade of Alabama.

Seen As Champions

By reason of the tie Duke, undefeated in the State, will be generally recognized as state champions. The Devils beat N. C. State and Davidson and were tied by Wake Forest. Carolina lost to Davidson and beat State and Wake Forest. Wake Forest lost to Carolina and beat Davidson and State.

Duke's only loss of the year was the opening game, won by South Carolina. Today's knotted count and the Wake Forest 13-13 game marred an otherwise clean slate of ten successive games, including victories over Navy, Villanova and Kentucky.

The gridiron was already soaked by a night's drizzle when a steady downpour started one hour before game time, and before the end of the contest almost as much of the field was covered by deep water puddles as showed turf.

15,000 See Game

A crowd somewhere in the neighborhood of 15,000 to 18,000 stood, sat and soaked in the rain and the main color of the contest was lent by the vari-colored slickers, coats, oil cloths, tarpaulins and umbrellas used by the crowd in an effort to keep dry.

Duke, given an edge over the Tar Heels on their previous record, made nine first downs to five for the Heels but the weather and the alert Carolina tacklers kept Bill Murray and Kid Brewer, Duke's star backs, to short gains on nearly every occasion.

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(EDITORIAL)

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They talk about the trusts imposed in them by the people of Asheville who elected them to the offices which they now hold.

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(EDITORIAL)

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Tendered Post

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Mr. McRary, however, refused to confirm the report that he would be appointed, saying "I would not have the job if it was offered me on a silver plate." He said that he had no desire to have his name brought into the situation but would not

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They must realize that the public is now suffering from a violent attack of nausea, an attack so violent that for the moment it is almost incapacitated for thought or action. They must realize that the public cannot escape its present dangerous mood as long as they remain in office, thus blocking the way to an immediate plan of constructive action.

They should resign and they should resign at once. The time which they have now had for reflection should have brought them irresistibly to this conclusion.

Their friends should make them appreciate the perils to which they are exposing the community, the perils that grow out of the present temper of the people as well as the perils which confront us financially. They should make them see that to resign and clear the way for a new administration of the city's affairs is the only course which gives Asheville a chance of escaping from the perils which menace it and for which they assume responsibility as long as they persist in the unwise stand which they have adopted.

With new men at the helm, men who are free of entanglements of any kind, men who will instantly command the confidence of the financial world and whose presence in city hall would give us a chance to make a fresh start at once, the city would take new heart and new hope. Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett have it in their exclusive power to bring this about immediately.

We cannot yet believe that they will close this door of hope in the face of a people as distressed and sorely tried as are the people of Asheville at this moment.

Five Held For Shooting Banker After Kidnaping

Texas Man Is Brutally Treated After Being Held For Ransom

TEXARKANA, Texas, Dec. 7. (P)—

PASSENGER AIR LINE OPENS IN SOUTH WEDNESDAY

CONSIDER NEW MEMBER TODAY

Question Of Successor To L. B. Rogers Will Be Brought Up

WALTER S. M'RARY IS TENDERED POST

Developments Grew Out Of Report Made By Auditing Firm

A successor to Commissioner L. B. Rogers, who resigned his post Saturday afternoon, stating that he desired to do "what is best for my community under the feeling which now exist," will be considered today at the regular meeting of the city board, Mayor Gallatin Roberts said last night.

Mayor Roberts would not say who would be named to succeed the commissioner of public works whose resignation was effective immediately.

Tendered Post

Walter S. McRary, prominent Asheville business man and owner of the McRary Tire company, has been tendered the post made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Rogers, it was learned last night.

Mr. McRary, however, refused to confirm the report that he would be appointed, saying "I would not have the job if it was offered me on a silver plate." He said that he had no desire to have his name brought into the situation but would not deny that he had been tendered the position by city officials. He declined to amplify his statement.

City officials said last night that they had not given the question of selecting a man to become the third member of the board and Mr. Rogers' successor any great amount of attention.

Developments growing out of the involvement of city funds in the defunct Central Bank and Trust Company, recalled Saturday, in addition to the resignation of Mr. Rogers, in statements from Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett that they had no intention of resigning.

Criticism Made

Criticism had been directed at the city commissioners as a result of a special audit report filed with the board by George G. Scott and company, public accountants, citing certain practices in connection with the alleged extension of city credit to aid a private institution.

Mr. Rogers, in quitting his post, made it plain that he was taking the step because he thought it to the best interest of the community in view of the situation which had arisen. He placed his resignation in the hands of Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett Saturday afternoon with the request that it be immediately effective.

Stating that he did not plan to attend the meeting at the city hall when the commissioners will act upon his resignation, Mr. Rogers said

fired to do "what is best for my community under the feelings which now exist."

At the same time Mayor Gallatin Roberts and C. H. Bartlett, commissioner of public safety, issued a joint statement in which they flatly refused to resign saying "we despise alike the impudence and cowardice of the demand that has been made upon us."

These developments followed the revelation yesterday morning that the commissioners had been warned of the peril in dealing with the Central Bank and Trust company in a special audit report made by George G. Scott and company, auditors of municipal finances here for the past 15 years, which did November 15 "it is possible to be charged that the commissioners have perverted the credit of the city to the gain and advantage of a private institution."

Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett, in their statement refusing to resign, said:

"To The People of Asheville:

"The undersigned Commissioners of the City of Asheville choose this method of response to the demand of a conference of local "bankers, financiers and business men" of undisclosed composition, notification of which comes to us by newspaper publications, that we forthwith resign our several memberships in the governing body of the City of Asheville, to the end, we presume to infer, that the government of said City be forthwith taken over by said conference.

Categorical Refusal

The offices which we hold, with the public trusts which they impose, were bestowed upon us by the votes of the qualified electors of this City duly cast in the last municipal election, and we are competently advised that we have neither the legal duty nor the moral right voluntarily to resign these several trusts to any lesser or other authority than that under which we hold. Therefore, there can be no other answer to the extraordinary demand of this anonymous would-be municipal dictatorship than a categorical refusal.

"We have neither apologies nor regrets for any of our acts as Commissioners of the City of Asheville. Particularly, we have neither apology nor regret for the efforts which we, in full collaboration with the government of the County of Buncombe presided over by our distinguished and highly esteemed fellow citizen, Dr. Newton M. Anderson, have put forth from time to time for the last two years to ward off the overwhelming calamity which has overtaken this community. We would have been blind and indifferent indeed had we failed to recognize the devastating injury which inevitably would attend the closing of the Central Bank and Trust Company. A popular bank, having over twenty thousand depositors—a bank which so consistently and generously had supported every public enterprise that promised civic betterment, the Central Bank and Trust Company as a going concern involved the prosperity of this community and the welfare of its citizens to a greater degree than all other such institutions in Asheville or in Western North Carolina. The City and County governments equally realized the immeasurable calamity that would result to those governments and to their several constituencies by the failure of this bank, and for ourselves, individually and collectively, we have made to avert that calamity and of unfathomable regret for the failure of our efforts.

"We sincerely believe that our efforts would not have failed except for the systematic machinations of rival financial interests to undermine public confidence in this so valuable community institution, and we would be able to entertain a larger

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DICTATORSHIP TO SOLVE BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS URGED

Young Laborites Demand Emergency Changes In Government

LONDON, Dec. 6. (AP)—Eighteen prominent young Laborites tonight defied the MacDonald government by issuing a manifesto which calls for a semi-dictatorship to solve the British industrial crisis and also for postponement of the repayment of war debts.

The dictatorship plan of the eighteen, who are led by Sir Oswald Mosley, would set up five dictators instead of one, these men to act as a group to deal with the economic situation.

Interest was aroused by the war debt postponement suggestion of the mainfesto, but this section was brief and did not indicate the means to be employed.

It simply said that all surplus revenue should be used to pay interest on loans for constructive works, for removal of some of the burdens on food and prime necessities of the working class, and the reduction of taxation on workers' incomes.

Funds Needed

"Further funds should be provided for such purposes," read the manifesto, "by some postponement, until reconstruction, of the precipitate attempt to repay the war debt from taxation of this age and generation."

Among the eighteen signers are

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NEGRO IS KILLED BY DETECTIVE AT WINSTON-SALEM

WINSTON-SALEM, Dec. 6. (AP)—A negro, Sam Epps, was shot to death by Detective J. R. Crutchfield, of the Winston-Salem police department, here tonight.

The shooting occurred in the negro residential section of the city when Crutchfield and two other detectives, R. G. Simpson and R. L. Blackburn, were attempting to arrest Epps and his father-in-law, John Rennert.

The police said Epps and Rennert were armed and that Crutchfield killed Epps when he saw him draw a revolver and attempt to shoot Detective Simpson.

Dr. W. N. Dalton, Forsyth County coroner, announced an inquest would be held tomorrow.

Hectic Struggle

KENAN STADIUM, CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 6. (AP)—Two bitterly fighting football teams struggled vainly for a "break" this afternoon as the University of North Carolina and Duke University brought their 1930 seasons to a close, but a sea of mud and a steady rain stopped every real scoring threat and the game ended 0 to 0.

The game today was the last for a Jimmy DeHart football team at Duke. The Blue Devil mentor wil be succeeded next year by Wallace Wade of Alabama.

Seen As Champions

By reason of the tie Duke, undefeated in the State, will be generally recognized as state champions. The Devils beat N. C. State and Davidson and were tied by Wake Forest. Carolina lost to Davidson and beat State and Wake Forest. Wake Forest lost to Carolina and beat Davidson and State.

Duke's only loss of the year was the opening game, won by South Carolina. Today's knotted count and the Wake Forest 13-13 game marred an otherwise clean slate of ten successive games, including victories over Navy, Villanova and Kentucky.

The gridiron was already soaked by a night's drizzle when a steady downpour started one hour before game time, and before the end of the contest almost as much of the field was covered by deep water puddles as showed turf.

15,000 See Game

A crowd somewhere in the neighborhood of 15,000 to 18,000 stood, sat and soaked in the rain and the main color of the contest was lent by the vari-colored slickers, coats, oil cloths, tarpaulins and umbrellas used by the crowd in an effort to keep dry.

Duke, given an edge over the Tar Heels on their previous record, made nine first downs to five for the Heels but the weather and the alert Carolina tacklers kept Bill Murray and Kid Brewer, Duke's star backs, to short gains on nearly every occasion.

Fumbles were more the order of the day than spectacular plays as the 22 men on the field played the roles of mud plodders.

One Real Threat

Duke's only real threat to score

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HOOVER'S RELIEF BUDGET SLASHED TO 110 MILLIONS

House Committee Pares Off 40 Millions In Building Plans

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6. (UP) President Hoover's public construction program for unemployment relief was reduced tonight from a $150,000,000 to a $110,000,000 program and plans laid to take it up in the house early next week.

The reduction was made by the house appropriations sub-committee which considered it. The sub-committee will report the measure, which carries funds for public buildings and highway construction, to the full committee Tuesday for action.

Monday the senate will take up the bill for $60,000,000 for feed, seed, fertilizer and food loans to drought-stricken farmers, which compares with the $25,000,000 appropriation

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YOUNG HOOVER'S CHILDREN REACH CAPITAL TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6. (AP)—Three young persons to whom President Hoover is just plain grandfather and the White House is grandmother's home will arrive in Washington tomorrow.

They are Herbert Hoover III, Peggy and Joan, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr. They come from Palo Alto, Calif., with their mother to accompany Chikaming with President and Mrs. Hoover. Their father is in Asheville, N. C.

They will be the first children to live for any time in the White House in more than a decade. Some of President Wilson's grandchildren made their residence in the White House during his administration.

The twins, three of the seven new children born since Coolidge left, a president's home.

Vienna Police Release Levine; Plans New Hop

VIENNA, Dec. 6. (AP)—Charles A. Levine, freed of a suspicion of attempting to counterfeit small French notes, will return to the United States shortly to perfect plans for a solo round-the-world air flight to be undertaken in 15 days, he said today.

Charges preferred against him November 13 when he was arrested with Dieudonne Costes, famed aviator, were dropped today, the police announced. Levine denied that there was "any trace of proof" that he had attempted to engage in the delicate business of money.

The man who achieved note as the first transatlantic airplane passenger to get out of a plane in the middle of ocean, then to take the controls and the airplane, has visited Berlin on his way to Vienna.

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Levine said he had tried to travel, but was unsuccessful. Then he bought a second class railroad ticket to Paris.

"Second class is good enough for me," he said.

Levine attributed his misfortune to an idea he had in connection with plans for his round-the-world flight. That was he have small medals made bearing his likeness and a map of the globe to distribute at his various stopping places. Unfortunately, he decided to have the medals a size equal to French 5-franc pieces and approached a Viennese engraver for the medals.

Levine said the engraver did not understand him very well, got confused when he saw the French francs and handed the pilot francs.

half of the people of this community makes this demand as openly and as publicly as it can be made.

They say that they will do everything within their power to avoid a default in the payment of the principal or interest of the city debt.

We say that there is nobody with money who will now lend money to the city of Asheville as long as the administration of its affairs remains in the hands of men who are now known to have administered those affairs with gross incompetency and in rank violation of both their legal and moral obligations as public officials.

Commissioner Rogers has announced his resignation. **He has taken the wise course.** He has taken the course which he should have taken as a man who sees the grave dangers to which this city is exposed.

This newspaper in spite of all that has happened has credited Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett with having the interests of the people of Asheville at heart. It has believed that the things which they did were done as the result of tragic blundering and without a due realization on their part of the enormity of their offending.

They stand indicted before the people of Asheville, nevertheless, for having turned over millions of dollars of the public funds to the Central Bank & Trust Company without any proper protection of these funds and without letting the public know what they were doing.

Their transactions were cloaked in secrecy. There was no entry upon the books which might have enlightened the people as to the astounding generosity of the commissioners in taking **their money** in this wholesale fashion for the benefit of an institution **which they knew to be unsound and whose practices they knew, none better, to be corrupt.**

If the auditors have stated the facts correctly, they were not only violating all moral principles when they did these things, they also went **outside the law** to raise much of this money.

These funds have been lost. Against some of them the city holds a mass of alleged securities but these securities are for the most part worth little or nothing.

As a result of their having been lost **the credit of the city has been imperiled.** As a result of their having been lost the community is already **financially on the rocks.**

It can be rescued from its distressed condition only if it can secure a government which will command the confidence which Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett as officials have now utterly lost at home and abroad.

When Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett say that they will not resign they are saying that they will refuse to recognize the **right** of the community to save itself if it can be saved.

If they persist in that attitude they will forfeit all claim to public sympathy. If they persist in that attitude their final blunder in so doing will command the wrath of an outraged people.

Asheville can recover from the blow that has been dealt it if it can be reorganized quickly as a corporation. If the processes of reorganization are delayed the peril will be aggravated and the situation may well become hopeless.

Every business institution in the city will be crippled for years to come if the city defaults on its money obligations. **It is certain to default if Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett continue in office.**

The catastrophe with which Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett threaten the city will affect not only the city and its business institutions, **it will affect the schools, it will affect the homes, it will affect every man, woman and child in Asheville in one way or another.**

The public can depend upon it that the decision of these two Commissioners will wreck all chance of Asheville's getting on its feet for years to come, if ever.

The things which must be done to ward off the immediate dangers which are threatening us must be done without delay. **They cannot be done by Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett.**

When they say that they will not resign they say that they are putting their own pride and vanity and the selfish interests of those who have advised them so viciously ahead of the interests of Asheville.

They are saying that the wreck which they have brought upon Asheville they will carry to completion.

No honest citizen, no patriotic citizen, no citizen with a grain of public spirit in his make-up, no citizen who is not utterly depraved or bereft of his reason would insist upon following a course so fraught with grief and disaster to a city he claimed to love.

Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett must resign.

They must resign immediately.

Formation of the Western North Carolina Depositors' Protective Association to protect the interests of all depositors and to co-operate with the state bank examiners in the liquidation of all banks now closed in this section was announced last night by Robert R. Reynolds, J. M. Horner, Jr., and James MacRae, Asheville attorneys, employed by incorporators of the organization to draft a charter and to map a course for its activities.

Headquarters will be opened Tuesday morning at 28 Page Avenue on the ground floor of the Grove Arcade building at which time a charter is expected to be drafted and sent to Raleigh. All affairs and activities will be directed from the headquarters which will be kept open daily and in charge of a manager.

Affairs of the organization are to be managed by the members through trustees in the form of an advisory board which they themselves will select, it was announced. The organization, when incorporated, will form a nucleus about which an association of depositors in all counties in this section where banks have been closed, will be formed.

Only Depositor Members

Membership will be limited to depositors having funds in one or more of the closed banks, including the Central Bank and Trust Company, its Haywood street branch, and the American National Bank, in Asheville, the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company, of Black Mountain; the Biltmore-Oteen Bank; the Bank of Leicester; the Polk County Bank and Trust Company at Columbus; the Bank of Murphy; the Citizens Bank of Waynesville; the First Bank and Trust Company, the Citizen National Bank, and the American Bank and Trust Company, of Hendersonville; the Citizens Bank of Bryson City; the Clay County Bank at Hayesville; and the First Bank and Trust Company at Tryon in Polk county. The closed banks also include branches of the First Bank and Trust Company of Hendersonville, located at Saluda and Flat Rock.

The incorporators, who are to be announced early this week, are men interested in the welfare of all depositors and the communities surrounding closed banks, and will func-

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OPPOSITION TO M'NINCH GROWS IN WASHINGTON

Overman To Oppose Him If Fund Mystery Is Not Explained

By H. E. C. BRYANT
(Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Senator Overman will not vote for the confirmation of Frank R. McNinch for the Federal Power Commission unless the mystery of the funds for the McNinch-Simmons campaign against the Democratic presidential ticket in 1928 is satisfactorily explained. He has been disposed to overlook the fact that McNinch bolted and to consider him a regenerate Democrat, but he is now satisfied that North Carolina people want the nomination sent back to the White House if the nominee still insists on silence on the con-

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and 19, the bank having had notice of the intention to use the money for other purposes, was converted by the bank, without the knowledge or consent of the county officials, to other purposes, was revealed last night.

Representatives of The Asheville Citizen yesterday discovered records of the transaction in the books of the county. Newton M. Anderson, chairman of the former county commission and by virtue of that office county commissioner of finance, was interviewed, and he confirmed the facts. They were further confirmed by auditors of the county who said that the records of the Central Bank and Trust Company show that the money had been credited to the special note account on the books of the bank.

Mr. Anderson, seen at his home last night by reporters, explained in detail the transaction by which the county was left owing $1,000,000 in notes already overdue, and $875,000 in new notes for which it has now only a certificate of deposit in the defunct Central Bank and Trust company to show.

On November 4 county commissioners authorized sale of $875,000 worth of notes, with which to pay $1,000,000 in notes falling due November 12 and 18. The county planned to meet from current revenue an additional $125,000 in notes of the same issue.

Admit Getting Funds

The notes were sold through the Central Bank and Trust company. While the bank apparently received money for the notes a week earlier, L. L. Jenkins, Buncombe county treasurer, was not notified by the bank until October 20 that the funds had been placed to the credit of the county. In a letter dated October 20, 1930, J. Charles Bradford, cashier of the Central Bank and Trust company, informed Mr. Jenkins:

"We are enclosing herewith duplicate deposit slip $875,984.27 covering proceeds of Buncombe county notes sold for your account, $875,000 plus interest. This was credited to your account on October 14, 1930, and the mailing of the credit advice was overlooked. Regretting the oversight, and with best wishes . . . ."

The writer added by postcript that "account of expenses in handling this issue will be mailed later," and also that copies of the letter were directed to Mr. Anderson and to H. E. Walter, then county auditor.

Mr. Anderson said he was "repeatedly assured" that the money was being held by the bank in readiness to meet the notes when they came due and he was unaware that things were different until two or possible three days before the notes fell due.

Notifies County

A representattive of the bank informed the county commissioners at that time that the bank did not have the money to meet the notes, Mr. Anderson said.

"Fearing the county's credit would be gravely impaired if the notes were not met," Mr. Anderson said, "the commission set about to issue new notes in the sum of $875,000 and rushed them to New York in an ef-

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BARTHOU SEEKING TO LINE UP NEW FRENCH CABINET

Former Premier Accepts Difficult Task Of Organization

PARIS, Dec. 6. (AP)—Senator Louis Barthou, once premier of France and a dozen times cabinet minister, tonight was trying to conciliate France's many political parties in an effort to form a cabinet to succeed the defeated Tardieu ministry.

M. Barthou accepted the difficult task of forming a government late today after former Preimer Raymond Poincare had refused on account of ill health.

Certain political groups held the belief, however, that President Gaston Doumergue might ask M. Poincare to reconsider and take command if Senator Barthou fails to get enough support.

To Report Today

The latter told the President he would consult friends and political leaders during the night and would return to the Elysee Palace tomorrow morning to report success or failure.

One of the best indications that the senator may succeed is the announcement this evening that the Radical Socialists have changed their stand and will offer him their almost necessary assistance providing that certain portfolios are given them. Since 1928 they have refused to take part in any concentration government. Heretofore, they have demanded the important post of minister of the interior but it is now

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SCISSORS GRINDER IS FOUND FATALLY HURT IN ROADWAY

WINDSOR, Dec. 6. (AP)—An itinerant scissors grinder, believed to be Charlie Long, of Norfolk, was found in a roadway near here late this afternoon, fatally injured. One man told officers he saw an unidentified automobile run over the prostrate form of the victim and go its way without stopping. The itinerant, who appears about 70 years old, died shortly after he was found.

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Mellon Opposes Payment Of Bonus Certificates

Money Deposited To Pay County Notes Vanished

$875,000 Central Bank Deposit Disclosed By Records

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fort to pay the debt on time. The notes were not accepted, were sent back to us and were burned."

He said the county has not paid the notes although the creditors did not formally declare them in default and agreed to wait until the situation here takes a definite turn.

Mr. Anderson said the usual procedure by the commission for retirement of notes by issuance of new notes, was to sell the notes, and then having the proceeds placed on deposit in a note fund for no other purpose than for retirement of notes due. He said that the bank handling the notes has always been responsible for crediting funds to the note account and for retiring the old notes when they fell due.

On the date that the $875,000 notes were authorized there was to the credit of Buncombe county as general county funds in nine banks a total of $2,207,556.73, distributed as follows:

Central Bank and Trust company, $1,346,727.72; American National Bank, $235,876.26; Bank of West Asheville, $57,190.74; Biltmore-Oteen Bank, $124,181.07; Farmers and Traders Bank of Weaverville, $43,287.52; Southern State Bank, $41,745.85; National Bank of Commerce, $128,909.45; Swannanoa Bank and Trust Company, $36,174.41, and Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, $193,363.71.

Mr. Anderson explained that he and members of the county commission had been repeatedly warned that to check heavily against banks at which funds were already on deposit when the commission took office would cause failures, and added that the effects of action by the commission which would cause collapse of banks, had been pointed out to its members.

Original Deposits

He showed that when he took office December 3, 1928, the county had on deposit at the various banks $2,340,450, secured by collateral with face value fixed at $1,761,625. He declared that by slow process, the county commission, hoping to avoid causing failure of any bank, had lowered this deposit to $2,207,556.73 until issuance of the tax anticipation notes October 4 was authorized for the expressed purpose of retiring notes given near the beginning of the fiscal year in anticipation of taxes for operating expenses. He declared that if the $875,000 had been applied as the commission intended and directed that the money be used, his commission would have left office with smaller amounts on deposit than were on deposit when the commission began its term of service.

"There was never a time when we could take the money from the bank without causing it to fail," Mr. Anderson declared. "We were advised of the situation by a number of business men and were warned time and again against taking any action which would cause the banks to collapse. We didn't want to break any banks and we hoped all along that we could slowly work out the problem so that banks would be able to continue in business, so that people of the city and county would not suffer any loss, and so that the county

to decide a bank's condition? It certainly is up to the state banking department to determine whether a bank is solvent, and if it is not, to

J. Winslow Crawford Is Dead In Miami, Fla.

(Special To Citizen-Times)

OLD FORT, Dec. 6.—News of the death of J. Winslow Crawford, 50, formerly of Old Fort, was received here tonight in a message from Miami, Fla. Mr. Crawford was fatally injured in an accident in Miami, details of which have not been obtained here.

Mr. Crawford left here about eight years ago for Miami, where he had been living since. He was known in Old Fort and Asheville.

Surviving are the widow, three sisters, Mrs. J. S. Bradley, of Old Fort, Miss Maude Crawford, of Old Fort, and Mrs. George Lee of Asheville, and one brother, Z. B. Crawford, of Black Mountain.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

CAMPAIGN FUND PROBE CONTINUES

Daily Newspapers Of N. C. Get Requests For Data

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 6. (AP)—Added impetus was given today to the growing suspicion in North Carolina that the Nye senatorial campaign funds investigating committee had not completed its work in this State.

A number of daily newspapers in the State today received requests from Senator Gerald P. Nye, committee chairman, to furnish him with detailed sworn statements of the political advertising carried during the primary and election campaign in behalf of F. M. Simmons, J. W. Bailey, and George M. Pritchard.

Seeks Itemized List

Senator Nye asked for an itemized list of all money expended for political advertising, by whom the bills were paid, whether by check or cash, and if the payments were made in advance or after the advertisements had been printed.

The letters to the newspapers followed closely requests made to several co-election board chairmen asking them to file with the committee the number of absentee ballots cast in the election and the total vote in their counties in the primary.

Among the newspapers receiving letters from Senator Nye were The Goldsboro News Argus, The Greensboro Record, The Henderson Dispatch, The Burlington Times, The Salisbury Post, and The Wilson Times.

Mr. Bailey, in the Democratic primary, defeated Senator Simmons for the Senatorial nomination and in the election he won over Mr. Pritchard, the Republican senatorial nominee.

MAYOR ROBERTS REFUSES TO QUIT

Commissioner Bartlett Also Declares He Will Not Resign

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measure of respect for the motives of the anonymous conference which makes this demand upon us, if we could be assured that this conference, in its composition, is not largely representative of the jealous interests, financial and political, which have been chiefly instrumental in creating the very situation of which they so loudly complain.

Have No Regret

"No man has dared accuse either of us of a dishonest dollar. At all times and places we can look every constituent of ours squarely in the face, without shame or regret for any official act of ours.

"At all times since the breaking of this storm, we have been willing, nay anxious, to assist in the constitution of a joint liquidation commission that would include the best business ability and the most impartial civic spirit of the community, for the better working out of the problems with which we are confronted. But constructive measures of this sort reasonably calculated to mitigate the severity of this blow apparently are not within the purview of the contemplated anonymous dictatorship. With this high and mighty conference it appears to be a case of rule or ruin. But we presume to doubt the powers of the conference. Our faith in the good sense and the good feeling of this community does not permit us to believe that the conference can either rule or ruin.

Will Not Resign

"We despise alike the impudence and the cowardice of the demand that has been made upon us.

"We shall not resign.

"We wish to assure the people of Asheville and the creditors of Asheville:

"First: That we will do everything within our power to avoid a default for even a day in the payment of the principal or interest of the city debt.

"Second: That to this end we will reduce current expenses to bare necessities and will issue no bonds or notes except for the purpose of meeting obligations now outstanding.

"Third: That hereafter all deposits of City funds in banks will be secured by callateral having a market value equal to or in excess of the amount deposited, such collateral to consist of securities of the character required by law for deposits of state funds.

"GALLATIN ROBERTS, Mayor
"C. H. BARTLETT,
"Comm. Public Safety."

Rogers Resigns

The statement issued by Commissioner Rogers in announcing his resignation was as follows:

"To the Citizens of Asheville:

"After careful consideration and consultation with my friends, I have placed my resignation as Commissioner of Public Works, to be effective immediately, in the hands of the Mayor and Commissioner of Public Safety. In doing this, I am guided by my desire to do what is best for the community under the feelings which now exist.

DAVID BELASCO'S BROTHER TO QUIT CARRIER'S DUTIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6. (AP)—Solly Belasco, brother of David Belasco, dramatist and producer, will lay down his mail sack New Year's Eve after more than 40 years of service as a San Francisco mail carrier.

While David achieved fame and fortune in New York, Solly remained in obscurity delivering mail in San Francisco. He declined to retire several years ago.

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PAIGN FUND IE CONTINUES

Newspapers Of C. Get Requests For Data

OTTE, Dec. 6. (AP)—Added was given today to the uspicion in North Carolina Nye senatorial campaign vestigating committee had leted its work in this

er of daily newspapers in today received requests ator Gerald P. Nye, com- airman, to furnish him lled sworn statements of al advertising carried dur- rimary and election cam- behalf of F. M. Simmons, ey, and George M. Pritch-

eks Itemized List

Nye asked for an itemized money expended for po- ertising, by whom the bills whether by check or cash, payments were made in r after the advertisements printed.

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HA! HA!

AN: These shirts simply he laundry, sir.

ER: I know. I've had some with their sides split.— w.

have been chiefly instrumental in creating the very situation of which they so loudly complain.

Have No Regret

"No man has dared accuse either of us of a dishonest dollar. At all times and places we can look every constituent of ours squarely in the face, without shame or regret for any official act of ours.

"At all times since the breaking of this storm, we have been willing, nay anxious, to assist in the constitution of a joint liquidation commission that would include the best business ability and the most impartial civic spirit of the community, for the better working out of the problems with which we are confronted. But constructive measures of this sort reasonably calculated to mitigate the severity of this blow apparently are not within the purview of the contemplated anonymous dictatorship. With this high and mighty conference it appears to be a case of rule or ruin. But we presume to doubt the powers of the conference. Our faith in the good sense and the good feeling of this community does not permit us to believe that the conference can either rule or ruin.

Will Not Resign

"We despise alike the impudence and the cowardice of the demand that has been made upon us.

"We shall not resign.

"We wish to assure the people of Asheville and the creditors of Asheville:

"First: That we will do everything within our power to avoid a default for even a day in the payment of the principal or interest of the city debt.

"Second: That to this end we will reduce current expenses to bare necessities and will issue no bonds or notes except for the purpose of meeting obligations now outstanding.

"Third: That hereafter all deposits of City funds in banks will be secured by collateral having a market value equal to or in excess of the amount deposited, such collateral to consist of securities of the character required by law for deposits of state funds.

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"For the three and one-half years that I have served the City as Commissioner of Public Works, I can truthfully say that I have endeavored to my utmost ability to conduct the affairs of my office in an honest, honorable and efficient manner. My record as an official is open to the public.

"I will be glad to render any assistance within my power to my successor.

"L. B. ROGERS."

ASHEVILLE FIRM SUED BY GROCER AT HIGH POINT

HIGH POINT, Dec. 6. (AP)—W. B. Byerly, High Point grocer, today filed suit for $20,000 against Miller Brothers, Asheville directory firm, alleging he was listed as a negro in a local city directory.

Pilot Designs New Winter Flying Help

AKRON, O. Dec. 6. (AP)—An attachment to the airplane engine as an aid to winter flying which it is claimed will start a cold motor in Artic temperatures has been developed by H. P. Whittle here.

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MAJOR CAIN BADLY INJURED WHEN HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 6. (AP)—Major William Cain, 83-year-old professor emeritus in the University of North Carolina, was struck by an automobile here tonight and so seriously injured that fears are felt for his recovery.

Major Cain was struck by a car driven by William Parkin, of this town. Parkin stopped his automobile and assisted others in carrying the injured man to his home. Physicians said he had a broken hip, several bad bruises about the head and possibly internal injuries. He had not regained consciousness at 10 o'clock tonight.

Major Cain is an uncle of Archibald Henderson, who succeeded his uncle as professor of mathematics when the former was retired with a Carnegie pension in 1920. He had been head of the department since he joined the University faculty in 1899.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN IS FATALLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

BELMONT, Dec. 6. (AP)—An unidentified man, apparently between 60 and 65 years of, was fatally injured near here tonight in an automobile accident.

Winter and Christmas Merchan
Sale Regardless of Worth! The
Here's Your Chance! Take A
Slaughtered Prices! A Few It
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Florshein Sho

DRESSES!
350 Very Newest Canton Crepe, Long Sleeve Dresses. All to go at . . . . . 1/2 Price

SPORT COA
100 Very Newest Fa Winter Sport Coats.
All at 1/2

Bridge Lamps

HOSIERY!
Ladies' Full Fashion Service Weight all Silk Hose, regular $1.50 value 77c

LADIES' ROB
Ladies' Silk Quilted, bination trimmed —values up to $29.
$2.95 to $11

ENTIRE STOCK MILLINER

500 pairs Girls' and Women's best quality crepe sole Oxfords, regular $4.00 value $1.99

Sale Continu Through Wednesday December 24

Men's Topcoa

1,000 pair Children's and Misses' high top Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, values up to $3.00 . . . . . $1.67

1,000 pairs Men's fords and high top year welt, best qu shoes, regular $4.00 value . $2

Ladies Silk Scarf

1,000 pair Ladies Novelty Pumps and Oxfords, high and Cuban heels, values up to $4.00 . . . . . $1.97

1,000 pairs Girls', M and Women's Ox and Pumps, regular value $1

Zipper Galosh

3,000 pair Ladies' Sport and Dress Oxfords and Pumps. Value up to $4.00 . $2.95

250 pair 14-in. hig Boys' Hiking Boots, lar $4.00 value $2

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YEOMAN CLOT

At the Theaters

THE IMPERIAL

His natural aplomb and sparkling witticisms enhanced by a new supply of funny stories and droll repartee, Will Rogers returned to his theatre public in Asheville yesterday as "Lightnin'," the motion picture adaptation of Frank Bacon's famous stage play of the same name, and as usual was cordially welcomed.

The plot, the dual theme of love and romance which affects Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones (Mr. Rogers and and Louise Dressler) and their daughter, is cleverly interwoven with the story, and the Nevada-California outdoor settings are realistically beautiful, but Will and his piece in the play predominate to a marked degree of excellence. Certainly, the reactionary impression of all audiences whether they be cosmopolitan or metropolitan, will be favorable to this picture which is nothing more than a cross section of the average American family's home life, but after all the best novel, play and screen material. The proper element of pathos and a touch of feudal bitterness have been added, but these merely give Will more opportunities to bring into play his versatility and technique.

"Lightnin'" is not superior to "They Had to See Paris" and "So This Is London," Will's first sound pictures, but it is just as good which fact alone is sufficient recommendation.—G.W.N.

SOVIET PLOTTERS GRANTED LIVES

Prison Terms Of Three Also Lightened By High Council

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a chance to undo their evil deeds nevertheless.

NAIVE PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (AP)—A belief that Leonid Ramsin, Russian engineer, whose death sentence was commuted after his conviction with seven others on accusations of plotting against the Soviet regime, is innocent of the charges against him was voiced today by H. W. Brooks, consulting engineer, and a friend of Ramsin.

Brooks, who was in Europe with Ramsin while the Russian engineer allegedly negotiated with groups hostile to the Soviet government, declared he saw "never a sign of a plot."

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BARTLETT WILL QUIT POST TODAY

Public Safety Director Issues Statement Urging Unity

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"Existing conditions in the city of Asheville which have arisen within the past two weeks have caused the finger of criticism to be directed at the municipal officials and resulted in the resignation Saturday of my colleague, L. B. Rogers.

"Since the resignation of Mr. Rogers I have been besieged by friends—true friends—who have anxiously asked me for my position in this matter. After giving every angle of the present situation very lengthy consideration, I have arrived at the conclusion that the proper course, in view of the present feeling in Asheville, is to offer my resignation as commissioner of public safety of the city of Asheville.

"My resignation will be placed in the hands of the secretary treasurer of the city of Asheville tomorrow morning to be acted on when the city commission board is composed of a quorum.

"My interest—and only interest for the past 31 years—has been in the upbuilding of the city of Asheville, and my aim in the future will be the same. I am leaving my post without malice and without fear and whoever my successor may be I will gladly give him any and all information and assistance which I may possess.

"My earnest desire is for us citizens of Asheville to get together, collectedly and coolly, and quietly work out a solution to this situation.

"I want to take this opportunity to express my genuine appreciation to the citizens of Asheville who have always so willingly supported me in my efforts."

(Signed) C. H. BARTLETT,
Commissioner of Public Safety of Asheville, N. C.

Mr. Bartlett's letter of resignation, like that of Mr. Rogers, was brief. It reads as follows:

"Asheville, N. C., December 9, 1930.

"To The Mayor and Board of Commissioners, The City of Asheville, Asheville, N. C.

"Gentlemen: Please consider this as my resignation as Commissioner of Public Safety of the city of Asheville to take effect as soon as your honorable body can lawfully accept this, my resignation.

"Yours very truly,
"C. H. BARTLETT.
"Commissioner of Public Safety."

Mr. Bartlett entered the service of the city more than 30 years ago. He was a member of the city police force for more than three years serving as patrolman and captain on the force. He left the police department to become deputy city tax collector and upon the death of J. S. Harrison was named city tax collector, a position he held until his election in 1923 as commissioner of public safety.

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terms of Buncombe county superior court will charge the new grand jury as to its rights and duties in making an investigation along these lines.

This succeeding jurist will be Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall, who will conduct Buncombe superior court from January through May. He is now engaged in conducting court in an eastern county.

The new grand jury will be drawn late in December, but will not become active until the fourth week in January.

Wright Is Named

The city commissioners yesterday morning placed Stanley H. Wright, city engineer, in temporary charge of the office of commissioner of public works made vacant by the resignation Saturday of Leroy B. Rogers.

The resignation of Mr. Rogers, which was framed in 17 words, was taken up for consideration by Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett. Records of the meeting show the resignation was "accepted with regret."

Mr. Wright was asked by the commissioners to serve assume charge of the department until the selection of a successor to Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers who resigned Saturday in a statement issued at the time Mr. Rogers declared he was resigning because he "felt it was for the best interests of the community with the existing feelings."

Resignation Accepted

His resignation which was accepted by the board follows:

"Honorable Board of Commissioners of the City of Asheville:

"I hereby tender by resignation as commissioner of public works of the city of Asheville, effective immediately.

"Very truly yours
"L. B. ROGERS."

The law firm of Johnson, Smathers and Rollins, of Asheville, has been appointed by the Corporation Commission as attorneys for the liquidating agent of the Central Bank and Trust Company, Biltmore-Oteen Bank, the Bank of Leicester and the Bank of Black Mountain. The appointment was made several days ago, but the attorneys declined to make any statement for publication until after the arrival of Mr. Hensen, who has been named by the Corporation Commission as liquidating agent. Mr. Hensen arrived in the city during the day and established headquarters in the building formerly occupied by the Central Bank and Trust Company.

The law firm of Johnson, Smathers and Rollins is composed of Judge Thomas L. Johnson, who recently resigned as Superior Court Judge to become the senior member of the firm, J. Bat Smathers, Thomas S. Rollins, Jr., and Young M. Smith.

Mr. Smathers practiced law in Haywood County for many years, afterwards coming to Asheville to become a member of the firm of Rollins, Smathers and Rollins. He is well known throughout Western North Caroline. Thomas S. Rollins, Jr., is the only son of Thomas S. Rollins, who died on August 16 of this year. He was born and reared in Asheville and is well known in this section. Young M. Smith is associated with the firm and was reared in Asheville, is a graduate of the Asheville School for Boys and the University of North Carolina.

Native Of Leicester Section

Judge Johnson was born and reared at Leicester, in this county, but located in Lumberton for the practice of law about twenty-three years ago and for several years has been prominently identified with the business and political life of Eastern North Carolina. He was Superior Court Judge and a prominent candidate for Governor of North Carolina at the time he decided to resign from the bench and come to Asheville as the successor of Thomas S. Rollins.

Headquarters of the Western North Carolina Depositors Protective Association, which organization is dedicated to protecting interests of depositors in fifteen closed banks of Western North Carolina, will be opened at 28 Page Avenue, in the Grove Arcade building today. Membership in the association is limited to depositors in the closed institutions. A sliding membership fee scale of from $1 to $50 will be charged. Incorporation document will be sent to Raleigh today. Robert R. Reynolds, J. M. Horner, Jr., and James MacRae are incorporators. They explained the association is not for money making purposes but is intended to serve and protect rights of depositors, especially rights of smaller depositors.

226 ASHEVILLE WORKERS PLACED

TWO GROUPS ASK FOR RESIGNATIONS

Two Organizations Take Action To Secure New City Regime

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be selected by the directors of the Asheville Merchants' association."

Members of the Merchants' association committee are: Vance Brown, Asheville Mica company; S. P. Burton, S. P. Burton and Son; Francis Bourne, M. V. Moore and company; Wilbur Devendorf, Asheville-Biltmore hotel; William Coleman, real estate; H. A. Dunham, Dunham's Music house; Ottis Green, Ottis Green Hardware company; John M. Geary, John M. Geary company; Dr. W. P. Herbert, physician; Gary E. Hughes, Southern Dairies Inc.; Louis Lipinsky, Bon Marche; L. Lyons Lee, Carolina Coal and Ice company; Harry Matthew, Carpenter and Matthew, jewelers; Gilbert H. Morris, Wachovia Bank and Trust company; Herbert D. Miles, capitalist; Ralph N. Pfaff, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company; Haywood Parker, attorney; Dr. Paul H. Ringer, physician; J. A. Richbourg, Richbourg Motor company; William M. Redwood, National Bank of Commerce; Marcus Sterne, Dentons Department store; the Rev. H. B. Trimble, pastor, Central Methodist church; Kingsland Van Winkle, attorney; C. O. Worley, Central Labor Union; Wallace Wright, insurance.

Members of the Buncombe county Medical society, meeting last night in the council chamber at the city hall, went on record as favoring the immediate retirement of the present governing board of the city.

Signed By Members

The resolutions, which were signed by some 40 members of the society after their adoption, stated that "it is the opinion and belief of the Buncombe county Medical Society that this acute financial crisis which at present overwhelms us can be and is attributable to the administration of the present government body of the city and the recent county government."

The resolutions go to say that "this administration of the city and county affairs has been such as to forfeit the confidence of the people, financial interests, State authorities and banking interests who alone are able to give help in the present crisis."

The document then calls attention to the fact that the State authorities have refused to aid the present administration and points out that a default on the part of either city or county, or both is imminent and would be overwhelmingly disastrous to everyone."

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The committee in charge of the resolutions and resolutions meeting was composed of Drs. W. P. Herbert, C. H. Cocke, L. LaBruce Ward, George W. Murphy and Paul H. Ringer.

There were 49 doctors who signed the resolutions as passed. They were as follows: Drs. Murphy, Broun, Herbert, Griffith, Floyd, Cocke, Ringer, Freeman, P. B. Orr, Ward, F. W. Griffith, Stevens, Edwards, Hollyday, Brookshire, Meriwther, Reynolds, Scott, Ogilvie, Fox, Grantham, Pendleton, Parker, Blumberg, Clark, MacRae, Hunter, Schoenheit, Carr, Craddock, Brown, Moore, King, Smith, Battle, Beers, Huffines Colby, Schaffle, Eckel, Stevens, Denchfield, Hensley, Adams, Tennent, McCall, Thompson and Morgan.

Approve Merchants' Action

The medical society also went on record as approving the the efforts of the Asheville Merchants association to remedy the present crisis in the affairs of the city of Asheville and to also approve the selection of the two members of the medical profession mentioned in this work. The plan of

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8. (AP) Official weather bureau records of temperatures and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m. in the principal cities growing areas and elsewhere:

Station	Highest Yesterday	Lowest Last Night	Precip.
Alpena	36	22	
Asheville	38	32	
Atlanta	38	36	
Atlantic City	48	40	
Birmingham	54	34	
Chicago	34	24	
Denver	40	22	
Detroit	38	34	
El Paso	52	40	
Galveston	56	44	
Jacksonville	64	44	
Key West	70	68	
Little Rock	60	38	
Los Angeles	58	48	
Memphis	60	38	
Meridian	60	38	
Miami	60	42	
Mobile	60	42	
New Orleans	48	48	
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New Orleans	48	48	
New York	48	42	
San Antonio	60	44	
San Francisco	60	50	
Tampa	68	68	
Vicksburg	60	38	
Wilmington	56	44	

THE FORECAST

Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, extreme Northwest Florida: Fair Tuesday and probably Wednesday, with slowly rising temperature.

Arkansas and Oklahoma: Fair Tuesday, Wednesday generally fair.

Virginia: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, slightly warmer Tuesday in interior.

North Carolina: Fair Tuesday, slightly warmer in interior; Wednesday fair.

South Carolina, Georgia, Florida: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tennessee: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Kentucky, West Virginia: Mostly fair Tuesday and Wednesday; slightly warmer Tuesday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The disturbance that was over East Georgia Saturday morning has moved northeastward with increased intensity and is now passing off the New England coast with lowest pressure (within ranges of reports) 29.56 inches at Eastport, Maine. No other storm appears on weather chart this morning. High pressure prevails from the Pacific coast to the South Atlantic with the crest of 30.4 inches in Utah. Very little precipitation has occurred during the last 24 hours, light rain being reported in eastern North Carolina, western Pennsylvania, western New York and Maine and snow in northern Michigan. It is slightly warmer in the north Atlantic States and the Rocky Mountain region and colder in the South Atlantic and Gulf States and the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys.

F. R. TAYLOR,
Official in Charge.

LOCAL WEATHER DATA

State of weather at 8 A. M. Cloudy
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Relative humidity at 8 A. M.
Relative humidity at noon
Relative humidity at 8 P. M.
Wind direction at 8 A. M.
Wind direction at 8 P. M.
Time of sunrise 7.29 A. M.
Time of sunset 5.15 P. M.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE DATA

8 a. m.	33	3 p. m.	
9 a. m.	33	4 p. m.	
10 a. m.	35	5 p. m.	
11 a. m.	35	6 p. m.	
12 noon	35	7 p. m.	
1 p. m.	36	8 p. m.	
2 p. m.	36		

Wet bulb temperature at 8 A. M.
Wet bulb temperature at noon
Wet bulb temperature at 8 P. M.
Highest 36—One year ago
Lowest 22—One year ago
Absolute maximum 71
Absolute minimum 13 in
Average temperature for today
Normal

LOCAL MONTHLY PRECIPITATION

Greatest amount 6.31 in
Least amount .55 in
For last 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Tr

the Merchants' association which approved by the medical society the asking of the resignations of city commissioners only and the pointing of 30 citizens as a commission to assist in the working out the financial troubles of the city and county.

Better Than Spanking

The Improved Mrs. Summers Home Treatment Bed Wetting Tablets

Wise mothers have long since learned that spanking does not cure children of Bed Wetting. Mothers know that it is a nervous, not a bad habit, but that it is a condition which must be removed. Frequent causes are Cystitis, irritation or abnormal bladder conditions. If your children are afflicted in this way or any member of your family is so afflicted, you owe it to them to send today for a Free Trial of Summers Home Treatment Bed Wetting Tablets. This medicine has proved a blessing to thousands of families during its years on the market.

Free Trial Coupon

Summers Medical Co., Box 34, South Bend, Ind. Please send without obligations to me FREE TRIAL Mrs. Summers Home Treatment Bed Wetting Tablets together with useful information.

Name .....
St. or R. F. D. .....
City ..... State .....

Heating Equipment That Makes Warm Friends

Tell us the size of the room or house you

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In this week's civil action R. C. rter, special auditor for the State sions board, testified over 1,000 rrants for 153 pensioners had been d after their death. Auditors for lford county reported to the comsioners last week they had found shortage of approximately $100,- although their audit was incomte.

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Deed From Mitchell

Judge MacRae ruled that Shuford should pay the $450 which he contracted to pay for the property and that Shuford should accept the deed from Mitchell.

It is alleged in the complaint that J. H. Williams and his wife signed a deed of trust in 1925 conveying certain property to the Central Bank and Trust company securing indebtedness to the Blue Ridge Building and Loan Association. When payments became past due, the Blue Ridge company asked the bank to give notice of sale of the rpoperty, which was done and the sale arranged for November 24. Meanwhile, the bank closed, and Mitchell, representing the bank, sold the property to Shuford. The bid was not raised in ten days and the sale was confirmed by the clerk of court. It was then that the question to test authority of Mitchell was raised in a friendly suit.

A grand jury inquiry into affairs of Buncombe county banks which have closed their doors and into dealings by city and county authorities with these banks, has become more than a possibility.

Judge Cameron F. MacRae, presiding over the December term of Buncombe county superior court, made it plain yesterday, however, that there is little probability of such an investigation getting underway until after a new grand jury has been chosen in January, 1931.

Judge McRae is to preside at the criminal term next week when the present grand jury will have its last regular session. He pointed out that the present grand jury has only a short time left in which it could prosecute an investigation which necessarily must be exhaustive. He also said that audits of the banks and of county affairs are not complete and would not be available to the present grand jury in time to permit an adequate investigation.

Grand Jury Investigation

"I have given considerable thought to the matter of recommending that the grand jury investigate these affairs thoroughly," said Judge McRae. "In the beginning, I had planned to make such recommendations when the grand jury meets next week, but after considering the short time left to the present jurors and upon finding that audits and other reports which would be necessary in such an inquiry will not be available in time to permit a proper investigation, I do not think it is the duty of the present grand jury to undertake the investigation.

"I do not feel that the last grand jury of a term of court should undertake such a task, and I do not think it is the duty of the present grand jury to undertake the investigation. I will make the recommendation to the next grand jury that it undertake the investigation."

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Wilmington led with 243 placements with Asheville second with 226. The Charlotte office placed 221; Raleigh 168 and Badin 9.

The placements for the seven offices open in November, 1929, totaled 1,353. The Greensboro and Winston-Salem offices are now closed.

University Alumni To Be Initiated By Phi Beta Kappa

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 8. (AP)—An initiation ceremony for living alumni of the University of North Carolina who attained high scholastic rank while students here prior to 1893 but who because of the absence of a local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, failed to be taken into the society, will be held at 7:15 o'clock tomorrow night at the parish house of the Episcopal Church here, it was announced tonight by Dr. T. J. Wilson, Jr., secretary of the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

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There were 69 doctors who signed the resolutions as passed. They were as follows: Drs. Murphy, Brown, Herbert, Griffith, Floyd, Cocke, Ringer, Freeman, P. B. Orr, Ward, F. W. Griffith, Stevens, Edwards, Holliday, Brookshire, Merrwther, Reynolds, Scott, Ogilvie, Fox, Grantham, Pendleton, Parker, Blumberg, Clark, MacRae, Hunter, Schoenheit, Carr, Craddock, Brown, Moore, King, Smith, Battle, Beam, Huffines, Colby, Schaffle, Eckel, Stevens, Denchfield, Hensley, Adams, Tennent, McCall, Thompson and Morgan.

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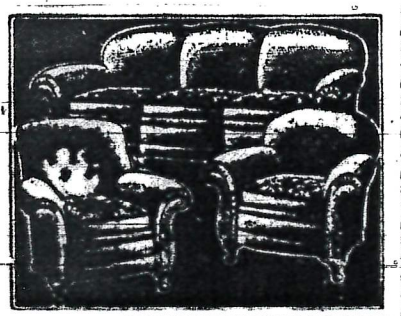

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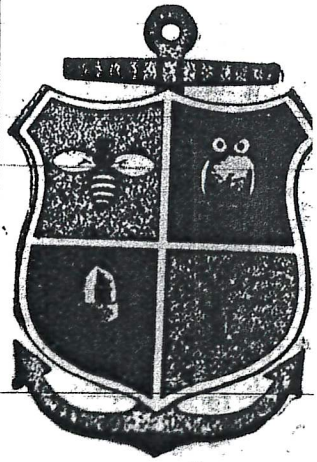

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Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall, who will conduct Buncombe superior court from January through May. He is now engaged in conducting court in an eastern county.

The new grand jury will be drawn late in December, but will not become active until the fourth week in January.

Wright Is Named

The city commissioners yesterday morning placed Stanley E. Wright, city engineer, in temporary charge of the office of commissioner of public works made vacant by the resignation Saturday of Leroy B. Rogers.

The resignation of Mr. Rogers, which was framed in 17 words, was taken up for consideration by Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett. Records of the meeting show the resignation was "accepted with regret."

Mr. Wright was asked by the commissioners to serve assume charge of the department until the selection of a successor to Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers who resigned Saturday in a statement issued at the time Mr. Rogers declared he was resigning because he "felt it was for the best interests of the community with the existing feelings."

Resignation Accepted

His resignation which was accepted by the board follows:

"Honorable Board of Commissioners of the City of Asheville:

"I hereby tender by resignation as commissioner of public works of the city of Asheville, effective immediately.

"Very truly yours,

"L. B. ROGERS."

The law firm of Johnson, Smathers and Rollins, of Asheville has been appointed by the Corporation Commission as attorneys for the liquidating agent of the Central Bank and Trust Company, Biltmore-Citizens Bank, the Bank of Leicester and the Bank of Black Mountain. The appointment was made several days ago but the attorneys declined to make any statement for publication until after the arrival of Mr. Hanson, who has been named by the Corporation Commission as liquidating agent. Mr. Hanson arrived in the city during the day and established headquarters in the building formerly occupied by the Central Bank and Trust Company.

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Mr. Smathers practiced law in Haywood County for many years afterwards coming to Asheville to become a member of the firm of Rollins, Smathers and Rollins. He is well known throughout Western North Carolina. Thomas S. Rollins, Jr., is the only son of Thomas S. Rollins, who died on August 16 of this year. He was born and reared in Asheville and is well known in this section. Young M. Smith is associated with the firm and was reared in Asheville, is a graduate of the Asheville School for Boys and the University of North Carolina.

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Members of the Buncombe county Medical society meeting last night in the council chamber of the city hall, went on record as favoring the immediate enforcement of the present governing issues of the city.

Signed By Members

The resolutions, which were signed by some 40 members of the society after their adoption, stated that it is the opinion and belief of the Buncombe County Medical Society that the series of resolutions which all personal considerations aside, may be said to constitute the administration of the present governmental body of the city and the county government.

"The resolutions go to say that this action of the city and county affairs has been made so as further the conditions of the people financial interests, State authorities and banking interests who alone are able to give help in the present crisis."

The document then calls attention to the fact that the State authorities have refused to aid the present administrations and points out that a default on the part of either city or county, or both is unfortunate and would be overwhelmingly disastrous to everyone."

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Will Not Increase Total Of Treasury Deficit Estimates

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8. (AP)—An appropriation of $700,000,000 to enable the farm loans to carry out mobilization and other projects was requested of congress today by President Roosevelt.

The chief executive said the sum was included in the estimate of expenditures before congress and did not increase the estimated treasury deficit.

Already $400,000,000 of the $800,000,000 has been appropriated. $700,000,000 of this has been used in efforts to stabilize cotton markets. Most of the rest has been either used or earmarked for loans to cooperative marketing associations.

To Question Roosevelt

Chairman Wood of the appropriations committee said the house committee would question Roosevelt about the projects concerned.

It is understood by some that whether the estimate of the national expenditure will be increased or decreased.

However, Wood said he would be in conference with the president before the budget program was submitted to the house.

In his letter President said "in order that the estimates of the budget may be complete I ask additional funds be included in this item."

Agreed With Roosevelt

He did not go into detail as to what he had in mind in the election of Thursday Roosevelt put forward with vigor.

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comment to make on the Sinking Fund Commission's statement, which reads as follows:

"The State Sinking Fund Commission, after careful consideration of the application of the Asheville delegation's request from the Sinking Fund, decided that there was no legal power by which it could render the aid requested.

Not for Such Purpose

"Governor Gardner stated that the Sinking Fund was not created for such a purpose and that the full faith and credit of the State of North Carolina must be and would be preserved at all cost.

"The commission is fully conscious of the Asheville and Buncombe county situation and within its power is ready and willing to co-operate in a constructive way, but in the present status there is nothing it can do."

7 MEMBERS OF FAMILY BURIED IN ONE GRAVE

TORRENT, Ky., Dec. 8. (AP)—One large grave in the mountains, seven miles south of here, today received the bodies of six members of one family, all victims of an explosion and fire which destroyed their home near here, early Saturday. The road to the grave was too rough for automobile travel and the dead, a father and mother and four children, were taken to their final resting place in a two-horse wagon.

Those buried were Leonard Arnold, 34, oil field worker, the husband, who was burned to death on returning to the house after carrying the bodies of three children into the yard; Mrs. Cynthia Arnold, 27, the wife, who died Sunday in a hospital at Winchester, and the four Arnold Children, one only a babe in arms.

The sole survivor of the family, Opal Arnold, 7, lay near death in a Winchester hospital while her parents and brothers and sisters were being buried.

$200,000 DAMAGE SUIT DISMISSED IN GASTON COURT

GASTONIA, Dec. 8. (AP)—Damage suit growing out of the fatal shooting of Mrs. Ella May Wiggins, of Bessemer City, during the labor disturbances in the summer of 1929 was non-suited by Judge A. C. Quickel in Gaston Superior Court today.

Judge Quickel ordered the non-suit when J. Frank Flowers, representing Mrs. Wiggins' estate, failed to secure a third continuance and was unable to produce witnesses.

The suit directed against The Gastonia Gazette, the Manville-Jenckes Company, the Meyers Mill and more than 20 individuals.

It charged that The Gazette through an editorial incited anti-communist forces to a riotous feeling which resulted in the fatal shooting of Mrs. Wiggins and made like charges against the two mills.

MERCHANTS' BODY AND PHYSICIANS ASK RESIGNATIONS

Two Organizations Take Action To Secure New City Regime

Criticism directed at the Asheville city commissioners since the closing of the Central Bank and Trust Company with $6,653,112 on deposit, took a definite turn yesterday and last night when directors of the Asheville Merchants association and members of the Buncombe County Medical society passed resolutions requesting them to resign.

The actions of the merchants came after a meeting of several hours which started yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The medical society resolutions were adopted at a meeting held in the council chamber of the city hall last night.

Petitions Circulated

During the day yesterday petitions were circulated calling a mass meeting of citizens at the City Auditorium for tonight to consider the affairs of the city but at a meeting of those who had been instrumental in circulating these petitions and of a numerous body of leading citizens it was decided to postpone the proposed mass meeting for the present.

The resolutions adopted by the directors of the merchants' association were:

"Motion made and duly seconded and unanimously carried, that, we, the directors of the Asheville Merchants' association, go on record as requesting the immediate resignation of the city commissioners of Asheville, believing that the future of the city under their administration is in jeopardy

Committee Named

And further, that a committee of representative citizens of the city of Asheville be called at once and organized to consider the present predicament of our city and work out a plan for a temporary government of the city until the legislature meets in January 1931 This committee to

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[illegible] C. M. Pearson, member of the state banking commission, in charge of liquidating [illegible] Asheville and [illegible] Mellon [illegible]

[illegible] Mayor [illegible] Chamber of Commerce [illegible] Commerce [illegible] Chamber of Commerce [illegible] Chamber of Commerce [illegible]

[illegible] Association [illegible] to present interests of depositors [illegible] open airing in Grove Arcade building today.

[illegible] Mass meeting announced for tonight at city auditorium is indefinitely postponed.

In resigning his post with the city, Commissioner Bartlett issued the following statement:

Bartlett's Statement

"For the past 30 years I have served the city of Asheville, served I believe, to the best of my ability, to which I think my friends, and some of my enemies will readily attest. It is with the view of serving the city

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Dry Leaders Vote Down Proposal Of Referendum

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8. (AP) In a statement [illegible] dry leaders [illegible] short work of it as their previously [illegible] night meeting. The resolution read in part:

"Having [illegible] the eighteenth amendment, there is no occasion for the dry forces to join in any referendum by referendum or other plebiscite [illegible]

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THE FORECAST

Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and extreme Northwest Florida: Fair Tuesday and probably Wednesday, with slowly rising temperature.

Arkansas and Oklahoma: Fair Tuesday; Wednesday generally fair.

Virginia: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; slightly warmer Tuesday in interior.

North Carolina: Fair Tuesday, slightly warmer in interior; Wednesday fair.

South Carolina, Georgia, Florida: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tennessee: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Kentucky, West Virginia: Mostly fair Tuesday and Wednesday; slightly warmer Tuesday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The disturbance that was over Eastern Georgia Saturday morning has moved northeastward with increased intensity and is now passing off the New England coast with lowest pressure (within the range of reports) 30.56 inches at Eastport, Maine. No other store appears on the weather chart this morning. High pressure prevails from the Pacific coast to the South Atlantic with the crest of 30.62 inches in Utah. Very little precipitation has occurred during the last 24 hours, light rain being reported in eastern North Carolina, western Pennsylvania, western New York and Maine and snow in northern Michigan. It is slightly warmer in the north Atlantic States and the Rocky Mountain region and colder in the South Atlantic and Gulf States and the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys.

T. R. TAYLOR,
Official in Charge.

LOCAL WEATHER DATA

State of weather at 8 A. M.	Cloudy
State of weather at 8 P. M.	Cloudy
Relative humidity at 8 A. M.	86%
Relative humidity at noon	68%
Relative humidity at 8 P. M.	80%
Wind direction at 8 A. M.	NW
Wind direction at 8 P. M.	NW
Time of sunrise	7:29 A. M.
Time of sunset	5:15 P. M.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE DATA

8 a. m.	33	3 p. m.	35
9 a. m.	33	4 p. m.	35
10 a. m.	35	5 p. m.	35
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Wet bulb temperature at 8 A. M.	32
Wet bulb temperature at noon	32
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Highest	36—One year ago 55
Lowest	32—One year ago 36
Absolute maximum	71 in 1922
Absolute minimum	15 in 1927
Average temperature for today	34
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LOCAL MONTHLY PRECIPITATION

Greatest amount	6.51 in 1914
Least amount	.55 in 1928
For last 24 hours ending at 8 P. M.	Trace

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Better Than Spanking

The Improved Mrs. Summers Home Treatment Bed Wetting Tablets

Wise mothers have long since learned that spanking does not cure children of Bed Wetting. Mothers know that it is not merely a bad habit, but that it is a cause which must be removed. Frequent causes are Cystitis, irritation or abnormal bladder conditions. If your children are afflicted in this way or any member of the family is so afflicted, you owe it to them to send today for a Free Trial of Summers Home Treatment Bed Wetting Tablets. This medicine has proved a blessing to thousands of families during its 36 years on the market.

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Summers Medical Co., Box 34, South Bend, Ind. Please send without obligations to me FREE TRIAL Mrs. Summers Home Treatment Bed Wetting Tablets together with useful information.

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Of Treasury Deficit Estimates

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8. (AP) An appropriation of $150,000,000 to enable the farm board to carry out stabilization and other projects was requested of congress today by President Hoover.

The chief executive said the sum was included in the estimate of expenditures before congress and did not increase the estimated treasury deficit.

Already $250,000,000 of the $500,-

However, Wood made it clear that its consideration would not be undertaken before the public works program was disposed of by the house.

In his letter, President Hoover said "in order that important operations of the board, now in prospect, may be carried through promptly, additional funds are required at this time."

Agrees With Roop

He did not go into detail, but said he concurred in the recommendation of Director Roop of the budget bureau who wrote:

"The foregoing estimate of appro-

BEWARE THE COUGH FROM COLDS THAT HANG ON

Coughs from colds may lead to serious trouble. You can stop them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified creosote that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a medical discovery with two-fold action; it soothes and heals the inflamed membranes and inhibits germ growth.

Of all known drugs creosote is recognized by high medical authorities as one of the greatest healing agencies for coughs from colds and bronchial irritations. Creomulsion contains, in addition to creosote, other healing elements which soothe and heal the inflamed membranes and stop the irritation, while the creosote goes on to the stomach, is absorbed into the blood, attacks the seat of the trouble and checks the growth of the germs.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

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ESTABLISHED 1868 — ASHEVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10, 1930 — 16 PAGES — IN PART I, IN SECTIONS

WOE FOR JIGGS!
Are you reading "Bringing up Father" every day? Jiggs and Maggie are having their troubles. Keep up with this popular comic!

ROBERTS PONDERS DEMANDS FOR HIS RESIGNATION

Asheville's Tobacco Market Will Open At 9:30 A. M. Today

CROWDS ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH SALE

350,000 Pounds Of Burley On Warehouse Floor Awaiting Buyers

GOOD PRICES FOR 'WEED' EXPECTED

W.N.C. Growers Come To City In Many Trucks With Products

With 350,000 pounds of burley tobacco on the floor for the first sale, the Asheville tobacco market will open at 9:30 o'clock this morning with buyers present from the largest manufacturing concerns and a line of trucks waiting to deliver more tobacco for the second sale.

Asheville's first tobacco sale in more than a quarter of a century will be attended by a considerable crowd, it is believed, since great interest has been manifested in the opening of the mart here.

Motorcycle officers and traffic policeman will be on hand to keep valley street clear and Commissioner of Safety C. H. Bartlett has urged the general public to avoid using Valley street as much as possible for the next two months, or the duration of the season.

B. B. Saunders, manager of the warehouse, returned from the Greeneville, Tenn., opening sales yesterday and was pleased with prospects for good prices here. The Greeneville market opened with an average of $20 per hundred and growers of that section were enthusiastic over the brisk buying at good prices. Mr. Saunders said that the Asheville market should sell more than 3,000,000 pounds by the middle of February.

Manufacturers' Representatives

Among representatives of the large tobacco firms who will be buyers on the local market, beginning this morning, are buyers from the R. J. Reynolds company, the American Tobacco company, Lorillard Brothers, P. Lorillard, Liggett and Myers company, L. S. Jenkins and company, and others. There will be a number of independent buyers for smaller firms.

In addition to Mr. Saunders, the warehouse staff consists of: William Maurer, Jr., C. T. Reaves, W. A. Blanchard, J. P. Buffkin, floor managers; Sap Weeks, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Davis and others. Sheff Ball and Mr. Roberts are auctioneers. One of the prize rooms was ready for operation yesterday afternoon and work is being pushed night and day on two others. Coopers were busy preparing hogs-

Rivals Men

Miss Ruth Nichols (above), Rye, N. Y., society girl flier, yesterday stepped on the heels of Hawks and Lindbergh when she flew halfway across the continent, from Los Angeles to Wichita, in seven hours and one minute.

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WICHITA, Kans., Dec. 9. (AP)—A society girl air enthusiast stepped on the heels of the most noted men speed pilots in the country today.

Miss Ruth Nichols, Rye, N. Y., aviatrix, spanned approximately half the continent in seven hours and one minute in quest of a new West-East Transcontinental flight record and placed her name beside those of Captain Frank Hawks and Charles A. Lindbergh in the annals of speed flying.

Miss Nichols reached here at 4:01 p. m., (CST) on a non-stop hop from Los Angeles, where she took off this morning.

To N. Y. Today

She announced she would leave tomorrow for New York if weather conditions are favorable.

She has a chance of bettering the flying time of Captain Hawks, West-East Transcontinental record-holder. Hawks established a mark of 12 hours, 25 minutes and three seconds from Glendale, Cal., to New York, last August, wresting the record from Lindbergh and his wife, Anne, by more than two hours.

PROCEDURE FOR LIQUIDATION OF BANKS STUDIED

Matters Are Discussed At Length By Agent And Attorney

MANY INQUIRIES BEING RECEIVED

Say Definite Action Is Not Likely Before Several Weeks

Policies to be pursued in handling affairs of the Central Bank and Trust company, the Biltmore-Oteen Bank, the Bank of Leicester and the Bank of Black Mountain, which closed their doors on November 20 and 21, were discussed at length yesterday morning by O. N. Henson and former Judge Thomas L. Johnson.

Mr. Henson, as a member of the state banking department, is liquidating agent, while Judge Johnson is a member of the firm of Johnson, Smathers and Rollins, attorneys for the banking department.

Judge Johnson and Mr. Henson said after the conference that the audit of bank affairs has not progressed far enough yet to make definite statements as to what will be done. The latter said that he has been swamped since his arrival two days ago with inquiries as to what steps he plans to take. The answer to these inquiries is that it will be two weeks, or perhaps longer, before the affairs of the banks can be fully determined. Until such a time, it was stated, no action will be advised by the liquidating agent.

Depositors' Benefits

The principal question at present, it was explained, is how much can be salvaged for benefit of depositors. Papers held in trust for patrons of the banks have occupied much of Mr. Henson's attention. He said he is investigating each case and is taking action as to personal property held by the banks—such properties as are not declared assets of the institutions.

John Mitchell, of Raleigh, chief state bank examiner, is expected to arrive in Asheville this morning for a second conference with Mr. Henson and Judge Johnson. Mr. Henson will have personal charge of the liquidation of the Central Bank and Trust company, while assistant agents will handle affairs of the three smaller closed banking institutions. Assistant liquidation agents for the Bank of Leicester, Bank of Black Mountain and Biltmore-Oteen bank will be selected at a conference between Mr. Henson and the chief bank examiner.

Beginning of liquidation, Mr. Henson said, will follow the completion

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To Wed Prince

Mary McCormick, Chicago Civic Opera singer, pictured in her hotel room in New York, where she admitted she is going to marry the ex-husband of Pola Negri, Prince Serge Mdivani. She says it won't be until next year.

MOVE TO COMPEL PRELIMINARY FOR OFFICIAL OF BANK

Public Officers Ordered To Appear Friday To Testify

Counsel for prosecution of Clarence Rankin, director and vice president of the defunct Central Bank and Trust company, moved yesterday to compel a preliminary hearing of the case Friday morning.

Mr. Rankin was arrested a few days after the bank closed on a warrant charging him with permitting employes to receive deposits after he knew the bank to be insolvent. The warrant was signed by Mrs. Nannie L. Brown, of Brickton, who alleges that Mr. Rankin persuaded her to deposit $3,806 in the bank several days before the bank closed.

The preliminary hearing is set before Magistrate H. C. Jenkins at 10 o'clock Friday morning. Mr. Rankin has been confined to his bed at his home in Lakeview Park since before the warrant was served, and his condition was described last night as that of "a very sick man."

Witnesses Subpoenaed

Sanford W. Brown, who represents Mrs. Nannie Brown as private prosecution counsel, filed a motion with Magistrate Jenkins to direct Mr. Rankin's physician to appear at the time of the preliminary hearing and make affidavit as to Mr. Rankin's physical condition, in case the defendant is not on hand for the hearing.

Counsel also had subpoenas issued for Newton M. Anderson, former chairman of the Buncombe county commission; Mayor Gallatin Roberts, John Mitchell, state bank examiner, W. M. Russ, in charge of the audit of the Central Bank and Trust com-

CHARGE HOOVER IS ACTING FOR RICH TAXPAYER

Warning About Economy Brings Sharp Reply From Democrats

SENATE PASSES DROUGHT RELIEF

Loans For Food Provided Despite Objection Of Administration

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9. (AP)—President Hoover lashed out today at the congressional holders from the co-operative emergency relief program in a statement charging "they are playing politics at the expense of human misery."

His statement demanding that relief expenditures be kept within limits of the treasury's funds stirred a Democratic attack in the senate that brought into action not only those who yesterday called for a party program but those who have been friendly to the co-operation pledge.

With the Republican-Democratic co-operation movement wavering Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, introduced a resolution to declare the senate for "the relief of human suffering in this emergency over the consideration of the interests of wealthy income taxpayers."

Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, hastened to defend the president and to give assurances that he meant no partisan attack in his declaration, but Democrats were still calling for recognition when the senate adjourned.

Denounces Attack

Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, who has been friendly to the pledge of Democratic leaders for co-operation on an emergency relief program, called Mr. Hoover's declaration "unwarranted, uncalled for and without justification," and asserted "no man ever was more political error upon misery of the people than has the present president of the United States."

Even as Mr. Hoover was reading his warning that "prosperity cannot be restored by raids upon the treasury," the administration "position for a $25,000,000 limit on drought relief was under attack in the senate by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader who had pledged co-operation. The senate promptly passed the bill of Senator McNary, of Oregon, the assistant Republican leader, for $60,000,000 drought relief and did not even consider any cut in this amount.

Maximum Budget

In his statement, the president asserted that the total of relief measures before congress was $4,500,000 more than he had asked and insisted that those he had recommended were "the maximum which can be financed without increase in taxes."

"No matter how devised," he said, "an increase in taxes in the end falls upon the workers and farmers, or alternatively deprives industry of that much ability to give employment and

Convicted Of Slaying Child

Mrs. Pearl O'Loughlin (above), wife of a Denver detective, yesterday was found guilty of slaying her step-daughter, Leona, 13, whose battered body was found in Berkeley Park Lake, Denver, on October 17. Escaping death through a legal loophole, Mrs. O'Loughlin was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor in the Colorado penitentiary.

S. C. Grand Jury Advises Ouster Of Bank Examiner

JURY HAS NOT YET REACHED VERDICT IN WILLIS TRIAL

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 9. (AP)—At 10:30 tonight a Greenville county jury deliberating charges of murder against Carlos A. Rector, and J. Harmon Moore, accused of plotting the slaying of Sheriff Sam D. Willis on June 11, 1927, had not reported.

The case against Rector, former sheriff and Moore, who was a Rector deputy, was given a jury in general sessions court at 4:21 this afternoon. The body retired immediately to begin deliberation.

Judge E. C. Dennis, presiding, said that he would be available for a verdict if one should be returned tonight until "about midnight."

CONGRESS ENACTS 9 MEASURES FOR

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Successor Not Picked

There was no political talk in the corridors of the city hall today. No one was chosen to fill the unexpired terms of the commissioners. Dr. John M. Gillespie, chairman of a committee appointed at a meeting of some 500 business men at the Battery Park hotel Monday night, conferred with Mayor Roberts yesterday. Three citizens of the city were recommended to Mayor Roberts by Dr. Gillespie and members of his committee as successors to the recent posts.

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Foreman Sams said that the grand jury considered the bank examiner had been negligent in the performance of his duties and wanted him removed on that ground. He indicated that the body felt that Fant had not violated any law directly.

"I am not going to issue indictments until the grand jury names the man and the offense," Solicitor Watt told Governor Richards. The chief executive said he would refer the affair to Attorney-General John M. Daniel for an opinion as to whether or not he had the right to order Fant to show cause why he should not be removed from office.

One purpose of the delegation here was to ask extradition papers for R. S. Lipscomb, former cashier of the Merchants and Planters Bank at Gaffney who is now ill in a hospital at Morganton, N. C. Charges against Lipscomb grew out of building and loan difficulties.

Governor Richards ordered Dr E. L. Borger to go to Morganton to determine if Lipscomb is physically fit to be returned to this State for examination. He indicated his decision on request for extradition

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PALACE THEATER: "Queen High" and vitaphone.

SIX PRISONERS SAW OUT OF JAIL

Three Men, 3 Women Escape Tuesday Night In Jackson County

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for judgment was continued for two weeks.

Officers, who investigated, said the prisoners apparently had obtained outside help. They had sawed the bars to the windows of the cells. The women were imprisoned on the ground floor, and the men on the second floor.

GIRL FLIER SPANS HALF CONTINENT

Miss Nichols Steps On Heels Of Lindbergh And Hawks

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was forced to lift her ship to an altitude of 20,000 feet to clear the peaks of the Rocky Mountains when she ran into bad weather.

For two hours while battling the storm, she said she was unable to see the ground and was forced to rely on instruments to keep the craft steady on its course.

Today's flight was one of the most noteworthy distance feats by any woman aviatrix although Miss Nichols herself is no novice at cross-country flying.

On January 4, 1928 she made the first non-stop flight from New York to Miami, Fla. Her time was 12 hours

million and five control stations $5,000,000 for ammunition for the Rock Island Arsenal and $600,000 to [illegible] roads in the national forests.

[illegible] for the army, new uniforms for reserve corps officers, $2,000,000 for passenger carrying automobiles and trucks for the army.

The House measure carries no provision for loans for food for farmers, it covers only feed for stock, seed and fertilizer. Representative Aswell of Louisiana, ranking Democrat on the House agriculture committee, plans to renew his efforts to have the group accept the Senate bill.

If he fails there he intends to take the fight to the House floor.

Chairman Snell of the House rules committee said the drought measure would be given legislative right of way if the House agriculture committee comes to an agreement before Thursday.

Leeads Fight

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the minority leader, led the fight for the larger sum and the farmers food provision, in the Senate. He was joined by Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, who declared many drought stricken farmers were suffering from hunger.

It was after three and a half hours of heated debate on many subjects before Chairman Wood succeeded in putting the public works measure to a vote.

Unsuccessful efforts were made by Representative Cable, Republican of Ohio, to amend the bill to prevent employment of any aliens who entered this country illegally on any of the projects.

Representative La Guardia, Republican, New York, sought to amend it to limit to seven hours a day the working hours for skilled and unskilled labor on the projects.

With the powerful Republican majority behind him, Wood succeeded in defeating the amendments only after he declared that the measure would be so handicapped by them that its purpose would be defeated.

The bill, among other things, provides that states which cannot match the Federal highway funds will be advanced allotments which will be reimbursible within five years beginning with 1933, from future allotments.

JUDGE RULES GANT MUST BEGIN PRISON SENTENCE AT ONCE

GREENSBORO, Dec. 9. (AP)—Judge W. A. Devin announced here in Superior court today that he could not accede to the request of attorneys for Mason W. Gant for delay in the time of beginning the sentence of 10 years in State's prison which the judge imposed Monday. The sentence began Monday, Judge Devin said. It is expected that the defendant will be transferred from the county jail to state's prison shortly, perhaps tomorrow.

Mr Gant's attorneys had expressed the opinion that postponement of the time of making the sentence effective would enable the former clerk of Guilford Superior court and former secretary of the county pension board to be of material assistance to the auditors in determining the exact status of his accounts. Judge Devin however believes that the same assistance could be rendered by permitting Mr Gant to come to Greensboro from time to time, under parole.

MAYOR PONDERS PLEAS HE QUIT

Mayor Declares He Will Do What Is Best For Asheville

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legislation will be passed to assist the city in its present situation.

Mayor Confers

During the afternoon yesterday several persons called upon the mayor in his offices in the city hall and held lengthy conferences behind closed doors with the city's chief executive.

The resignations of Mr. Bartlett and Mayor Roberts were asked by committees representing the Buncombe County Medical Society and the Asheville Merchants Association.

Action of these organizations followed a series of events which started with the closing of the Central Bank and Trust Company here on November 20. This bank had more than $4,658,000 of municipal funds on deposit. A confidential report made to the city commissioners by the George W. Scott, Co., auditing firm of Charlotte employed by the city for the past 15 years to audit the city's books, stated, in part, that it was "possible to be charged that the city commissioners had perverted the credit of the city to the gain and advantage of a private institution."

Financial Demands

The auditors also alleged that the city commissioners between August 31 and October 31 of this year increased the city's outstanding debt by approximately $1,164,000 by issuance of revenue anticipation notes, despite the fact that the city's surplus on deposit was near $3,500,000.

City officials turned their attention to the problem of securing more than $71,000 for the retirement on December 15 of a city hall bond maturity. This bond, of $65,000 with interest of more than $6,000, under present plans is to be retired by money derived between now and next Monday from police court costs, water department revenue, and the payment of taxes and assessments.

$61,000 In Banks

Yesterday the city had a balance of approximately $61,000 in various city banks. More than $5,000 of this amount, however, must be used Friday to meet weekly payrolls of city employes. The payment of current expenses including market orders, will further dig into the city's bank account before December 15.

Yesterday morning's session of the board meeting was recessed until late in the afternoon to allow Mayor Roberts and Mr Bartlett to reflect upon the question of naming a successor to Mr Rogers. During the afternoon the meeting was continued until last night. From his home in West Asheville last night Mayor Roberts announced that the meeting had been called off.

The two commissioners will resume deliberations this morning.

ARMORED AUTO FOR GANGSTERS SEIZED BY COPS

DETROIT, Dec. 9. (AP) Investigators for Warren Osborn, 22 man [illegible] said today that a raid [illegible] in which an armored car was seized had disrupted a plan for [illegible] distribution of [illegible] to [illegible] machine gun and rifle fire was [illegible]

TOBACCO PRICES AT GREENEVILLE, TENN. AVERAGES 21 CENTS

GREENEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 9. (AP) Approximately 500,000 pounds of tobacco was sold at the opening of the Greeneville market today at an estimated average of 21 to 22 cents a pound, F. T. Emerson, president of the Greeneville tobacco board of trade, said tonight.

The average price was from one to two cents lower than the opening day last year.

Prices ranged from five to 27 cents a pound.

Because of opening day rush, Emerson said final figures would not be available until late.

REMOVAL OF BANK EXAMINER ASKED

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make until I am apprised of the facts in the case."

Fant was accused by the grand jury with failing to act after he had warned officers of the bank against "check kiting". In a letter to an officer of the bank, the grand jury reported, Fant had instructed officials to stop the "kiting practice within 30 days." The bank, Mr. Bams said, closed eleven or twelve months later.

Reviewing the case of a bank at Lancaster, in which a grand jury asked the governor to take action against Mr. Fant, Governor Richards explained that both the solicitor and presiding judge at Lancaster had told him that Fant had broken no law but that the entire question was "one of judgment."

Upon the governor's suggestion Solicitor Watt said he would aid the grand jury in its investigation. He said he knew of no grounds on which Fant could be indicted, except possibly malfeasance in office.

MOTHER SHOOTS SON FOR REFUSAL TO DO CHORES

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The inaugural squadron of planes from the East arrived at Candler Field Atlanta late yesterday. The squadron consisted of nine transport planes.

Welcomed By Mayor

Mayor Ragsdale, of Atlanta, headed the welcoming delegation including civic leaders and a number of State officials. Many national figures in aviation were passengers on the planes.

Last night the visitors enjoyed a picturesque evening in Dixie when more than 200 prominent Atlantians joined with those from the East at a dinner with the Atlanta president's guest as host.

An old-fashioned chicken dinner was served in a setting of cotton and Georgia pines. A negro show sang spirituals during the evening.

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Pilot Of Plane Is Dead From Cold, Party Of Rescuers Finds

WHITE HORSE, Yukon Territory Dec. 10 (AP)—Two months after they disappeared in a seaplane in the frozen Yukon wilderness, Bob Marten Wrangell Alaska prospector and Emil Ensling German plane mechanic were found alive today but their pilot Captain E. J. A. Burke was dead.

After three other fliers were presumed to have lost their lives in the search, Pilot Everett Wasson flew back here today with Marten and Ensling, with it the sad slogan of disappointment.

They said Burke died from exposure November 20. The plane will be flown back to bring in Burke's body.

Signal Fire Aids

The men were rescued by their signal fire near Salmon Lake where the crews had abandoned their plane in the headwaters of the Liard River.

The rescue, one of the most spectacular in aviation annals, was accomplished through the bravery of Wasson and his plane, the Wasp, of Alaska Airways.

Landed In River

Marten and the rescued men were on in the Liard River without food, killing the dogs that accompanied the Wild Man (the name given Wasson the

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HOLIDAYS WORRY G. O. P. LEADERS; DISPUTE ARISES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10 (AP)—Democratic leaders are worrying the Republicans believe is dangerous.

Despite the promotion of Democrats and the desire to expedite legislation to avoid a special session, a filibuster, the speech of congress appears inevitable. The senate probably will begin consideration of relief and appropriation bills.

Representatives Tinkham of Massachusetts, who has supported some measures advocated under with Senator Watson, of Indiana, the minority Republican leader, both are agreement with contention.

Tinkham said the senate was willing to adjourn Christmas eve and return in January if it thought the house would do so.

PAYMENT OF CASH TO WAR VETERANS IS URGED BY FIRM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10 (AP)—Immediate payment of the adjusted service certificates held by veterans of the World war was urged today by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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Grocers Of Asheville Will Join Corporation

Meeting Of Members To Organize Called At 8 Tonight

Twenty-seven of the leading merchants of the city handling groceries have made application to join the Quality Service stores, Incorporated, of Asheville, and the organization will be completed at a meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at the council chamber of the city hall, it was announced yesterday by J. L. Teague, of Teague's Market, West Asheville.

The object of the organization is to obtain a closer tie-up between retailer and manufacturer and jobber, Mr. Teague said. Henry T. Swan, of Lynchburg, Va., head of the national movement and organization of Quality Service Stores, Inc., will speak this evening, explaining to the local merchants the details of the plan of organization of the independent houses here.

It was explained by Mr. Teague that a brands committee will be appointed and will adopt certain brands of merchandise to be carried and pushed by all stores. Under this plan the manufacturers of the brands will cooperate with the local stores in an advertising campaign. Manufacturers and jobbers will also cooperate by making special prices under the plan, it was explained.

All high class stores carrying groceries will be eligible for membership. The plan is to have the Asheville unit of the organization in operation by January 15. This plan was inaugurated in Lynchburg five years ago and has spread. Recently units have been formed in Knoxville, Winston-Salem, Greenville, S. C., Shelby and other nearby cities. The plan here will include merchants in Hendersonville, Canton, Waynesville, Swannanoa and Black Mountain.

Those who have applied for membership here are as follows:

Pelmet brothers (2 stores), Teague's Meat market, Southern Fish and Grocery Company (2 stores), Economy Cash Store, May's market, Elmer Ingle, Oak Street Grocery, Mrs. A. M. Young, H. B. Croswell, N. C. Redman, and Pine Grove Grocery company, and the following Canton firms: Benjamin H. Harris, Homer firm; Benjamin H. Harris, Homer T. Cagle, T. M. Cogburn, Jasper Wilson, and J. W. Haynes.

Asheville Boy Wins Tennis Tournament

James M. Baley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baley, of Asheville, won first place in the upper classmen's tennis championship series played off recently at Chapel Hill where he is attending the University of North Carolina law school, it was learned here yesterday.

Mr. Baley, who attended school in Asheville and at Mars Hill college, is taking the university law course. His father is a deputy marshal in the federal service here.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Biltmore Methodist Church will hold its weekly prayer meeting and Bible study class Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. Hall, 252 Hendersonville Road. All members are requested to be present.

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Are you reading "Bringing up Father" every day? Jiggs and Maggie are having their troubles. Keep up with this popular comic!

PLUMMER AND PARKER ARE CHOSEN COMMISSIONERS

Asheville Market Sells 150,000 Pounds Of Burley First Day

AVERAGE OF 21 CENTS IS PRICE PAID

Total Check Issue Of About $30,000 Was Made Yesterday

PROVISION MADE FOR QUICK SALES

Adequate Crop Handling Arrangements Ready For Farmers

After 37 years of inactivity, Asheville's tobacco market opened yesterday morning stronger than any market in this section of the country, 150,000 pounds of excellent burley bringing an average of 21 cents per pound for a total check issue of approximately $30,000.

H. B. Saunders, manager of the new $70,000 warehouse for the Carolina Tobacco corporation, said last night that the large crowd of several thousand persons at the opening hindered the buyers considerably, but that as the sales proceed the crowd will be diminished to growers and all tobacco will be taken care of as it arrives at the warehouse.

Forty Cent Tobacco

The first tobacco sold yesterday morning at 30 cents per pound. The top price for the day was 40 cents per pound. Mr. Saunders had reports from the Greeneville, Tenn., market last night and these showed that the Asheville market led the day in the burley belt of the southeastern states. A profitable season has been predicted and between 3,000,000 and 5,000,000 pounds of tobacco will be sold. The sales will be held every day except Saturday and Sunday.

Work continued all night last night at the warehouse to clear the floor and reset it for today's sale. The remainder of the machinery for the prizing rooms will arrive this morning and will be ready for use by this evening. Mr. Saunders said that the warehouse will be ready to handle all the tobacco that is brought to the city and that a little patience for the first two or three days on the part of the growers is all that is needed.

More than 400,000 pounds of tobacco is in the city at the present time ready for the sales floor. Ad-

World Wires

CHICAGO, Dec. 10. —The aged mother of William Lenhardt, Cleveland youth sentenced to die in the electric chair early Friday, was acquitted late today of a charge attempting to help her son escape by smuggling a weapon to him in his cell. The mother, Mrs. Julian Olovta, had admitted sending a package to the convicted slayer of a restaurant owner, but testified it contained only a bottle of whiskey.

DURHAM, Dec. 10. (AP)—Dr. Calvin B. Hoover, of the Duke University economics department, will address the American Economic Association at Cleveland, Ohio, on December 28, speaking on the present economic situation in Soviet Russia.

DURHAM, Dec. 10. (AP)—One of the world's outstanding scientists, Dr. Robert Andrew Millikan, winner of 1923, Noble prize in physics for isolating and measuring the electron, will lecture at Duke University on December 15. He will appear under the auspices of the Crowell Scientific Society and the Sigma Phi Sigma physics fraternity at Duke.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10 (AP)—Delegates to the rivers and harbors congress today passed a resolution calling "unwarranted" recent attacks by railway executives on waterway programs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—Formation of Columbia Concerts Corporation, a merger of seven concert bureaus throughout the country, to serve programs to radio listeners over its 76 stations, was announced today by the Columbia Broadcasting System. The step was taken, it was said, to "satisfy the insistant demand of the radio audience for the best artists and the finest music."

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—From all parts of the United States, members of the national council of the Boy Scouts of America will gather in Memphis, Tenn., on May 4, for the annual meeting, James E. West, chief scout executive announced today.

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ROBINSON ASKS SOLIDARITY IN RELIEF EFFORT

Declares Hoover Lost Temper In Charges Against Senate

DROUGHT LOAN IS STUDIED IN HOUSE

Vote On Unemployment Fund Is Postponed Until Thursday

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 10 (AP) Climaxing two days of blunt sharp-spoken exchanges between the White House and the senate, there came a new appeal today for inter-party solidarity in facing the problems of the economic depression.

He author was Senator Robinson of Arkansas, one of the original

DAY IN WASHINGTON

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Democratic Leader Robinson replied to President Hoover in senate.

Senate debated $110,000,000 public works bill.

House passed bill to provide 44-hour week for 300,000 postal employers.

Senate confirmed Frank Mc Manamy of Washington as interstate commerce commissioner.

Admiral Pratt, chief of naval operations, expressed the opinion that United States would not build up to London treaty maximum by 1936.

signers of the Democratic post-election cooperation pledge. Before voicing it he struck back ruggedly at President Hoover for the latter's statement of yesterday that some members were playing politics "at the expense of human misery."

The president, he said, "lost his temper."

The senate was so deeply engrossed

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STATE CONSTABLE FOUND GUILTY IN

GRAVE CONCERN IS FELT OVER ILLNESS OF LEE S. OVERMAN

By H. E. C. BRYANT
(Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10 The condition of Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina, who has been ill for two or three days, is causing his friends grave concern. He is confined to his apartment in the Shoreham Hotel, where he and Mrs. Overman have taken quarters for the winter.

Senator Overman became ill in his office. A report that the Senator had a sinking spell and had fallen in a faint reached the Senate today and caused alarm. Physicians are giving him a thorough examination. He has suffered with his eyes for a year or more and has been inconvenienced by pains in his stomach. He is 77 years old.

BANDITS SECURE $45,000 AT BANK IN KANSAS CITY

27 Persons Herded Into Corner As Robbers Loot Big Vault

KANSAS CITY, Dec 10 (AP)—Four unmasked robbers took charge of the Inter-State National Bank for more than an hour today awaiting the opening hour of a time lock on the vault, and then escaped with loot estimated at $45,000. Officers and employes of the bank were held at bay with pistols.

One of the robbers followed Austin Young negro janitor into the bank located on the second floor of the Live Stock Exchange building in the Packing House district. He drew an automatic and ordered Young to proceed with the morning cleaning as though nothing unusual was happening. Three companions of the robber then appeared.

One by one the bank's employes and officers came in to begin the day's work. Each was compelled to step right over here" or "go over in the corner and sit down with the crowd."

27 Assembled

Twenty-seven persons had gathered before the vault could be opened. The bandits revealed they had studied the bank's methods for two or three weeks in planning the holdup.

While the time lock ticked away the minutes some of the women sa-

COURT DECIDES FOR SWAIN IN SULLIVAN CASE

Primary Ballot Dispute Arising Here Is Lost By Attorney

OTHER BUNCOMBE DECISIONS MADE

21 Are Included In List Handed Down From Supreme Court

Action brought by William A Sullivan, Asheville attorney, to compel J. Ed Swain as chairman of the Buncombe county board of elections to place Sullivan's name on primary ballots last summer as a candidate for judge of general county court, was dismissed yesterday by the state supreme court.

The decision in the case was announced along with decisions in a number of other cases, including a number of appeals from Buncombe county and Western North Carolina.

Judge Sullivan's fight attracted considerable attention at election time. He contended that Judge Guy Weaver was appointed to preside over county court for a term of office longer than the terms of county commissioners who gave him the appointment. Judge Sullivan was unable to place his case before the supreme court in time for a ruling before the election.

Other Decisions

Other Buncombe county cases decided were McCue versus Times-News company, affirmed. Supply company versus McCurry, no error; Haas versus Cathey, affirmed. Fisher versus Finance company, affirmed. MacRae versus Burns Detective agency, no errors.

The remainder of the list is as follows: Byrum vs Moule, Pasquotank, affirmed. Lumber Company vs Latham, Beaufort, appeal dismissed. Jennings vs Shannon, Pasquotank, affirmed. State and town of Lincolnton vs Moss, Hartford, reversed. State vs Sterling and Davis, New Hanover, no error. In re: Will of Crabtree, Orange, new trial. State vs rel Beddingfield vs Davis, Guilford, affirmed. Lisaker vs Stallings, Cabarrus, affirmed. State vs Scoggins, Polk, no error. Harris vs Black Mountain Railway, Yancey, no error. Guy vs Gould, Mecklenburg, affirmed. Grove vs Grove, Yadkin, reversed. Manufacturing company vs cotton mills, Wilkes, affirmed. Ray vs chair

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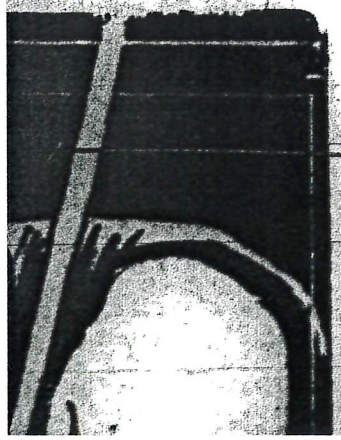

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Warmly Approved

Announcement yesterday of the election of Mr. Parker as one of the commissioners was warmly approved. He is highly esteemed for his professional and business ability and through his service on the city planning commission and otherwise has made a record that caused his selection to be acclaimed as an eminently fit one.

During the period that Mr. Parker was engineer and executive in charge of the E. W. Grove interests in this city and section he supervised investments involving the expenditure of several million dollars, some of these developments having included the erection of the Battery Park Hotel, the Bon Marche and the Grove Arcade. He was in general charge of the whole Battery Park hill and Page avenue developments which Mr. Grove sponsored and of many of the other Grove projects.

Since his connection with the Grove estate terminated Mr. Parker has maintained offices as a civil engineer in the Electrical building on Patton avenue. Some years ago he served for a time as assistant city engineer.

Pledge Support

At the meeting at the Battery Park Hotel last night resolutions were adopted pledging full support to Mr. Parker, to Mr. Plummer and to the other commissioner whom they are expected to elect following the resignation of Mayor Roberts.

Mr. Parker's election occurred shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday and immediately afterwards the oath of office was administered to him by Mayor Roberts and he assumed his new duties.

The feeling of tension which has been great during the past several days was greatly relieved yesterday

RADIO Programs for Tod

WWNC PROGRAM

8:00 CBS Tony's Scrap Book
8:15 CBS Brad and Al
8:30 CBS Morning Devotions
8:45 CBS Morning Minstrels
9:00 CBS Something for Everyone
9:30 CBC The Christmas Shopper
10:00 CBS Ida Bailey Allen
10:30 CBS Busy Fingers
10:45 CBC Bon Marche Talk
10:50 CCB Studio Program
11:00 CBS Food Fundamentals
11:15 CBS Five Arts
11:30 CBS The Sewing Circle
12:00 CBS Paul Tremaine and His Orch
12:30 CBC Informational Period
1:00 CBS Musical Aviators
1:30 CBS Harold Stern and Orchestra
2:00 CBS Columbia Artists' Recital
2:30 CBS American School of the Air
3:00 CBS Columbia Salon Orchestra
3:30 CBS Ann Leaf at the Organ
4:00 CBS Asbury Park Casino Orchestra
4:30 CBS Crockett Mountaineers
5:00 CBS WSPD Commodores
5:30 CBS Bert Lown and His Orchestra
6:00 CBS Columbia Educational Features
6:15 CBC Informational Period
6:30 CBS Ozzie Nelson and His Orchestra
6:45 CBS Tony's Scrap Book
7:00 CBC Dutch Program
7:30 CBC The Golden Hour of Music-Snowdrift Program
7:45 CBC News Acting
8:00 CBS Poet's Gold
8:30 CBC Informational Period. Weather Forecast. Rod Information. News Casting.
8:45 CBC Uncle Willard
9:00 CBC "Jolly Roger & Their Crew"—Sail the Sea of Melody with their Fair Captive Soloist Claire Leever
9:30 CBC Wenoca Melodies
9:45 BCC The Ad-libbers
10:30 CBS Welcoming WDRC
11:30 CBS Ted Weems and His Orchestra

THURSDAY
(By The Associated Press)

Programs in Eastern Standard Time. P M. unless otherwise indicated.

454.3—WEAF New York—660 (NBC Chain)

6:00—Dinner Music.
7:30—Sketch.
7:30—Hymns.
8:00—Rudy Valee's Orch.
8:00—The Birthday Party.
9:30—Melody Moments. Tenor.
10:00—R. A. Rolfe Orch.
11:00—Florence Richardson's Orch
11:30—Ellington's Band.
12:00—Jack Albin's Orch

394.5—WJZ New (NBC Cha

6:00—Raising Junior.
6:15—Van Steeden Orch
6:45—Topics in Brief.
7:00—Amos 'n' Andy.
7:15—The Jesters.
7:30—Phil Cook.
7:45—Lampe's Orch.
8:00—Aunt Lulu.
8:15—Landt Trio.
8:30—First Nighter.
9:00—Two Dance Melodi
10:00—Orch. Melodies.
10:00—Slumber Hour.
12:00—Heidt's Orch.

Central And Southern Stations

428.5—WLW

6:15—Hotel Orch.
6:30—Dog Talk.
6:45—Same as WJZ.
7:45—Sponsored Prog.
8:00—Dream Shop.
8:30—World Tour.
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10:00—The Hall.
10:30—Feature Progs.
11:00—Variety (2½ hrs).

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8:00—WEAF (1½ hrs).
9:30—WEAF Progs.
11:00—WJZ Progs.
11:15—Theater Prog.
11:30—Balladist.
12:00—Same as WJZ.
1:00a—Organ Recital.

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7:00—Same as WEAF.
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8:00—Same as WEAF.
9:00—Chronicles.
9:30—Same as WJZ.
10:30—Same as WEAF.
11:00—Same as WJZ.
11:15—News. Orch.

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7:00—Pianist; News.
7:30—Hotel Orch.
7:45—Same as WJZ.
8:00—WEAF (1½ hrs).
9:30—Same as WJZ.
10:00—To Be Announced.
11:00—WJZ Program.
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11:30—Jack & Bill.

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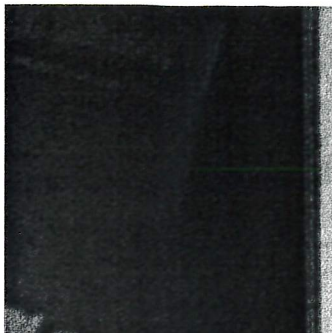

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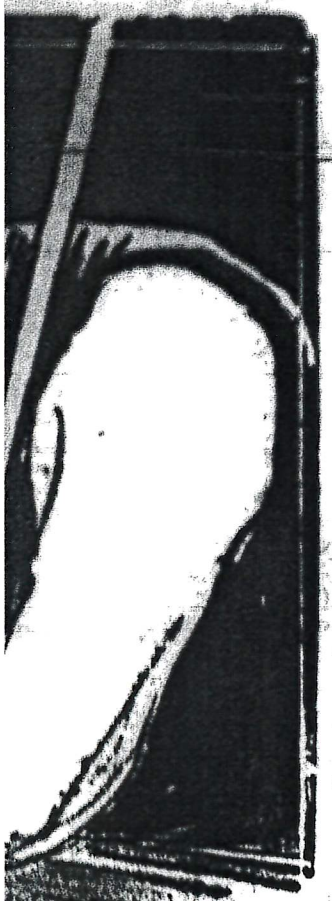

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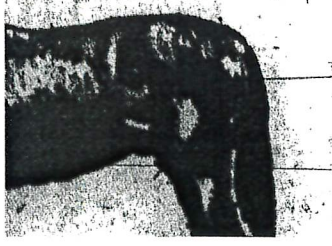

Announcement yesterday of the election of Mr. Parker as one of the commissioners was warmly approved. He is highly esteemed for his professional and business ability and through his service on the city planning commission and otherwise has made a record that earned his selection to be entitled to an enthusiastic 100 vote.

During the period that Mr. Parker was engineer and executive in charge of the E. W. Grove interests in this city and section, he supervised improvements involving the expenditure of several million dollars, some of these developments being Sunland the erection of the Battery Park Hotel, the Rex Theatre and the Grove Arcade. He was in general charge of the whole Battery Park hill and Park avenue developments which Mr. Grove sponsored and of many of the other Grove projects.

Since his connection with the Grove estate terminated Mr. Parker has maintained offices as a civil engineer in the Electrical building on Patton avenue. Some years ago he served for a time as assistant city engineer.

Pledge Support

At the meeting at the Battery Park Hotel last night resolutions were adopted pledging full support to Mr. Parker, to Mr. Plummer and to the other commissioner whom they are expected to elect following the resignation of Mayor Roberts.

Mr. Parker's election occurred shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday and immediately afterwards the oath of office was administered to him by Mayor Roberts and he assumed his new duties.

The feeling of tension which has been great during the past several days was greatly relieved yesterday afternoon and last night by the election of Mr. Parker and the reports that Mr. Plummer had been offered a place on the board. There was general confidence that while he had asked for time to consider the matter he would not decline the service that was asked of him.

The committee of citizens which has been working on the situation for several days adjourned indefinitely following the meeting at the Battery Park hotel last night. Dr Calfee, the chairman, was authorized to name a committee of five to call the group together again in their discretion.

At the meeting last night Dr. Calfee appealed to all present to leave the two new commissioners, Mr. Parker and Mr. Plummer, assuming the latter's acceptance, alone to make their own selection of a third commissioner, without suggestions or advice from any source except when and as they themselves sought such suggestions.

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Mr. Carter was born in the Ivy section of Madison county, in 1834 he moved to the Beaverdam section and engaged in dairying and farming. He had been ill for several weeks.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Swain, and two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Smathers and Mrs. Catherine Brigmon, also several grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Active pall bearers will be Willie Lee Baird, R. C. Stevens, Frank Roberson, Jeff Ford, Claude L. Felmet, and Ed Carter. Honorary pall bearers will be J. Ed Swain, John Neely, G. M. Foster, Wiley Brown, Robert M. Wells, and Charles C. Brown. Burial will be in the Asbury Memorial cemetery.

Women who have had a university training marry, on an average at the age of 30, a London authority has found.

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THE WEATHER
ASHEVILLE AND VICINITY: Increasing cloudiness with light rain Friday.

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

"DEDICATED TO THE UPBUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"

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WOE FOR JIGGS!
Are you reading "Bringing up Father" every day? Jiggs and Maggie are having their troubles. Keep up with this popular comic!

HARRY W. PLUMMER ELECTED MAYOR OF ASHEVILLE

Senator Lee S. Overman Claimed By Death In National Capital

END COMES SOON AFTER MID-NIGHT

Veteran N. C. Legislator Yields To Illness Of Several Days

SERVED HIS STATE LONG IN CAPITAL

Stomach Disorder Cause Of Death; Conscious During Evening

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12. (AP)—Senator Lee Slater Overman of North Carolina, died here early this morning.

The 76-year-old veteran of congress passed away soon after midnight, succumbing to a brief illness which climaxed late yesterday with a stomach hemorrhage. It left him weak and spent and blood transfusions were unavailing to save him.

He rallied for a time and was conscious during the night, talking to Dr. Sterling Ruffin, his physician, and members of his family, until about 11:30. Then he lapsed into unconsciousness and an hour later ceased.

With him was Mrs. Overman, his daughter, Mrs. E. N. Snow of Washington, and Mr. Snow. Two more daughters, who live at his home in Salisbury, N. C., were on their way to the capital.

Outside his room at the end was Senator Simmons, the colleague from North Carolina, who had served but two years in the senate when Overman came in 1900.

Senator Overman will be buried at his home in Salisbury, but no arrangements had been made early today.

Friend Of Wilson

When Woodrow Wilson was burdened with some of the greatest problems ever to confront a president of the United States, one of the men he called into his councils was Lee Slater Overman, veteran senator from

Called By Death At Capital

SENATOR LEE S. OVERMAN

Martial Law Invoked In Cuba; Machado May Quit

Constitutional Rights Suspended 60 Days After Disorders

HAVANA, Dec. 11. (AP)—Amid new disorders by students and with rumors buzzing through the city that he soon would resign, President Machado today suspended constitutional guarantees throughout the

MOTORIST PLOWS INTO CHILDREN; TWO ARE KILLED

CHICAGO, Dec. 11. (AP)—A maddened mob which included parents of the victims threatened lynching for an autoist whose

TOBACCO SALES IN CITY REACH $47,250 TOTAL

Between 200, And 250 Thousand Pounds Sold Yesterday

HIGHEST PRICE IS $50 PER HUNDRED

Handling Of Burley At Warehouse Here Is Speeded Up

Between 200,000 and 250,000 pounds of fine burley tobacco was sold yesterday during the second day of the new Asheville market, the price averaging 21 cents per pound. The highest price paid yesterday was $50 per hundred and the total amount of money issued by check was approximately $47,250.

Enough tobacco came in yesterday to fill the floor again, but E. B. Saunders, manager of the warehouse, said last night that the buyers will be caught up with the growers by tomorrow. The three priming rooms are now operating day and night and the tobacco began moving rapidly last night following the closing of the second days' sales in the new $70,000 warehouse on Valley street.

Sales Speeded Up

The large crowd which slowed up buying on opening day had dwindled yesterday to about 500 growers and persons interested in the development of the market here. The auctioneers, checkers and buyers were able to move faster and about 100,000 pounds more was sold yesterday than on Wednesday. Mr. Saunders said that the prices are holding up well and are, if anything, getting better as a whole.

A few farmers were rejecting the prices their tobacco brought and were re-grading it or holding for a

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HEARING IN SUIT AGAINST MEMPHIS PUBLISHER RESET

Asheville's New Mayor And Commissioners

MAYOR HARRY W. PLUMMER

HARRY L. PARKER

JOHN A. GOODE

The initial meeting of Asheville's new board of city commissioners will be held at the city hall at 9 o'clock this morning. Mayor Harry W. Plummer, elected by his associates at a meeting last night, will preside. Commissioner Harry L. Parker has been placed in charge of public works. Commissioner John A. Goode will have supervision over the department of public safety.

SMALL INCREASE IN PARCELS POST RATES ADVOCATED

Tilson Cites Needs For 5 Per Cent Advance In Charges

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11. (AP)—Citing a parcels post deficit of $15,570,750 last year, Assistant Postmaster General Tilton today urged adoption of the 5 per cent increase in parcels post rates proposed by Postmaster General Brown to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

He issued a statement saying the postoffice department was helpless to deal with the deficit.

Major expenditures of the postal service, he said, are almost entirely beyond control of the postoffice department, the basis of expenditures being fixed by Congress and salaries by law.

Tilton held an Interstate Commerce Commission order of July 10, 1928, granting increased compensation to railroads for transporting mail, responsible for a $8,500,000 per annum increase in cost of handling parcels post.

WAGES OF 'NECKING' IS PUBLICITY AT MICHIGAN SCHOOL

BIG RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 11. (AP) The wages of being caught "necking" at Ferris Institute here is to be pitiless publicity.

President Wells D. White announced today that the names of all co-eds caught in "petting postures" with boys hereafter will be announced at public assemblies.

"Students," he explained, "are in school primarily to study academic courses and not to experiment with the cosmic urge."

SECURITIES FIRM RECEIVERSHIP TO BE ARGUED TODAY

Roberts Reviews Work, Promises Cooperation

Will Await Future For Vindication Of His Acts In Office

Asserting that he is content to await the future for vindication of his service as mayor of Asheville, Gallatin Roberts issued a statement immediately after his resignation as the city's chief executive last night.

"My associates in office, Commissioners Bartlett and Rogers, have seemed to resign their official respective positions, and I do not desire to remain any longer in the City Hall," said Mr. Roberts. "I have made this decision in the interest of the welfare of the City of Asheville, which I so dearly love, and have subordinated any of my personal wishes to those in the interest of the city.

Financial Situation

"I desire before leaving office to call the attention of the people of the City to a brief comparison of the financial situation of the City of Asheville as it exists today with that of my former administration.

"I was Mayor of this City from May, 1919, to May 31, 1926. At the expiration of my former term of office the total debt of the City for all purposes was $4,478,700. I was again elected Mayor of the City of Asheville four years later, and when I sur-

J. A. GOODE IS SELECTED MEMBER OF COMMISSION

Roberts Resigns Post As Chief Executive Of City Thursday

NEW OFFICIALS TO HOLD MEET TODAY

Commissioners Address Policemen, Firemen After Induction

Harry W. Plummer became mayor of Asheville last night, succeeding Gallatin Roberts, resigned.

John A. Goode, Asheville druggist and business man, and Harry L. Parker, civil engineer and former manager of the W. W. Grove properties in Western North Carolina, were elected city's new commissioners to succeed L. B. Rogers and C. M. Bartlett, whose resignations had been tendered and accepted.

Asheville's new board of commissioners will hold its first meeting at 9 o'clock this morning at the city hall.

Brief Resume

Developments in Asheville's municipal situation came rapidly yesterday.

Mr. Plummer, who had served as chairman of the board of aldermen, was elected mayor yesterday morning to succeed Mr. Roberts, who had resigned his post during the afternoon. Mr. Goode, who was appointed to succeed Mr. Parker, who had been appointed by Mayor Gallatin Roberts to the board of public safety, was elected by the board of aldermen to succeed Mr. Plummer, who had been appointed mayor. Mr. Goode was also appointed by the board of aldermen to succeed Mr. Plummer as chairman of the board of aldermen.

Mr. Parker was appointed to succeed Mr. Goode, who had been appointed to succeed Mr. Plummer as chairman of the board of aldermen.

Mr. Goode, Mr. Parker and Mr. Plummer were congratulated the new commissioners and pledged their cooperation to the new administration.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY IN ASHEVILLE

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In 1910 Mr. Roberts was elected to the state legislature where he served during 1911. He was made chairman of the committee on congressional re-apportionment by W. C. Dowd of Charlotte, speaker. Mr. Roberts was re-elected to the legislature in 1912 and served as chairman of the committee of counties, cities and towns. In 1914 he was re-elected again and served as chairman of the committee on appropriations. At the 1914 session of the legislature Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to give women the right to vote, but the bill was defeated. He was re-elected in 1916 and was a candidate for the speakership but was defeated by the Hon. Walter Murphy.

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An active church worker, Mr. Roberts is a ruling elder of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, where he taught the Men's Bible class for many years. He was commissioner from the Synod of Appalachia at El Dorado, Ark., and voted for Dr. R. P. Campbell of Asheville as Moderator.

Mr. Roberts is a thirty-second degree Mason and has been an honorary member of the Kiwanis club for ten years. He is active in the West Asheville club, a community project devoted to the improvement of West Asheville, where Mr. Roberts makes his home at 134 Brevard road. During the World War Mr. Roberts was a four-minute speaker and canvassed this section in the interest of the Liberty Loans.

He was married to Miss Mary Althea Sams, daughter of J. H. Sams of Flat Creek, in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have two children. Edward Gallatin Roberts, a son, is now in Alberquerque, New Mexico, recovering from a lung infection superinduced from injuries received while playing football on the Asheville high school team. The other child is a daughter, Margaret Evelyn Roberts, three years old.

They include vocalists, Horace Seeley, Sidney Gayle, George A. Hartrick, Paul Craig, with Mrs. Sidney Gayle at the piano.

Judges of stunts will be Mayor Roberts, Mr. Rogers, city commmissioner.

[illegible] IN TAXATION OFFICE

Appointment of deputies who will serve under him as tax collector of Buncombe county was made Saturday by Fred A. Hull, who will take office Monday morning succeeding Solon Hyder, collector for the past four years.

Mr. Hull's appointees includes W. H. Foster as chief office deputy; Joe E. Sevier, Jr., office deputy; and John Oldham and C. L. Baldwin deputies on collections outside the office. J. C. Hunter, who has been employed in the office under Mr. Hyder as a bookkeeper will be retained. In deputy collectors, the present county commissioners, cut the force one deputy under that employed by Mr. Hyder. Mr. Hull will have four deputies and a bookkeeper.

Mr. Hyder had five deputies and a bookkeeper. The deputies under him who will go out of office Monday include, Mrs. Hyder; L. W. Roberts, R. L. Spurling, R. F. Lee and H. M. Weir.

N. A. Collins, delinquent tax collector for 1927 will continue in office until his work is completed. He has a contract with the county to collect delinquent taxes through 1927. The delinquent work for 1928 is expected to be turned over to Mr. Sevier later when collections start in earnest.

Mr. Hull, elected last fall, is a Republican. He has lived in Asheville since 1883. Under the law the tax collector takes office at the beginning of the fiscal year July 1 following his election.

Mr. Hyder said Saturday he will make settlement with the county Monday and the same day all appointees of Mr. Hull will be approved by the board of county commissioners.

Mr. Hyder has made a fine record in office, records disclosed Saturday. His force has cut down the insolvent or delinquent personalty taxes due the county to $17,000, including corporation excess. This was originally $100,000. Sales certificates on real property sold for taxes amount to about $400,000, which is much less than last year, according to Mr. Hyder.

Biltmore's Identity Is Lost In Progress March

Biltmore—founded more than a score of years ago by the late George W. Vanderbilt—will lose its identity as a postoffice and incorporated town Sunday.

As a result of its annexation by the City of Asheville, the Town of Biltmore will surrender its charter to Asheville and the postoffice will be officially designated in the future as a station of the Asheville postoffice.

Biltmore Village—as it was known for many years—was established by Mr. Vanderbilt at the time the New Yorker was building the famous Vanderbilt mansion.

For many years, Biltmore was one of the show places of western North Carolina, but progress, in recent years, has done much to destroy its original beauty. The pebble-dash English type of homes and buildings have given way to dwellings of brick, stucco and stone. Even the famous Plaza has witnessed numerous changes, including the erection of modern type brick office and business buildings.

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Turbine and other engines may use mercury instead of water for steam power, according to scientists, which saving in coal, increase in energy.

It takes about 500 more degrees of heat to boil mercury than water. But once boiling, mercury, which weighs 13½ times as much as water, is much more efficient.

It is very expensive, but can be used over and over. Mercury vapor is poisonous; steam from mercury does not wet steel.

The Hartford Electric Light Company renders a service to industry, experimenting, successfully, with this idea.

Uncle Sam, who doesn't gamble gets a nice rake-off from the earnings of all street speculators.

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More than half of this surplus is income tax on stock exchange profits.

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The citizes of West Asheville will honor Mayor Gallatin Roberts and the City and County commissioners today with one of the major Fourth of July celebrations at Rhododendron Park

The event will be an old-fashioned picnic spread at noon on the Ryerson tract of land now Rhododendron Park inside the city limits of West Asheville on the Brevard Road. The celebration will begin at 11 o'clock and will continue until 2 o'clock There will be no speeches, the feature of the event being the picnic spread and a musical program and a track meet

The parade to the park will begin at 10 30 o'clock from the various residential sections of West Asheville and each family has been asked to contribute a basket of food toward the success of the picnic All churches civic organizations and practically every citizen of West Asheville have been busy for several days preparing for the event and several thousand persons are expected to attend

Mrs Wells Chairman

Mrs Horace Wells is general chairman of the celebration This will be the first public celebration on the Ryerson tract of land which is owned by the City and has been declared a park for the purpose of propagating mountain flowers and shrubs. Rhododendron Park is one of the beauty spots of this section of the country and is potentially one of the attractions of the South of this nature since Mayor Roberts has signified his intention of developing the land as a mountain garden and park

The park is just inside the city limits of West Asheville on the Brevard Road The Weather Bureau here last night predicted that the weather will be generally fair today and that all Fourth of July celebrations will be uninterrupted by rain All city officials and their friends and families have been invited to attend the picnic as guests of West Asheville and all persons interested in the development of this land as a park have been asked to participate in the celebration

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D. W. Hall, sent up in January, 1928 from Moore County to serve three years for housebreaking and larceny, is at the point of death as the result of gaping wounds in his side which was punctured by a load of buckshot. He will probably die, Dr. J H Norman, warden of the Prison said

Red Jewell, whose home is in Ohio, but who was sent to prison from Buncombe County in January, 1928, to serve 9 to 10 years for larceny of an automobile, was the second man shot. Jewell's wounds, Dr. Norman said, were not as serious as Hall's.

"Hall confessed that four other prisoners were planning to escape after Hall and Jewell had paved the way by throwing the guards into confusion," said Dr. Norman. "These prisoners, however, denied that they had planned any such thing. The attempted escape and shooting of the prisoners were not reported until today because of the absence of George Ross Pou, Prison superintendent from the city," Dr. Norman said.

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Mrs. Joe Savage To Be Buried Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Joe Savage, who died suddenly at her home in Skyland Tuesday morning will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from the home of her brother E. W. Israel.

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Two Ball Games

There will be two baseball games between Asheville and Knoxville, one at 10:45 o'clock this morning and another at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A fireworks display will be given at Recreation Park this evening and the Biltmore Forest Country Club will hold its fifth anniversary celebration tonight. A number of golfing, camping, picnicking and motoring parties have been planned for today, but practically all Asheville residents will celebrate in one way or another in the City or vicinity.

A record breaking crowd is expected at Recreation Park this afternoon and night and McCormick Field officials and concessions have prepared to care for two large baseball crowds. Bathing suits, golf sticks, baseball bats, automobiles and stomachs will bear the brunt of the day's celebration.

A rainbow lasting all day long was seen in Siberia, it being caused by reflection of the sun on fine particles of snow in the air.

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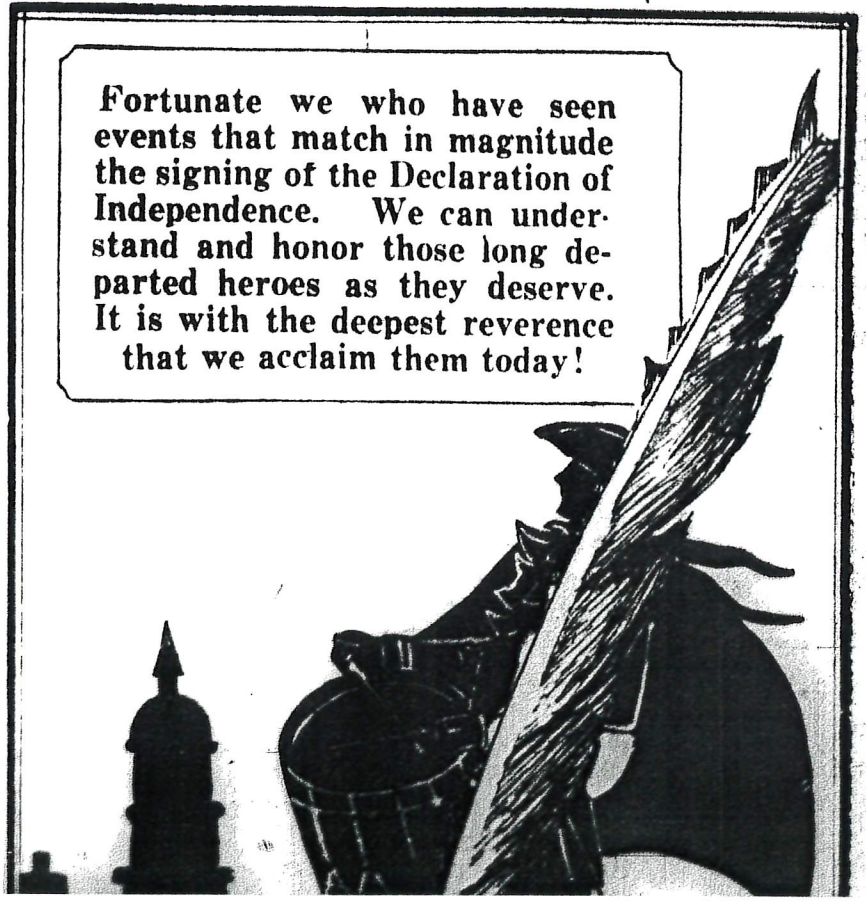

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The picnic at Rhododendron Park in West Asheville began at 11 o'clock and continued until 2 o'clock. The picnic luncheon was held at 1 o'clock with Mayor Roberts and the city and county commissioners as guests of honor At the luncheon, Oscar Barrett introduced Hugh Sowers, president of the Men's Club of West Asheville, who in turn presented Mayor Roberts with a 50-pound cake, made by the Woody Brothers bakery and presented with the compliments of the company for the people of the city

Praises Civic Spirit

In accepting the cake, Mayor Roberts complimented the citizens of West Asheville on their community spirit and said that, not because he is a resident of that community, but that he believed that West Asheville has the best spirit of co-operation of any section of the city or county Mayor Roberts has been interested for some time in the development of the tract of land known as the Rhododendron Park yesterday officially promised that the land will be cleared within the next few weeks and as rapidly as possible in the future developed as a mountain garden and park

Mayor Roberts said that the main dwelling on the property will be repaired and a caretaker will be employed to remain on the land and supervise the work of clearing away the tract West Asheville represents a community of 18,000 citizens, Mayor Roberts estimated, and he said that he felt that this park will be the personal pride of that section of the city and that within a few years it will be one of the show places of North Carolina

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The Democratic candidate for the presidency was the principal speaker at the annual Tammany celebration as he was later, in the evening, at a gathering of new voters at the City Hall.

"Can anything live in this country 139 years that is not all right?" he asked in detailing the virtues of Tammany. He then read a public announcement of today's meeting in which "all citizens and lovers of Americanism" were invited to unite in the celebration. This invitation, he said, was in strictest conformity with what the Declaration of Independence has to say about the equality of man.

Wealth Unimportant

"We do not care," he said, "whether he is rich or whether he is poor, whether he walks up to Tammany Hall or whether he comes up to it in an automobile. We care not what his station in life may be, we care nothing about his religious belief."

At this point the audience which jammed the old hall that was once used for a national convention broke into prolonged applause and the Governor mopped his flushed face.

"We only want to know one thing," he continued, "and that is that he is a lover of America and in sympathy with the aims and

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hop Cannon was passing through ville with Mrs. Cannon, by auto- le, on his way to Lake Juna- , where he was to attend a l meeting.

shop James Cannon," said p Cannon's statement, "reached gh at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday after- and went to the office of The and Observer to give a state- to the Associated Press man has his headquarters there. Hon hus Daniels was in the office p Cannon showed him the state- and asked him to please get Associated Press man.

Asked For A Copy

r. Daniels called the Associated man and asked that he might a separate copy for The News Observer, or rather he turned to Associated Press man and asked to give him a copy for The and Observer. Mr. Daniels has been asked at any time to at- the Asheville conference but he and Senator Glass were told ouston that they would not be to attend the conference, that s not the intention of the pro- s of the conference to request persons prominent in political o attend it.

r. Daniels and myself then con- l about my wife's illness—I was ing her to Lake Junaluska—- also about the meaning and the cations of Governor Smith's tele-

Bishop Cannon never at any has asked Mr. Daniels—not to rged him—to take any part in Asheville conference."

Associated Press, Tuesday in a dispatch from Raleigh. "Bishop Cannon was here today

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RL IS DROWNED, NOTHER KILLED FOURTH MISHAPS

UISVILLE, Ky., July 4 (AP)— girl was drowned, another was in an auto accident and 14 persons were hurt in automo- accidents over the July 4 holi- here.

ilie Williams, 16, was drowned small lake when she waded be- her depth.

rine Patterson, 8, negro was Tuesday night when the auto ich she and three grown per- were riding overturned.

Appear ed By Klan

WORKS FOR SMITH FOR WHITE HOUSE

ALBANY, N. Y., July 4. (AP)—A "Smith Republican" club has opened headquarters in this city in the office of William A. Humphrey, a Republican and a close friend of Governor Smith.

Mr. Humphrey announced the purpose of the organization as the winning of independent or Republican votes for the governor.

"I cannot tell whether we shall try nation wide campaigning," he said, "but no campaigning will be made in conjunction with Democratic committees. We are not interested in the party: we are interested in the man."

KELLOGG TREATY TO ABOLISH WAR PRAISED IN TALK

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(Special To The Citizen)

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C., July 4. The summer assembly of the Southern Methodist church was formally opened today with the first conference of the season and an address tonight by Dr. Linley V Gordon, of New York city, extension secretary of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches.

Earlier in the day there was a general patriotic observance of Independence Day with an address by Rev Dr Ashley Chappell, of the Central Methodist church of Asheville being the chief feature during the afternoon. The general program of the day closed tonight with the first conference address by Dr. Gordon, and a general fireworks display for the amusement of the large crowd of visitors attending.

Bishop James Cannon of Richmond and Washington introduced Dr Gordon who addressed the conference of the Board of Temperance and Society Service of the Methodist church, the particular theme of which tonight was international relations. Dr Gordon spoke on the subject World Peace.

Bishop Cannon in his introductory remarks spoke about the changing attitude of nations towards war being brought about by religious organizations and told of some of the things he observed in this particular during his many visits to Europe in recent years.

Dr. Gordon in his talk gave high

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nic; Ball Games, Links Well Patronized

The "Glorious Fourth" in Asheville was a record-breaking success. Mayor Gallatin Roberts' picnic at Rhododendron Park, given by the citizens of West Asheville in his honor, attracted more than 500 participants; the two baseball games were played before approximately 8,000 persons; and E. C. Greene, park commissioner, said last night that there has never been such a crowd at Recreation Park.

The picnic at Rhododendron Park in West Asheville began at 11 o'clock and continued until 2 o'clock. The picnic luncheon was held at 1 o'clock with Mayor Roberts and the city and county commissioners as guests of honor. At the luncheon, Oscar Barrett introduced Hugh Sowers, president of the Men's Club of West Asheville, who in turn presented Mayor Roberts with a 50-pound cake, made by the Woody Brothers bakery and presented with the compliments of the company for the people of the city.

Praises Civic Spirit

In accepting the cake, Mayor Roberts complimented the citizens of West Asheville on their community spirit and said that, not because he is a resident of that community, but that he believed that West Asheville has the best spirit of co-operation of any section of the city or county. Mayor Roberts has been interested for some time in the development of the tract of land known as the Rhododendron Park yesterday officially promised that the land will be cleared within the next few weeks, and as rapidly as possible in the future developed as a mountain garden and park.

Mayor Roberts said that the main dwelling on the property will be repaired and a caretaker will be employed to remain on the land and supervise the work of clearing away the tract. West Asheville represents community of 18,000 citizens, Mayor Roberts estimated, and he said that he felt that this park will be the personal pride of that section of the city and that within a few years it will be one of the show places of Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Wells In Charge

The large pound cake presented Mayor Roberts was baked by the Woody Brothers bakery of West Asheville. The huge cake weighed 50 pounds and on the top layer was an outline of the park. Mrs. H. A. Wells was general chairman of the picnic arrangements and she was assisted by representatives from the churches and club organiaztions of West Asheville. The committee in charge was as follows: Mrs. Wells, Mrs. H. B. Posey, Mrs. George Osborne and John Jones.

There were approximately 8,000 happy baseball fans at the two games in McCormick Field yesterday morn-

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Citizenship in this coun said, proves again the old say "you never get anything fo ing," for with the privileges nenship go certain duties an gations, the greatest of wh described as the duty of cast ballot.

Other of its obligations, are to study the doctrines great national parties, the forms and their promises.

Bardman Absent

L. G. Hardman, Gover Georgia, who had been inv speak at the Tammany Hall declined in a letter read at the ling because of the pressure business.

The Democratic candidate presidency was the principal at the annual Tammany cele as he was later, in the even a gathering of new voters at Hall.

"Can anything live in this try 139 years that is not all he asked in detailing the vir Tammany. He then read a pul nouncement of today's meet which "all citizens and lo Americanism" were invited to in the celebration. This inv he said, was in strictest con with what the Declaration of pendence has to say about the ity of man.

Wealth Unimportant

"We do not care," he said, "w he is rich or whether he i whether he walks up to Ta Hall or whether he comes up in an automobile. We care no his station in life may be, w nothing about his religious

At this point the audience jammed the old hall that wa used for a national convention into prolonged applause and Governor mopped his flushed

"We only want to know thing," he continued, "and is that he is a lover of Americ in sympathy with the aim

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Kentucky:—Local thundersh Thursday; Friday mostly fair; much change in temperature.

Tennessee:—Fair Thursday local thundershowers in East North portion Thursday after Friday local thundershowers.

New Boulevard Law Has Brought Arrest For 7

Twenty-six persons were registered at police headquarters last night, charged with violating the city's new boulevard law, which requires all

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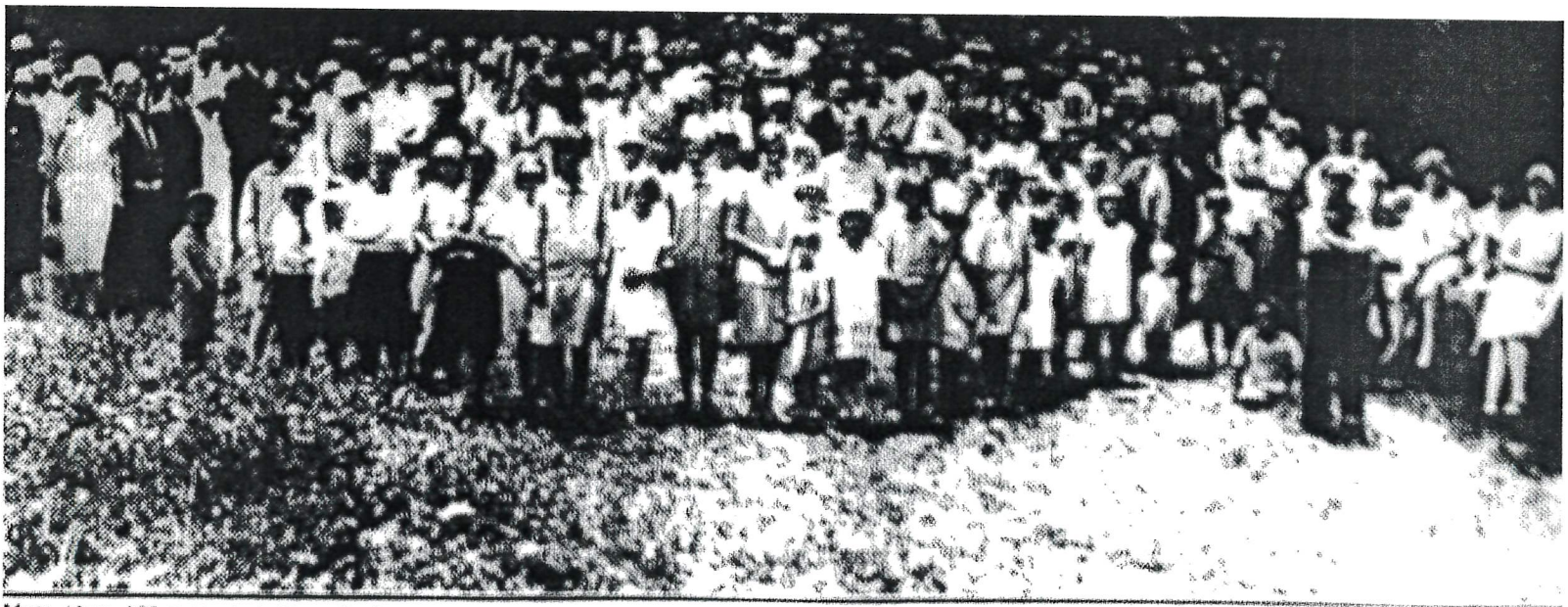

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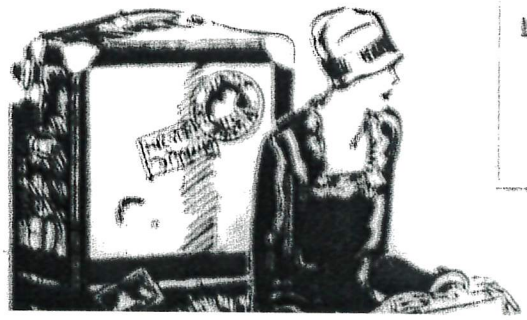

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Pool Is Popular

The crowds began to arrive early at Recreation Park and all yesterday afternoon and last night there was a long line of bathers waiting their turn in the pool. E. C. Greene, park commissioner, said last night that there has never been such a crowd at Recreation Park as there was yesterday afternoon and night. Early last evening the Black Mountain Highway was crowded with automobiles en route to the park and at the park all of the amusement features were packed.

At 9.30 o'clock last night one of the best fireworks displays ever presented in Western North Carolina was given at the park. The display was sent up from the roadway across Lake Craig and was watched by several thousand persons. In addition to the fireworks display, there was dancing, swimming, skating, boating and moving pictures at the park. All of the concessions were doing a large business and the various features of the park were filled to overflowing. Mr. Greene said that he is gratified at the popularity of the park and the fine type of crowds attracted there.

A large number of fight fans attended the exhibition at the Kenilworth Hippodrome last night. There were 26 rounds of boxing and the holiday spirit prevailed. The picnic for Mayor Roberts, the two ball games, the prize fights and Recreation Park features were the principal attractions in Asheville yesterday. All banks and business houses were closed and thousands of employes at the various houses were free for the day.

All of the golf courses were filled and as a whole the day was a complete success, rain cooling the heat somewhat after all festivities were over for the afternoon. There were a great many private picnic parties at various scenic points and resorts near Asheville yesterday and last night the dances at the hotels in Asheville and at all of the resorts in this section were well attended.

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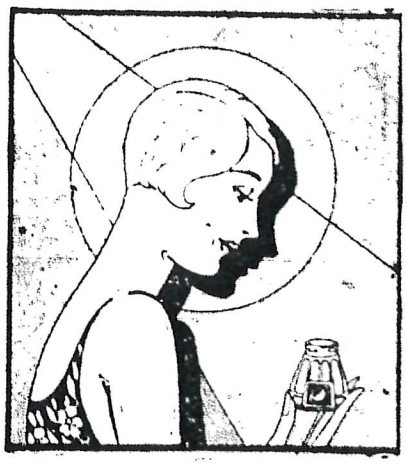

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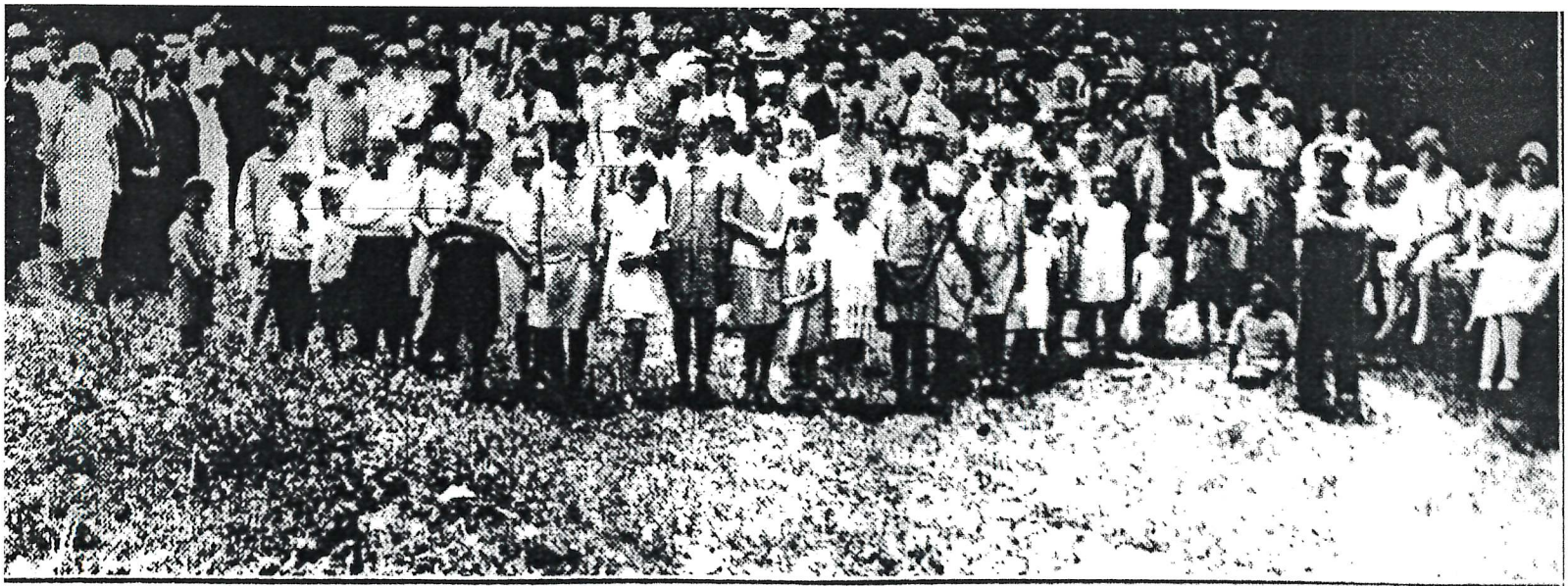

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[illegible] ceramic industries. Days lost by strikes totaled 2,442,694 compared with 891,606 in 1926. Almost as many days were lost by lockouts. Men and women working in [illegible] Japan have increased in number in the past years from 28 [illegible] to 1,611,000.

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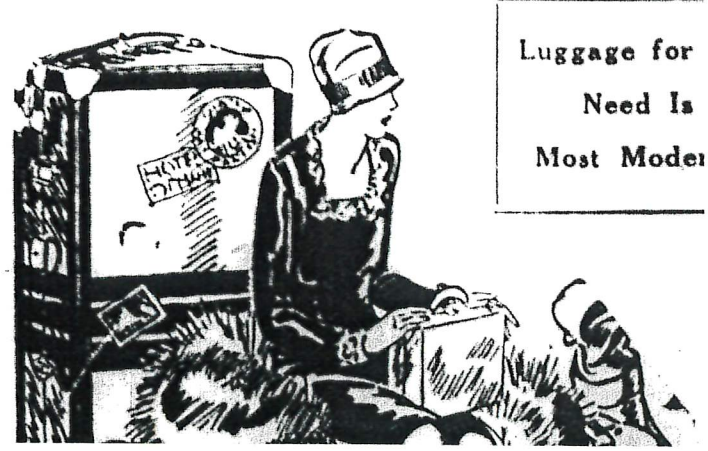

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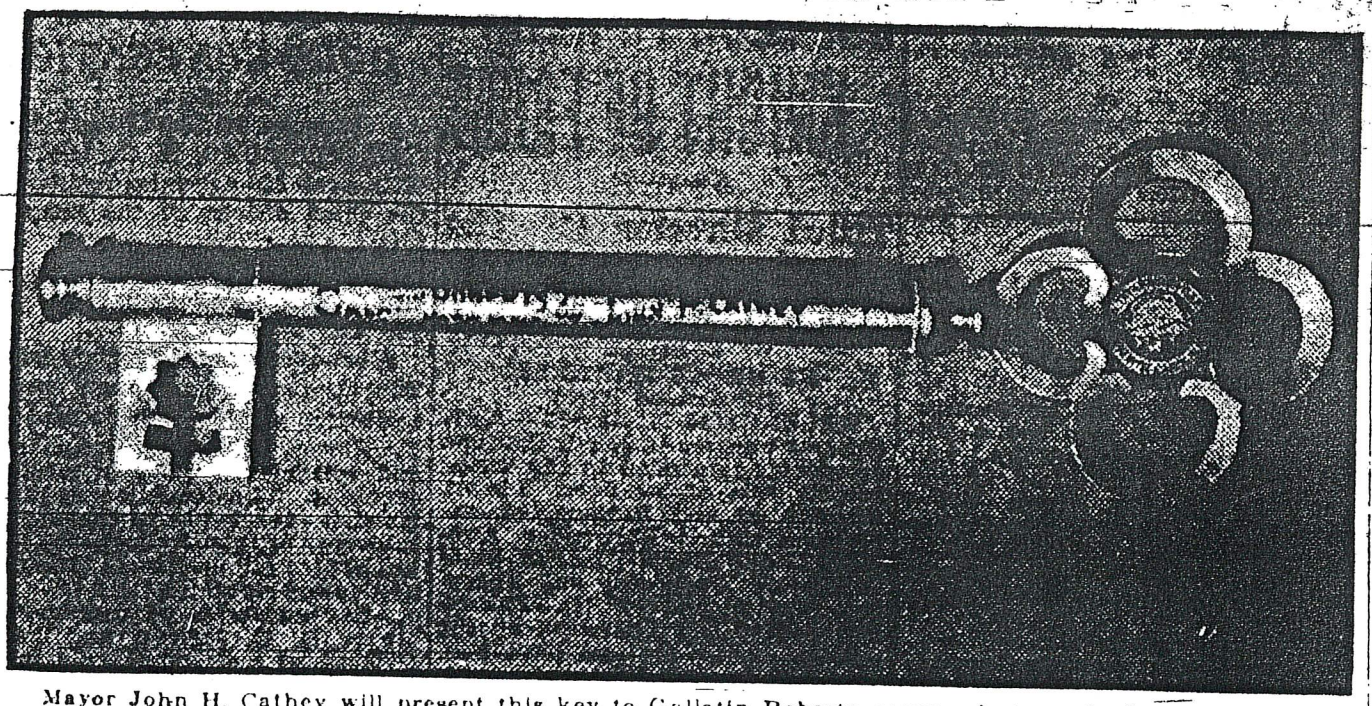

Mayor John H. Cathey will present this key to Gallatin Roberts mayor-elect, as the latter takes office Tuesday morning. After the new mayor receives the key to the city and the oath of office from the retiring mayor he will in turn administer the oath to L. B. Rogers and C. H. Bartlett, as commissioner of public works and commissioner of public safety, respectively.

OIL CONFERENCE PROVES FUTILE

Movement To Restrict Production May Not Go Through

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The movement to voluntarily restrict the production of crude oil is finding increasing obstacles.

A meeting of oil men and government officials today, called in the hope of formulating a definite restriction plan, produced no apparent result except to disclose that the oil producers are themselves divided on the subject while the government is reserving judgment. Another meeting is to convene in New York Wednesday.

Already three large producers, including the Gulf Oil Company, a Mellon corporation, have washed their hands of the project for a ment, but no opinion has been announced.

Of the five oil men who had been delegated to meet with Secretary Work today, one was G. S. Davison, of the Gulf Company which is one of the heaviest producers in the rich Seminole field of Oklahoma. At a recent meeting in New York Mr. Davison was said to have accepted membership on the committee, but he sent word today he could not serve. His reasons were not publicly announced but it was indicated that he had given notice that his company did not care to proceed with a restriction program. Another prominent southwest producer, Barnsdale and Company also participated in the first New York conference and afterward indicated its unwillingness to have a part in the program, while a third outstanding figure in the oil world, Henry L. Doherty, has kept outside the venture from the start.

Members on the oil committee present besides Mr. Teagle were Amos N. Beaty, of the Texas Company; R. W. Stewart, of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and Henry Dawes, of the Pure Oil Company.

ALUMNI TO HOLD MONTREAT FETE

Grads Will Help School Celebrate The 10th Commencement

A special celebration by alumni and former students of the Montreat normal school will be held in connection with the annual commencement exercises which begin this Friday evening with the class play.

The school has completed the tenth year of its existence and the alumni, feeling that the fact is worthy of celebration, have asked all of those who have been connected with the school at any time to join them in the celebration.

Next Monday evening the formal celebration will be staged with a banquet and an alumni meet-

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PUBLIC PAINTS LAWYERS BLACK; IS IT RIGHT?

Silas H. Strawn, President American Bar Discusses Point

SAYS ATTORNEYS NATURAL LEADERS

Some Good, Some Bad, Some Crooked, Some Straight

By RODNEY CROWTHER

Is the legal profession as bad as it is painted by the wags and wits of the land?

Is it as bad as some well-meaning social diagnosticians find it when they lay the increase of crime at its door?

Does the lawyer obstruct, rather than aid, the attainment of justice, as some orators, essayists, preachers, teachers, and parlor Bolshevists claim?

Do men enter the legal profession solely to prey and to make money, and do they, once in the profession use their brains solely to help delightful rogues to make money?

Does the lawyer of the country promote disrespect for law by creating one law for the rich man and another law for the poor man?

Technicalities

Does he really pander to the criminal element in the community and enable high-handed crooks and criminals to prey upon honest men solely because there is good money in it?

Does the lawyer hedge the law about by technicality, after technicality, whereas after whereas, and hereinbefores and hereafters to such length that only men with large wallets can afford to try for their rights in courts of law, and the poor, by virtue of their poverty, are excluded from seeking justice?

Undoubtedly the court of public opinion holds some of these beliefs about the lawyer. Undoubtedly many people actually believe that the lawyer is even worse than that.

There are upward of 30,000 lawyers in the American Bar Association. Can these men possibly fit into the picture just painted.

Probably no lawyer is better qualified to answer than the Hon. Silas H Strawn of Chicago, President of the American Bar Association who addressed the North Carolina Bar Association Friday evening.

Hear what he has to say on the subject

"Yes, there is some evidence to support the indictment

"There are lawyers who impede and obstruct justice

"There are lawyers whose sole purpose and intent in practicing law is to make money

"There are lawyers with no ideals and no sense of public duty.

"There are lawyers who knowingly defend criminals whose acts are beyond justification or condonation

"There are lawyers who thwart justice by resort to subterfuge evasion, and legalistic trickery

"There are lawyers who aid rich men to evade just laws and who make it difficult for poor men to maintain their rights"

How many lawyers are like that is naturally the next question to ask? Do they constitute anything like a majority of the legal profession

Not Even Minority

They do not constitute Mr Strawn answered, "even a substantial minority. They are, in fact an exceedingly small percentage of all the lawyers engaged in practice Nevertheless their acts and their attitude are such as to cast odium upon a profession which it has been and always should be one of noble purpose and high accomplishment for public weal

Mr Strawn says he regards it as highly regrettable that an insignificant minority of men in the profession should be able to cast a cloud over the whole profession The overwhelming majority of high minded, conscientious lawyer, who labor all their days for the improvement of the courts and for the promotion of justice, for continual progress the course of human affairs, are often observed by the unworthy conduct of just one unworthy member One bad apple will often spoil the sale of a whole barrel of apples.

"We have lawyers who regard their certificates of admission to the bar Mr Strawn declared, "as a license to loot, rather than a license to aid in the administration of justice

"On the other hand for every lawyer of this kind we have dozens of clients who seek attorneys not for the purpose of obtaining justice but to evade it."

"Ahoy" Cried Th' Cap'n "Avast, Belay, B'Gosh, We're Back Home Ag'in"

"Dash Me Toplights, Shiver Me Timbers And Scuttle The Blarsted Gallion, But Home Looks Good After A Voyage To Furrin' Ports"

(By the Captain of the Crew)

"My dear," said the Old Skipper to his young wife, as they sat around their humble board discussing a dish of succulent hog jowls and turnip greens, new potatoes, young onions, buttermilk and corn pone, "I was given a queer assignment this afternoon by the City Editor."

"What was it," exclaimed the beautiful young Creole, in some measure of excitement. Hitherto she had accustomed her ears to the skipper giving assignments, not receiving them.

"He asked me to write him a story of my recent journey through Tennessee."

"Of course you consented. You have been planning that visit all the years we have been married, and now that you have taken it, why shouldn't you write an account of it. If you don't comply with that simple request I'll give the City Editor your letters" and let him publish them. They tell their own story. You wrote like a boy taking his first trip away from home. Did anything escape your eyes or ears"

No Place Like Home

Be it known to all men that the Skipper recently decided to take a week off and visit the scenes of his birth, his boyhood, his youth and his rise to manhood. He started out with high hopes, palpitating heart and though he did not see all that he had set out to see, he saw just enough to make him say when he got back home, "I'll never leave my family again. There truly is no place like your own vine and fig tree"

A friend of the Skipper's youth, who lived in the Capital City of Tennessee, when he came into his inheritance took a trip to Europe, and on his return wrote a book whose title ran "From Nashville to Nashville." The Skipper set out from Asheville and when he got back he found himself in Asheville That in itself was memorable.

The first day was occupied with a busy trip to Johnson City. If you want your money's worth of travel, take this trip, through Madison county for more than two hours, where you see more wilds than untamed Africa holds It offers to the traveler vistas of scenery that delight the eye; and you are more than apt to pick up as traveling companions most interesting people.

Way over in the land of no-where an old, wizened man with one arm not functioning flagged the bus and put on board a girl about 14 years of age. "Her pappy's rel sick over in Tennessee and is carryin' on a heap about her, so we are sending for to him," he said as he bargained for the fare. While his old wife gave the child some directions about how to behave on a bus and not to lower her buncles, the old man shoved in the door an old weather beaten traveling bag which seemed to be heavy laden. The bus driver had a queer look in his eye as he picked it up, but said nothing. When the child's destination was reached the Skipper squired her out and set her bag down. It did feel very heavy to contain only a child's clothing. Perhaps it also had some dress goods hidside its life

Johnson City, which the Skipper had not seen since 1895, then a mere village, was a revelation, so grown into a real city, with important manufacturing plants, an imposing looking new hotel called the John Sevier, a business district that will do credit to any city in Tennessee, beautiful homes, fine churches all the rips manual of the modern progressive South Tennessee from the Virginia line to the Mississippi

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BARBEE PICKS 12 TAR HEELS AS GREATEST

Answers Challenge Of Dr. Archibald Henderson On Question

PUTS TWO INDIAN NAMES ON LIST

Agrees On Gaston And Macon But Takes Issue With 10 Others

12 Greatest Tarheels

1. Sequoya.
2. Junaluska.
3. Sir Walter Raleigh.
4. Robert Henry.
5. John Sevier.
6. Col. Richard Henderson.
7. Nathaniel Macon.
8. William Gaston.
9. Washington Duke.
10. Walter Hines Page
11. Joseph P. Caldwell
12. Bishop John C. Kilgo.

By DAVID RANKIN BARBEE

Dr. Archibald Henderson, who is conceivably the most versatile and probably the ablest living Tarheel, in a personal letter has challenged me to put up a list of twelve greatest North Carolinians in connection with his list of twelve greatest. Just why he should challenge a Tennesseean to such a test is beyond me, unless it be that I took rather light exception to his list

It will be remembered that in his list were those three eminent Tennesseans, Andrew Jackson, James Knox Polk and Andrew Johnson who happened to have been born in North Carolina and of whose relation to this State North Carolina has taken scant notice.

In his list also were O. Henry and James B. Duke, both claimed by New York and both of whom from their young manhood days lived and eventually died in that city. O. Henry has a commercial monument at his native state, a hostelry, and James B. Duke created his own monument before he died, Duke University. In referring to these things it is not my purpose to draw attention to the way Tennessee has appropriated the memory of her great sons, for I remember that blind Homer living had no home but dead was claimed by seven cities of Greece

Sequoya

In making up my list of twelve greatest Tar Heels it will be noted that I also were closely to my territory than does Dr. Henderson Here it is

Sequoya or George Guess, a noted Cherokee chieftain, born in 1760 at the Cherokee village of Tuskegee near what is now Fort Loudon, Tennessee Uneducated but quick witted, a man of versatile genius, he reduced the Cherokee tongue to an alphabet and in a few years after that amazing achievement in 1809, thousands of Cherokees were reading and writing their native language. Sequoya's memory has been perpetuated by the United States government in naming the giant redwoods of California for him. He is also the subject of two notable biographies and descending the scale from the sublime to the lowly a summer camp has been named after him, with the name misspelled

Junaluska, chief of Cherokee chieftains is my next choice It seems to me that not since of Tar Heels that could successfully defy old Hickory was a remarkable people and as the Cherokees under the leadership of Junaluska did this and as they were here long before North Carolina was their mightest man surely has his place in any list of twelve greatest Tar Heels Grim old warrior that he was Junaluska was not without a sense of humor. He joked as did Old Hickory, with an unfulfilled vengeance in his heart. He went down to the grave sorrowful because he had not murdered Jackson when he had a chance at Talladega, where he helped Jackson whip the Creek. North Carolina has named a mountain peak for Junaluska and the Southern Methodist a summer assembly Probably he is more grateful to North Carolina for his memorial

Junaluska

What Tar Heel was greater than the founder of this state Its founder, for whom its state capital is named and also a township in that important city. It seems to me that Sir Walter Raleigh should head a list of greatest Tar Heels. Jackson, Polk, Johnson, Henderson, Junaluska, Sequoya, Barbee, Raleigh, Macon, Gaston, Duke, Page, Caldwell, Kilgo, Barbee

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MAJESTIC

PARK MOVEMENT NOT DEAD, SAYS ROBERTS

INSISTS ISSUE IS STILL A LIVE ONE.

Predicts Interesting Developments Within the Next Year—Platform Pledge Regarded as Binding.

The prospects for the development of a park here which will be a credit to the city when it is many times the size of Asheville at present are not so dark as some of those who attended Thursday night's meeting of the Board or Trade were led to believe such was the declaration of Mayor Roberts to a Citizen reporter yesterday. The mayor spoke at the meeting called to consider the park question and during the course of his remarks, he said that the finances of the municipality are such at this time as to preclude the possibility of the early development of a park. He made it plain yesterday that he does not regard the park project as dead, however.

"With the city facing the necessity of spending within the immediate future half a million dollars for a water line which is absolutely essential to the comfort of its people and with the need of large expenditures for school purposes pressing upon us, I do not believe that the time is here for the purchase of park lands," the mayor said. "As commissioner of finance, I must keep the city within a reasonable expenditure. I had these matters in mind when I said at Thursday evening's gathering that we cannot buy a park site at this time.

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ROTARIANS INSPECT THE FARM SCHOOL

VISITED ALL DEPARTMENTS AND HAD SUPPER.

Eighty Students, Fourteen Teachers There This Year—School Owns 540 Acres of Farming Lands.

Inspecting the Asheville Farm school, on invitation of John E. Calfee, president of the Normal and Collegiate institute, members of the Asheville Rotary club, yesterday and last night, visited every section and department of the school, heard talks and lectures on the work by the students themselves, enjoyed a bountiful supper prepared and served by the 80 boys who are this year attending the school. The trip was interesting, entertaining and instructive and thoroughly enjoyed by the club members.

Beginning in the chapel the Rotarians inspected that room, the banking department, machine and shop department where chairs and other furniture, and wheelbarrows, all of which are used in the school are made; corn club department, pig club and canning department. An opossum supper was served, the boys doing the cooking and serving and served vegetables grown on the farm of the school.

The school is in charge of Superintendent Marsh, employs 14 teachers, and owns 540 acres of land. The boys are taught the latest methods of farming, shop work, and many other things useful to young farmers. This year the school has only 80 students, the limit that can be taken, and many others have been turned away owing to lack of room. Interesting talks were made by Mr. Calfee, explaining the aims of the school and by Supt. Marsh. J. F. Barrett answered on part of the club members.

George E. Lee of the Rotary club offered two $5 prizes for the best kept records by the corn and pig club boys. In the corn club department the boy student in charge explained how ground is prepared, seed corn selected and planted and the pig club boy exhibited a thoroughbred and scrub hog, ages the same and same feed and showed the difference in the animals, the throughbred being twice as large. In the canning department 6,000 gallons of canned vegetables and fruits were shown, all grown on the place and all to be used there.

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For the new bill starting at the Majestic today Jack King's American Beauties company will present the screamingly funny farce comedy, entitled "Three Twins," a bill never before seen in Asheville at popular prices. This play in its original form was one of the big successes of the larger cities and will be equally successful in tabloid form as played by Jack King's American Beauties.

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The city's chief executive said that when he went to the meeting held Thursday night, he had no intention of speaking. When called upon to state the city's attitude, he said he sought to do so in such a manner as to convey to his hearers his hearty belief in the park project but at the same time he wanted them to realize the impossibility of taking immediate action. Since the meeting, he has gained the impression that many people construed his remarks to mean that the municipality does not intend to provide a park. It was with a view to correcting this construction that the mayor discussed the matter with a reporter.

SEMI-FINALS TODAY IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Reeves-Hobart and McDonald-Chapman Matches Are On Today in Woman's Tourney.

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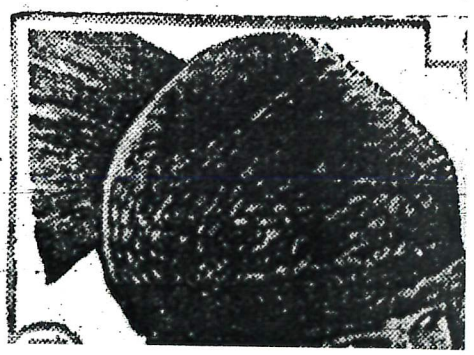

LETTER URGES END OF STRIFE

Former Mayor Declares His "Soul Wounded Unto Death"

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protect it, and did protect it for nearly four years.

What would you have done? Would you have closed the bank and lost it or would you have made an honest effort to save it?

Farewell and adieu,
(Signed) GALLATIN ROBERTS.

Letter To Pennell

"Dear Geo:

"Please attend to these little matters for me. Get $157.41 out of the Wachovia Bank and give to the clerk with this report, and file this other paper in the Central Bank

"Take my body to Clayton's Place and do what you can to help Mrs Roberts, Edward and Margaret I know you will

"Give my love to Fred, Burgin Mrs. Morris, Mrs Thompson, Roy, Clyde, Jessie, Lentz Virginia, Plato C. J., Harry, Zeb, E. C., Cloyd, and all our friends. Howard and Choate

"My soul is wounded unto death.

Your ... end

"GALLATIN ROBERTS"

Persons referred to in the letter: Mr. Pennell are Fred L. Sale, Asheville attorney, Burgin Pennell attorney and brother of George Pennell Mrs. Guy Morris, former secretary to the late Mayor and now secretary to Mayor Harry W Plummer Roy Young collector of delinquent city taxes and assessments, Clyde Morgan clerk in the tax department of the city Jessie Morgan, deputy tax collector for the city, DeVere C. Lentz, special counsel for the city, Virginia Gaither, stenographer at the city hall, Plato Ebbs, former state senator, C. J. Ebbs, wholesale grocerman here, Harry Nettles, former Buncombe county rep-

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Yesterday In Washington

THURSDAY

10:00 a. m.—The city commissioners will meet in the council chamber at the city hall.

1:00 p. m.—The Rotary Club will meet at the Battery Park hotel.

6:15 p. m.—The Optimist Club will meet at the S. and W. Cafeteria.

7.00 p m.—The West Asheville Club will meet at Hall Feltcher high school in West Asheville.

7:30 p. m—The Pisgah Rebekah Lodge will meet at the West Asheville Odd Fellows hall on Hanover street.

7.30 p. m—The Swannanoa Rebekah Lodge 56 will meet at the Odd Fellows building

7.30 p m—The Ionic Council No. 9, R and S. M., will meet at the Masonic Temple

7:30 p. m—The members of Mount Hermon Lodge 118 A F and A M will meet at the Masonic Temple.

7.30 p. m—The French Broad Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics will meet at 1 Biltmore avenue

7.30 p m—The John A N holt Jr. Lodge 650 A F and A M will meet at the Masonic Temple

8.00 p m. The Knights of Maccabees will meet in the Knights of Pythias hall in the Paragon building

8.00 p m. The Railway Carmen will meet in the Railroads Union Depot street

IMPERIAL THEATER Joan Crawford, Lester Vaneck and C. C. Edwards in "Dance, Fools Dance" also comedy and news

PLAZA THEATER Buster Keaton, Sallie Eilers and Reginald Denny in "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath" also news and comedy

PARAMOUNT THEATER "Call of the Flesh" with Ramon Novarro and Dorothy Jordan Current Universal news and Vitaphone Varieties

PALACE THEATER "Sonny" with Marilyn Miller also short features

PRINCESS THEATER "Outward Bound," Sutton Vane's sensational play on the screen Last times today

ROAD MEASURE IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Senate Roads Committee Adopts Three Major Amendments

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tion on the new highway commission by two members to the minority party was stricken out, an amendment to make it mandatory that the road tax be reflected in the gross tax levies of the counties and to allow refunds of gasoline taxes paid on fuel used by airplanes.

A number of other minor amendments were made.

The amended bill is expected to be reported to the Senate tomorrow morning.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Gaither C. Briggs, of Norfolk, Va., and formerly of Asheville, announce the birth of a daughter, Miriam Jean, February 21.

CAPONE APPEARS IN CHICAGO COURT

Gangster Is Debonair As Contempt Hearing Is Launched

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lect audience gained admission, government employees, newspaper reporters, attorneys and city officers. All were scrutinized and some were searched for pistols

Moving picture and newspaper photographers dogged the steps of the Capone entourage to the court room, from it at noon to a municipal court where he answered a vagrancy charge, and back to the contempt proceedings

Smiling, affable, apparently at ease the "scarfaced one" told reporters "I'm just a goat" when asked about yesterday's primary election "Foolish" he called the charge that he gave $150,000 to Mayor Thompson's campaign

Dressed In Blue

His ample bulk 265 pounds, he said was encased in a soft blue suit His tie was modest blue and his shirt white A white handkerchief hung from the breast pocket Gray spats topped highly shined black shoes

Occasionally during the tedious court proceedings, the gangster's partly bald head turned and his black eyes swept the court room, but generally he followed the routine If there were bodyguards, and police officers said a dozen or so accompanied him they were far back in the court room Al was at the counsel table He chewed gum resolutely and rocked his chair slowly back and forward From the left hand on the table sparkled a diamond Across his expansive girth stretched a watch chain

Another Charge

After the federal proceedings Capone will appear in municipal court to answer Judge John H Lyle's vagrancy warrant. He made bond of $80,000 today during the noon recess

Of Florida, Capone said

"I'm not going back It's warm enough here Anyway this is my home Besides—" Just the trifle of a reflection—"business conditions are pretty bad"

The contempt proceedings grew out of a grand jury subpoena in March, 1929 The jury was investigating incomes. A continuance was granted by Judge Wilkerson when a doctor's affidavit, showing Al was ill, was presented

PENSION ROLLS IN NORTH CAROLINA WILL BE CHECKED

RALEIGH, Feb. 25. (AP)—The House pension committee this afternoon instructed Auditor Baxter Durham to draw a bill providing for a check of Confederate pension rolls with vital statistics, showing deaths of veterans.

Drawing the bill, Mr. Durham will confer with Representative McEachern of Hoke, and Senator Pritchett of Bertie, chairman of the joint House and Senate committees.

The action was taken as a result of the Gant case in Greensboro, where the clerk of court was convicted of cashing pension checks made to dead veterans.

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NSAS CHALLENGES NEVADA

(Wilmington Star)

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YING EFFECT OF GOAT'S MILK

(Louisville Courier-Journal)

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HAT WHITE HOUSE MAIL

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

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S OF OTHER DAYS

From The Citizen's Files

10 YEARS AGO TODAY.

CITY WILL OFFER FINAL TRIBUTES

Former Mayor Ended His Life Yesterday With Bullet

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about 6 feet from the body. No papers were found in the coat pockets. A leather pocketbook, which had been given the mayor by negro janitors of the city hall upon his retirement from office, was underneath his body. It contained several cards.

Mr. Roberts left three letters, addressed to his widow, George Pennell and "to the People of Asheville." Letters to Mr. Pennell and the people of Asheville are carried elsewhere in this issue of the Citizen. The letters were found in Mr. Roberts' office by K. H. Lee.

Contents of the letter addressed to Mr. Pennell indicated that Mr. Roberts had taken care of his personal and law affairs Tuesday. He appeared before Miss May Jones, notary public in the Legal building, shortly after noon Tuesday and was sworn to several affidavits which are left for Mr. Pennell. One of the affairs of the late mayor was an accounting of the estate of Sally M. Bishop. He was executor of the estate. The letter instructed Mr. Pennell to see that all his affairs of a business and personal nature were administered. Several proofs of claims for deposits of his clients which are in closed Asheville banks were also sworn to by Mr. Roberts.

Miss Jones last night said that she noticed nothing unusual about the actions of the ex-mayor Tuesday in asking that she verify the papers and signatures.

Don C. Young, his law partner last night said that he was talking to Mr. Roberts about 2:10 or 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon that he did not seem depressed or otherwise discouraged. Mr. Young said that he left his office about 2:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon to go to the courthouse and that he went into Mr. Roberts' office but found that the former city official had gone. He did not think this unusual and assumed that the former mayor had stepped out on business. Several other persons, Mr. Young said, were in the office during the early afternoon talking to Mr. Roberts.

About 1:30 o'clock Mr. Roberts asked Miss Annie L. Merrell, stenographer, to give him three envelopes. He said that he wanted to address three letters and that he would do so in long hand. The stenographer was not in the office when he left.

One of the proofs of claim showed that Mr. Roberts had $117.74 on deposit at the Central Bank and Trust company when that institution failed to open for business on November 20.

Attached to the proof of claims was a small piece of white paper with the following notation "George, file these for me. G. R." A claim also revealed that Mr. Roberts had $13.55 in a savings account at the Haywood street branch of the Central bank.

The body of Mr. Roberts was moved to the Clayton-Hyer undertaking home in West Asheville. Officers had called the funeral coach of another establishment but Clayton and Hyer were called in when the letter addressed to Mr. Pennell was opened.

News Spreads Rapidly

News of the shooting spread rapidly throughout the business section of the city and police found it difficult to clear a passway through the throngs which had gathered in front of and along the stairways of the Legal building.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, a son, Edward Roberts of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a daughter, Margaret Evelyn Roberts, 9; and a brother, J. R. Roberts of Mills mayor of Asheville defeating J. E. Rankin after a bitter fight. He served four years. While mayor he was three times elected president of the state Municipal association, and elected twice to the presidency of the state Forestry association.

Headed Board

After his retirement as mayor, Mr. Roberts formed a partnership for the practice of law with Don C. Young. In 1914 Mr. Roberts was appointed chairman of the board of elections for Buncombe county and managed the primary and general campaigns

THE QUESTION BOX

Where was General Custer buried?

Originally General Custer was buried where he fell, at the Battle of Big Horn. A year later, however, at the order of General Sheridan, his body was transported and buried with due ceremony at West Point.

Davy Crockett

Who said "Be sure you are right, then go ahead"?

Davey Crockett, in the War of 1812.

Crystal Palace

Is there a palace made of glass?

The Crystal Palace, made of glass, was erected in Hyde Park London, for the World's Fair held in 1851. It was designed by Sir Joseph Paxton and was built of glass and iron, with floors of wood. Its length was 1,608 feet, and its area 21 acres. Every department of art and science was represented, and it was viewed by more than 6,000,000 persons. Its materials were removed in 1854, and the structure rebuilt at Sydenham, eight miles from London. There the park and grounds cover nearly 200 acres and a permanent fair is held. In 1853 a similar but smaller "crystal palace" was erected between Fortieth and Forty-second streets on Sixth avenue, New York City. It was used for exhibitions and grand concerts, but was destroyed by fire in 1858.

Franklin

Is it true that Benjamin Franklin never attended school?

Benjamin Franklin attended school for two years between the ages of eight and ten.

First Piano

When was the first piano made in the United States?

The first pianoforte was made in 1775 by John Behrent in Philadelphia.

Panic

When was the first financial panic in the United States?

In 1791, following the boom in business after the close of the Revolutionary war, and because of over-speculation in the securities of the new government and in the stock of the newly organized banks, the first small panic of the United States occurred. The first great financial crisis was precipitated by the War of 1812 and after the capture of the capital by the British on August 24, 1814.

Washington Monument

How many stones are in the Washington monument?

The number of stones in the Washington monument has been estimated at 23,000.

CORRECTION

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to open for business on November 20.

Attached to the proof of claims was a small piece of white paper with the following notation "George, file these for me, G. R." A claim also revealed that Mr. Roberts had $13.55 in a savings account at the Haywood street branch of the Central bank.

The body of Mr. Roberts was moved to the Clayton-Hyer undertaking home in West Asheville. Officers had called the funeral coach of another establishment but Clayton and Hyer were called in when the letter addressed to Mr. Pennell was opened.

News Spreads Rapidly

News of the shooting spread rapidly throughout the business section of the city and police found it difficult to clear a passway through the throngs which had gathered in front of and along the stairways of the Legal building.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, a son, Edward Roberts of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a daughter, Margaret Evelyn Roberts, 9; and a brother, J. B. Roberts of Mills River.

Funeral services will be held either Saturday or Sunday depending the arrival of the son. He left New Mexico last night at 8:15 o'clock and if proper train connections can be made should arrive here Saturday afternoon.

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Headed Board

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The program will consist
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ROBERTS RITES SET FOR SUNDAY

Hour Of Funeral Is Set For Three O'clock In Afternoon

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Telegrams

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CAROLINE GIBBONS, a society girl, was announced. Beth would have liked to give up her job, but she had borrowed money to send her invalid mother South and did not dare to do so. Along with

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"No." His astonishment was sincere as he followed the direction of her glance. "Oh, Beth, truly I didn't have any idea they would be here! But since they are, why not accept it as an entirely natural happening? This place is quite new, recently opened, and it's quite customary for people like Phil and Caroline to inspect these new places when they open. Truly, Beth, I did not know they were going to come here."

"All right then," she said ungraciously, "but now that they are here, I'd like to leave right away."

"Running off?" he asked.

"Call it what you like," she said impatiently, "I want to go."

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THE QUESTION BOX

What is the origin of the names of the days?

The days were named after Saxon gods: Sun, Moon, Tuisco, Woden, Thor, Friga and Seater.

GUILLOTIN

How did the guillotin gets its name?

The guillotin was named after its inventor, Dr. Guillotin, who introduced it during the French Revolution and later died by it.

BIBLE

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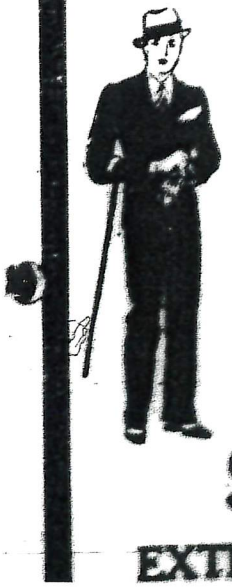

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BODY OF ROBERTS TO BE VIEWED BY FRIENDS AT HOME

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His son, Edward Roberts, who left Albuquerque, N. M., Wednesday evening upon receiving word that his father had committed suicide by shooting himself, will arrive in Asheville this morning on the Carolina Special of the Southern railway.

Funeral services for the late mayor will be held from the West Asheville Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in Green Hill cemetery in West Asheville.

The Rev. W. F. Creson, pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian

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SMITHFIELD, Feb. 27. (AP)—Lieutenant R. F. Vance, Army aviator of Langley Field, Va., joined the "caterpillar club" this afternoon when he was forced to desert his blazing plane 2,500 feet above the center of Smithfield and parachute to the ground.

Lieutenant Vance was enroute from Montgomery, Ala., to Langley when a leaking gasoline line caused his ship to catch fire.

Dropping in his 'chute, the officer landed in telegraph wires in the heart of Smithfield. His ship fell on the emergency landing field nearby, where he was preparing to land when the flames became so intense he had to leave his ship.

The two-seated biplane was a total loss.

Lieutenant Vance suffered slight burns on the face and hands and was treated at the Johnston County hospital.

The jump was Lieutenant Vance's first in an emergency. He had been flying three years and his home is at Fredericksburg Va.

AMERICAN HEARD AT INQUEST OVER ACCIDENT VICTIM

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Feb. 27. (AP) B. O. Higdon of Hazelhurst, Miss., American purser aboard the Dollar liner President Hayes, testified today at the inquest in the death of Colin Campbell, a widely known British resident, who was killed Thursday by Higdon's revolver during a playful demonstration of firearms.

An Arab sentry before whom Higdon was said to be demonstrating a manual of arms when the accident occurred was another witness. The inquest was continued until tomorrow.

Campbell, who was managing partner in a local shipping firm, established the accidental nature of the shooting before he died.

Financial Giant, Broke, Held For Embezzlement

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 27. (AP)—James B. Brown, a country boy who became one of the city's financial giants only to crash into bankruptcy, was indicted in two courts here today, accused of embezzling and misapplication of more than $2,000,000 in bank funds.

The indictments, by a Federal and a State grand jury, were returned soon after the National Bank of Kentucky, one of the Brown's institutions, had been sold to the First National Bank, Louisville.

Brown is president of the National Bank of Kentucky and former president of the Bancokentucky Company a holding organization.

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The Federal instrument accused Brown and Jones of misapplying $46,777.50 of the National Bank of Kentucky's funds through a purchase of Van Camp Packing Company common stock with Wakefield and Company as brokers.

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More new bills were introduced today than on any one day thus far, the two houses received almost four score new proposals.

The first attempt during the session to change the State-wide prohibition law came with introduction of a bill to allow sale of medicinal liquor and another measure introduced would create a state port and terminals in Brunswick county at a cost not to exceed $1,500,000.

A committee substitute act to set up machinery for operation of the State supported six months school term was set as a special order for Monday night.

"Joker Bill"

Senator McLean, of Polk, introduced a "joker bill" in the Senate when he

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1931

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...band and Wife Who Are Making a ...e on $30 a Week—Cry-Baby Husband. ...h With a Fatal Fascination for Girls

May one who enjoys your column a great deal dis... the importance of the financial side of marriage? ... both college bred. Before our marriage over a year ago we were each making about $40 a week in a large city. On our marriage we moved to a smaller place, I went to housekeeping and he took a job with a good future, but that pays only $30 a week. We have never regretted this for a moment. We are even expecting a baby, to be paid for I must admit, from money saved before our marriage and not spent on a radio or a car or any of the other luxuries that most people think they need. Of course, we have to look at every nickel, as though we never expected to have another one, but we have each other, and we are convinced that if you have enough money for the bare necessities of life and have in addition, youth, health and love you are rich beyond the wildest dreams of avarice.

What it comes down to is this: Would you rather have real cream in your lonely coffee or share skimmed milk with the one you love best? This decision should not be difficult to any one with a modicum of backbone. Of course, I do not advise this for the very young. They have not yet had sufficient good times to realize that while fun is all right, it offers no permanent satisfaction.

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Bar Will Meet

Executives of the city tax and purchasing departments held wake over the body of their former leader last night. Members of the Buncombe County Bar association will be at the home tonight.

Active pallbearers will be:

Dr. L. E. Davis, neighbor of Mayor Roberts for many years; Harry L. Nettles, prominent dairyman and former member of the North Carolina general assembly; W. R. Messer, chief of police; George Pennell, city corporation counsel; A. C. Choate, who served as water superintendent under Mayor Roberts for more than three years; and Howard Ballard, city building engineer.

Mayor Roberts selected his own active pallbearers, it was learned today. He wrote their names on a slip of paper, which was attached to his will.

These six men had been intimate friends for many years.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Mayor Harry W. Plummer, Senator Josiah W. Bailey of Raleigh, Attorney-General Dennis G. Brummitt of Raleigh, William M. Smathers, Dr. Thurman Kitchin, president of Wake Forest college; W. B. Plemmons, Douglas Eller, Don C. Young, W. G. Fortune, E. C. Greene, Dan W. Hill, John A. Goode, Clyde S. Reed, Plato D. Ebbs, Thomas Bell, John Russell, T. C. Miller, John McElroy, Mary Chambers of Weaverville, Dr. Dan E. Sevier, Dr. J. G. Woodward, Newton M. Anderson, Dr. Charles S. Norburn, John C. Caddell of Wake Forest, and Marion Weaver.

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Yesterday In Washington

(By The Associated Press)

Senate enacted veterans loan bill over Hoover's veto.

President Hoover ordered veterans bureau to give priority to needy veterans in administering loans.

Senate called on Secretary Hyde to explain why $20,000,000 drought relief fund had not been made available.

Agriculture department laid plans for using half of $20,000,000 fund as reserve to assist formation and extension of agricultural credit corporations.

Secretary Wilbur urged legislation to penalize the sale of government papers or information.

Labor department ordered deportation of Tony Volpe, known as a bodyguard of Al Capone.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago criticised President Hoover before House committee.

Congressional action completed on naval appropriation bill.

House committee tabled measures to increase House membership.

President Hoover referred Muscle Shoals and Wagner employment bills to government departments for recommendations.

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Official weather bureau records of temperatures and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8:00 p. m. in the principal cotton-growing areas and elsewhere.

Station	Highest Y't'day	Lowest Last Night	Prec.
Alpena	32	14	...
Asheville	52	28	...
Atlanta	56	44	...
Atlantic City	48	30	...
Birmingham	62	44	...
Charlotte	55	37	...
Chicago	52	34	...
Denver	46	34	...
Detroit	46	34	...
El Paso	56	38	...
Galveston	58	56	1.14
Jacksonville	64	48	...
Key West	74	54	...
Little Rock	60	44	...
Los Angeles	66	56	...
Memphis	60	46	...
Meridian	60	40	...
Miami	72	54	...
Mobile	60	46	.02
New Orleans	60	52	.36
New York	46	34	...
San Antonio	58	50	.06
San Francisco	62	52	...
Tampa	68	48	...
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FIGHT FOR L... OF GIRL BI...

Blood For Tran... Sought To ... Maggie Thor...

Doctors and nurses at ... hospital will make a last ... against the disease which ... the life of six-year-ol... Thorpe.

The little orphan girl, w... when made known two ... drew a hundred volunteer... their blood for transfusion ... dying.

Half a dozen people res... terday to an appeal from ... Harrison for blood to ma... another transfusion. Bloo... volunteers will be "typed" ... ing, and if the proper typ... the transfusion will be ... at once.

But there still loomed ... that the proper type co... found from the ranks of ... unteers and there remain... others. Little Maggie Thor... from hemorrhage. A pin... may save her life."

Parents Dead

When her parents died ... culosis, Maggie, bright ... sweet of disposition, wa... the Buncombe County Chil... to live. But she became ... a month ago was removed ... pital. Two weeks ago her ... announced that blood ... would be necessary to sa... and appealed for volunte... a hundred Boy Scouts a... Asheville firemen respon... tests were made before ... type was discovered in th... Harrison L. Frazier, Jr., ... street, a Boy Scout.

The transfusion was ef... doctors and hospital atte... joiced, for Maggie reacted ... to the treatment and ap... turing to health.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28. (AP) Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the Republican national committee, was declared by the senate campaign funds committee today to be "chargeable with a willful violation" of the corrupt practices act in failing to report personal expenditures in opposing Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, last fall.

BOND PAYMENT IS MADE AND CRISIS FOR CITY PASSES

Bankers Supply $32,000 To Prevent Default On Indebtedness

The city will not default in its bond payment due in New York City tomorrow.

Through an arrangement with Asheville bankers, city commissioners yesterday secured the $32,000 necessary to discharge a $85,893.75 bond obligation due. The $32,000 was borrowed from Asheville banks with the stipulation that the city would repay this amount within the next sixty days. The banks were given interest bearing bond coupons for collateral.

The funds were sent to New York yesterday afternoon. At a special meeting of the city commissioners shortly after noon, proper resolutions authorizing borrowing of funds from Asheville banks were passed. The entire board attended the meeting

CITY TO OFFER FINAL TRIBUTE IN RITES TODAY

Roberts Funeral To Be Held At Church In West Asheville

GUARDS OF HONOR TO ATTEND RITES

Masonic Groups And Bar Association Will Aid In Service

Citizens of the city this afternoon at 3 o'clock will pay a last tribute to former Mayor Edward Gallatin Roberts who for more than seven years served Asheville as its chief executive.

Accompanied by guards of honors from the Masonic lodge, the Buncombe County Bar Association, and the city police and fire departments, the body of the former mayor will leave the residence, 134 Brevard road, this afternoon at 2:45 o'clock for the West Asheville Methodist church where final rites will be held.

The police and fire department guards of honor will march in military formation on each side of the funeral coach bearing the body of ex-mayor Roberts.

Service At Church.

Service at the church will be in charge of the Rev. W. F. Creson, pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian church of which the deceased was a member and elder for many years; the Rev. Paul N. Gresham, former pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, and now pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Savannah, Georgia; the Rev. Arch MacMillan, of Thomasville, editor of Charity and Children; the Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church; Dr. A. L. Buckner of Clio, S. C., uncle of the deceased; and the Rev. W. G. Hamilton, pastor of the West Calvary church here.

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TAX COLLECTION DECREASE SHOWN

Democrats Prepare Bitter Struggle O Prohibition At Par

ITALY AND FRANCE AGREE UPON NAVAL ARMAMENT CUTS

ROME, Feb 28. (UP)—An agreement for limitation of the naval armaments of Italy and France—sought unsuccessfully at the London naval conference of 1930 was achieved today as the result of prolonged international negotiations for removal of the most serious immediate obstacle to world disarmament.

Premier Benito Mussolini agreed in principle, to proposals presented by Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson of Great Britain for settlement of the questions left outstanding at the London conference.

SUCCESS IS SEEN FOR GIVE-A-JOB CAMPAIGN IN CITY

Total Of 708 Placed At Work Through Drive For Jobs

The February "Give-a-Job" campaign, which closed last night, provided jobs for 708 unemployed men and women and 114 of the jobs are permanent ones, the "Gives-Job" club records reveal. These figures, together with the fact that the Asheville office of the federal-state employment bureau broke all previous records in job placements during the month, not only for Asheville but for all North Carolina cities, show that the campaign has been an outstanding success in every particular.

P. L. Gaston, manager of the employment bureau here, announced last night that the "Give-a-Job" campaign enabled his office to break all previous records in the state for the week and month ending Saturday. Last week this office placed 200 unemployed men and women in jobs—a new state record. During February, the shortest and ordinarily one of the dullest months of the year in Asheville, the employment office placed 584 persons in jobs—new local and state record.

Statistics Inadequate

These statistics from the employment office and the "Gives" club do not represent, of course, the grand total of all jobs provided in Asheville during the month of February. Many jobs were created including a number of permanent ones by business concerns and individuals who made no report through the employment office or the "Gives"

Smith And Robins Expected At Ca For March 5 M

WASHINGTON, D. C., Fe Democrats girded for a tes hibition today as word pass capitol that the March 5 n the Democratic national would be confronted with for a declaration of polic tional issues.

Despite the warnings party leaders in congress, tion continued that Chair kob intended to sanction cussion of issues and was to back a resolution decl state control of liquor as o national prohibition.

Both Alfred E. Smith an Robinson, of Arkansas, th ratic standard bearers, in election, will be present at t cratic gathering.

Count on Robinso

Robinson is counted upo congressional wing of the lead the fight against the tive attempt to commit the committee to an anti-pr stand.

Congressional leaders, both wets and drys, are almo in their stand that the natio mittee is without authority mit the party on issues an would be a mistake to such controversial propo prohibition so far in advan national campaign and a when the party is runnin even keel.

Until today the Democrat gress believed their protes any such move would be but it was conceded tonight that a free discussion was pect.

Friends of Smith attach litical significance to his a He was urged to come, ho gether with Robinson, as head of the party.

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DOROTHY DIX.

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MRS. R.L.

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the office of tax collector in Polk county.

SB 237—McKee of Jackson, to make county accountant clerk to the board of ommissioners in Jackson and provide for his pay.

House:

HB 589—Henry, of Transylvania, to contract the limits of Brevard.

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Resolutions Adopted

The following resolutions were adopted by the Asheville street car men on the passing of Mr. Roberts:

"Be it resolved by the Street Car Men of the City of Asheville that we sincerely regret the untimely death of Mayor Gallatin Roberts, a splendid, upright, conscientious, honest, Christian gentleman, who was a real and true friend to the working people of Asheville; that we have always trusted and looked upon him as a friend with abiding faith and explicit confidence. His integrity and absolute honesty was above the slightest suspicion, and it is our hope that the people of Asheville will heed his dying message and will put away the petty political bickerings and desires for self-aggrandizement for the salvation of our City; that we extend to the bereaved widow our most sincere sympathy with the hope that she will always remember that we love her husband as a friend in life and after death."

The West Asheville club adopted resolutions on the death of the former mayor. They follow:

"Whereas, we have learned with sincere and extreme regret of the untimely passing of our beloved fellow member and neighborly townsman, the Honorable Gallatin Roberts.

"And Whereas, it is our desire to express our great sorrow individually and as a club, now, therefore be it resolved:

"That we hereby individually and as members of the West Asheville club, express our great sorrow at the passing of our fellow member, former Mayor Roberts, and extend to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy in this trying hour

"Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy furnished the family, and also copies to the press."

Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, a daughter, Margaret Roberts and a son, Edward Roberts One brother, Gwyn Roberts of Flat Creek also survives.

GANG CHIEF GETS JAIL SENTENCE

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been mentioned in connection with nearly every major crime in Chicago

New Orleans	60	52	.20
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Kentucky—Rain Saturday; Sunday cloudy, rain or snow in east portion, colder Sunday and in west portion Saturday.

Tennessee—Rain Saturday, Sunday generally fair; colder Sunday.

Virginia—Increasing cloudiness followed by rain Saturday afternoon or night; Sunday rain, somewhat warmer Saturday, colder Sunday.

South Carolina—Rain Saturday; Sunday generally fair; colder in northwest portion Sunday.

Georgia—Rain Saturday; Sunday generally fair, colder in north portion Sunday.

Florida—Rain Saturday; Sunday cloudy, probably rain in south portion.

LOCAL WEATHER DATA

State of weather at 8 a. m.	Partly cloudy
State of weather at 8 p. m.	Cloudy
Relative humidity at 8 a. m.	90%
Relative humidity at noon	90%
Relative humidity at 8 p. m.	85%
Wind direction at 8 a. m.	South
Wind direction at 8 p. m.	SE
Time of Sunrise	7:03 A.M.
Time of Sunset	6:23 P.M.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE DATA

8 a. m.	31	3 p. m.	53
9 a. m.	36	4 p. m.	52
10 a. m.	42	5 p. m.	51
11 a. m.	45	6 p. m.	49
12 noon	48	7 p. m.	47
1 p. m.	50	8 p. m.	46
2 p. m.	50		

Wet bulb temperature at 8 a m	39
Wet bulb temperature at noon	39
Wet bulb temperature at 8 p m	33
Highest	53—One year ago 56
Lowest	27—One year ago 38
Absolute Maximum	72 in 1917
Absolute Minimum	11 in 1920
Average temperature today 40	normal 41

LOCAL MONTHLY PRECIPITATION

Normal	3.18 inches
Greatest amount	7.62 in 1903
Least amount	0.67 in 1930
For last 24 hours ending 8 p m	none

WHISTLE CATCHES FISH

BOMBAY —Sportsmen who are going into the wilds of India for fine fishing are learning a new way to catch fish from natives. These tribesmen have a peculiar whistle which they utter on approaching a stream. This shrill noise attracts a certain species of mountain fish. The native, still whistling, places his hand in the water, and the fish swim into it.

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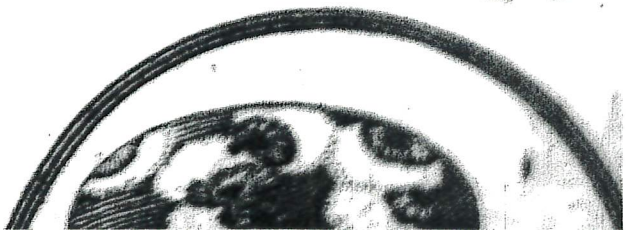

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(By The Associated Press)

Officials estimated veterans loan applications passed, through governmental machinery at the rate of 1,000 an hour.

President Hoover announced he was having Muscle Shoals bill examined from engineering standpoint before deciding whether to sign it.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, introduced a resolution to provide $100,000,000 to be spent by President Hoover for unemployment relief.

House and senate conferees failed to agree on constitutional amendment abolishing old congress sessions after elections.

Republican Leader Watson announced in senate there would be no extra session.

Representative Crowther, Republican, of New York, introduced resolution to send congressional committee to Russia to investigate conditions.

Virginia and Oklahoma Democratic congressional delegations protested to their national committeemen against national committee issuing any declaration of policy after March 5 meeting.

Senate campaign committee reported that Robert H. Lucas, executive director of Republican national committee, had violated the corrupt practices act in not reporting his Nebraska expenditures within the legal time and Lucas retorted that he had filed within specified limits.

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detail elsewhere in the Citizen-Times today.

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New Members

Mrs. Frank Mademford, Morningside, gave a permanent job to a general house worker.

Mrs. Roy Phillips, 15 D'Arcy Lane, gave a permanent job to a general house worker.

Mrs. Curtis, 6 Clairmont avenue, gave a temporary job to a general house worker.

Mrs. McCanless, 49 North street, gave a day's work.

Mrs. Hall, 73 Merrimon avenue, gave a day's work.

Miss Bertha Proffitt, 49 Broad street, gave a day's work.

W. K. Dalton gave a day's work to a painter.

Mrs. George Wright, Beaver Lake, gave a day's work to a house man.

Mrs. Osteen, 26 Monroe Place, gave a day's work.

Mrs. Harriett Raylor gave a permanent job to a general house worker.

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Members of all West Asheville churches will occupy seats on the rostrum of the church. Special seats will be reserved in the church for members of the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Roberts will be buried in Greenlawn cemetery. Members of the Buncombe county rural police department under the command of Captain Robert Monteath will be in charge of traffic at the cemetery. The funeral cortege will be preceded from the home to the ceremony by a squad of motorcycle police officers of the Asheville police department.

Active and honorary pallbearers have been asked to meet at the Clayton-Hicks funeral home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Buncombe County Bar association will gather at the Calvary church at 2:30 o'clock. All Masons will meet at 2:30 o'clock in the Sunday school department of the West Asheville Methodist church.

Program Given.

The following program will be carried out at the church service:

Hymn, "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

Prayer, by Dr. John Arch MacMillan.

Scripture, by the Rev. G. T. Bond.

Eulogy, the Rev. Paul N. Gresham.

Services at the grave will be in charge of the Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Roberts was a member.

The combined choirs of the West Asheville Presbyterian and Methodist churches will be in charge of the music.

More than 5,000 persons visited the Roberts home yesterday and last night to view the body of the former city official. Included in this number was about 300 negro citizens of the city.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, one son, Edward Roberts; a daughter, Margaret Roberts; and one brother, Gwyn Roberts of the Flat Creek section.

A section of the church balcony has been reserved for negroes, members of the Roberts family said last night.

NIX ON THE LIBERTY

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Cal. —Regular free feeding is a lot better than having to get out and hunt your own food, judging by the actions of the cow elks here. The herd was liberated this winter, but instead of enjoying their liberty, the elk bugled lustily outside the paddock until they were locked up

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Official weather bureau records of temperatures and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8:00 p. m. in the principal cotton-growing areas and elsewhere.

Station	Highest Yt'day	Lowest Last Night	Prec.
Alpena	38	30	.06
Asheville	42	38	.35
Atlanta	50	44	...
Atlantic City	44	30	...
Birmingham	58	48	.10
Charlotte	51	41	.34
Chicago	44	44	...
Denver	30	24	.62
Detroit	56	30	...
El Paso	54	42	...
Galveston	62	54	.01
Jacksonville	66	58	.05
Key West	80	68	...
Little Rock	56	48	.24
Los Angeles	74	52	...
Memphis	50	50	.48
Meridian	62	48	.42
Miami	76	68	...
Mobile	74	52	.54
New Orleans	70	54	...
New York	56	38	...
San Antonio	70	48	...
San Francisco	70	50	...
Tampa	70	62	.32
Vicksburg	58	50	.44
Wilmington	60	44	.22

WEATHER CONDITIONS

A disturbance of moderate in centered over southern Alabama with lowest barometer 29.80 inches at Mobile. Another disturbance with minimum pressure 29.70 inches is central in New Mexico. The northeastern storm is passing out to sea and is almost beyond the range of reports. Pressure is high from the Pacific coast to the middle Atlantic. Rains are reported in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Maine, Utah and Washington and snow has occurred in Colorado and Michigan. It is warmer in the South Atlantic and east Gulf States, the Lake region and the Ohio and lower Mississippi Valleys and slightly colder in the northern Plains States. No freezing temperatures are reported in the South this morning except in Virginia.

T. R. TAYLOR,
Official in Charge.

THE FORECAST

North Carolina—Cloudy, possibly light rain in mountains Sunday; Monday partly cloudy and colder.

Virginia—Cloudy, probably preceded by rain Sunday, Monday partly cloudy and colder.

South Carolina—Cloudy slightly colder in southwest portion, possibly light rain in mountains Sunday; Monday cloudy and colder.

Georgia—Cloudy, colder in south portion, possibly rain in mountains Sunday; Monday cloudy and colder in extreme south portion.

Florida—Partly cloudy, [illegible] in extreme north portion [illegible] day cloudy, probably rain.

Kentucky—Cloudy and [illegible] by rain in east portion S[illegible] partly cloudy, colder in [illegible] portion.

Tennessee—Cloudy, prec[illegible] Sunday, colder at night; [illegible] cloudy, colder in east por[illegible]

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SEVEN MINISTERS CONDUCT SERVICE

Body Of Former Mayor Is Interred In Green Hill Cemetery

Friends of Edward Gallatin Roberts, who for seven years was mayor of Asheville, paid final tributes yesterday at funeral services in the West Asheville Methodist church.

Five thousand people lined the route of the funeral cortege from the former mayor's home on Brevard road to the church.

Escorts from police and fire departments conducted the procession from the home to the church and from the church to Green Hill cemetery where the body was interred beside those of the former mayor's mother and a daughter to whom he had been deeply attached.

Members of the Masonic lodge of the Buncombe county bar association and representatives of the municipal government attended the services in groups.

Seven ministers among them the pastor of a colored church, to which former Mayor Roberts had shown consideration, officiated. They were The Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church, the Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, the Rev. Paul N. Gresham, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Savannah, Ga., the Rev. W. F. Creson, pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, the Rev. John Arch MacMillan, editor of Charity and Children, Dr. A. L. Buckner, of Clio, S. C., and the Rev. W. G. Hamilton, pastor of the New Calvary negro church.

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PHILADELPHIA, March [illegible] (AP)—Announcement was made tonight that an archaeological expedition of the University of Pennsylvania museum has begun excavations at Paria in Mesopotamia, the site of the ancient Babylonian city of Shurupak, where archaeologists believe Noah's ark was built. The site at Paria is in a desert about 100 miles from Ur of the Chaldees.

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The speaking committee in charge of arranging arrangements of the State Dinner where the two Democratic presidential candidates will talk at a private campaign affair, the city was swamped with requests for tickets.

Only 1,300 tickets were available at $10 and were disposed of by the committee Friday night but still requests poured in.

Each of the 120 members of the legislature received two personal tickets and top of [illegible] State officers, Democratic committeemen and prominent in the political life of North Carolina.

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Former Mayor Roberts, whose life ended in tragedy Wednesday, rose largely by his own efforts from a farm boy to a respected position at the bar and to the city's highest administrative office. He was born in 1878 in the Flat Creek section of Buncombe county and was educated in the public schools until he was 17 years old, when he matriculated at Weaver College.

After working in a country grocery store for more than a year he entered Washington college, a small educational institution in Tennessee, where he remained for a year, working to pay his tuition and expenses. In 1899 he entered King college at Bristol, Va., and worked his way for two years. While at this school Mr.

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EFFORTS TO OUST PROHIBITION IN PORTO RICO BEGIN

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 1. (AP)—An effort to do away with prohibition in Porto Rico was started today by the agriculture association which said its enforcement here was a "joke."

The association has presented a resolution to the Porto Rican legislature asking a memorial to congress seeking repeal of the Eighteenth amendment or its application and enforcement in this island.

The island voted dry in 1917. It was claimed, through a misunderstanding and the farmers were represented as wanting an opportunity to correct what they term a costly error by being granted a new referendum and recantment of local regulatory laws.

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OFFICIALS PROBE BATTLE BETWEEN CADETS AND COPS

Citadel Students Fight Policemen, Firemen At Charleston

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 1. (AP)—An investigation will be held tomorrow into the fight between cadets of The Citadel the College of Charleston, city police and firemen last night following a basketball game between the two colleges for the City College championship.

Colonel O. J. Bond superintendent of The Citadel said tonight that until he gets the facts he will have no statement to make.

John J. Thomas chairman of the board of visitors of The Citadel said today being Sunday he made no effort to investigate the trouble.

Fight Described

Police said the main fight occurred between them and Citadel cadets when they attempted to break up a free-for-all battle following the basketball contest. Charleston College authorities had nothing to say about the affair.

Many students suffered bruises but none was seriously injured. Two firemen were released from a hospital after receiving emergency treatment. The firemen were called out to disperse the crowd with water when students began showering stones and sticks in the general melee.

A second alarm, calling out all the fighting apparatus in the city was necessary to quell the fight.

Charleston College won the game 30 to 26.

NINE ARRESTS IN BOMB ATTEMPT MADE IN HAVANA

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The legislative committee in charge of seating arrangements at the State Theatre where the 1928 Democratic presidential candidate will talk at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, has literally been flooded with requests for tickets.

Only 1,300 tickets were available and all had been disposed of by the committee Friday night but still requests poured in.

Each of the 169 members of the legislature received one personal ticket and five to be given to friends. Other tickets went to State officials, newspapermen and men prominent in the political life of North Carolina.

Block Roped Off

To care for the thousands expected to try and see the famous New Yorker, an entire city block in front of the theatre will be roped off tomorrow morning. In the middle of the block a portable radio will broadcast the speech being given in the theatre.

Station WPTF here will broadcast the Smith address and at 7:45 p. m. the station will broadcast a talk by Governor O. Max Gardner on his plans to consolidate the University of North Carolina, North Carolina College for Women and North Carolina State College into one State educational institution.

Smith will arrive here at 9:30 tomorrow morning. He will be guest of Governor Gardner at a luncheon to which the legislative "Al Smith" committee, Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain and Speaker Smith of the House have been invited.

Smith will leave Raleigh early tomorrow night.

LEAVES MARYLAND

CENTREVILLE, Md., March 1. (AP)—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, Democratic presidential candidate in 1928 who with Mrs. Smith spent the week-end here at the home of John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic national committee, left this afternoon by automobile for Raleigh, N. C., where tomorrow he is scheduled to address a joint session of the State legislature.

Mr. Smith also has been invited to speak to the Georgia legislature before he returns to Washington and New York. The Georgia assembly's final adjournment is expected in a few days.

The week-end at the Raskob estate here came on the eve of the meeting of the party's national committee in Washington, set for next Thursday, the day after the adjournment of congress.

Visited Florida

Governor Smith came here last Friday from Florida. The trip to Wilmington, who made in Mr. Raskob's private railroad car. At the Delaware city he was met by Miss Betty Raskob and driven to Hickory Hill, the chairman's home.

During the time he was here no interviews were granted and no photographs of either Mr. Smith or Mr. Raskob were denied.

provisional president. [illegible] members are Captain A[illegible] dro G. Vinces, command[illegible] chief of the navy, and C[illegible] Manuel Ruiz Bravo, ch[illegible] the army general staff.

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This afternoon the Sanches [illegible] government decided to invite [illegible] resentatives from all sections [illegible] tional life to attend a meeti[illegible] the government palace at 5 p. m. [illegible] announcement was made that [illegible] tary operations had been sus[illegible] pending the outcome of this [illegible] ference. The presiding officer [illegible] Monsignor Mariano Holquin, [illegible] administrator and Bishop of [illegible] quipa.

Cerro Quits

Sanches Cerro announced [illegible] resignation of himself and [illegible] cabinet, then retired to the [illegible] hotel. The conferees remained in [illegible] sion until the new government [illegible] been established.

Crowds gathered in front of [illegible] hostelry and cheered the [illegible] president.

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SUMMARY OF NEW[illegible]

GENERAL

Hoover's veto of Muscle Shoals is predicted. —Page

Aged Wisconsin congressman [illegible] in Washington. —Page

Majority of closed Southern [illegible] are being reopened. —Page

Peruvian president resigns as [illegible] spreads. —Page

Officials probe battle [illegible] cadets and policemen. —Page

General decrease in crime [illegible] nation. —Page

Three women members of [illegible] prepare to quit. —Page

Irene Bordoni sings for [illegible] radio concert. —Page

Liquor valued at $100,000 [illegible] raid on home. —Page

Albatross fear big blood [illegible] spring up. —Page

Two French fliers set new [illegible] air record. —Page

Uruguay inaugurates new [illegible] executive Sunday. —Page

Approach of spring is [illegible] stimulating business. —Page

New formula is offered for [illegible] can business. —Page

Democratic dry leaders [illegible] fight not move. —Page

Kansas dailies majority of [illegible] are for repeal. —Page

Social Union directors [illegible] permanent employes. —Page

Naval policy at Rome [illegible] agreement. —Page

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Gardner road plan will be [illegible] of some battle. —Page

Huge audience will hear [illegible] speech in Raleigh. —Page

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A, March 1. (AP)—The possi- f a blood feud to avenge the Major Topollaj, who was re recently in protecting g of Albania from two as- was seen today in dispatches lgrade.

fficer will be buried early c in either his native moun- osed village of Mati or in here he and his wife lived.

is reports from Albania in- hat relatives might be called at the grave to swear a ainst the assassins of Topol- was the devoted adjutant to . Zog is undergoing treat- re for an ailment of the nd stomach.

Lasting Feuds

tas still are prevalent in Al- it the custom is mostly con- the inhabitants of the n fastnesses and is chiefly to by members of the ortho- n and Moslems. Even Chris- however, have not entirely ed the custom and there are stances of feuds not ending tire families have been ex- ed. An example was the case Bey, brother of Zog's di-

LAST TRIBUTE IS PAID TO ROBERTS

Thousands Line Streets As Cortege Passes To M. E. Church

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Roberts starred as a baseball pitcher. He was a member of the debating team and also took part in the oratorical contests at commencement.

Returns To County

Mr. Roberts returned to Buncombe county in 1901 and taught school at the Sand Hill school. The following year he taught at Barnardsville, and was elected, after a year of teaching at Barnardsville, principal of the Flat Creek high school. During this period Mr. Roberts was reading and studying law at night and in January 1904 he entered the law school of Wake Forest college and the following August was admitted to the bar.

Being without funds with which to establish himself in his law practice, Mr. Roberts again taught school for one year at the Flat Creek school and two years at the Morgan Hill school, before opening a law office in Asheville in April, 1907. For a short time he was the partner of Samuel Radford, but the partnership soon terminated and Mr. Roberts practiced alone for a year before he was made county attorney to succeed Charles A. Webb.

In 1910 Mr. Roberts formed a partnership with W. G. Fortune which lasted for nine years. In 1910 he was elected to the state legislature where he served during 1911. He was made chairman of the committee on congressional re-appointment by W. C. Dowd of Charlotte, speaker. He was re-elected to the legislature in 1912 and served as chairman of the committee for counties, cities, and towns. In 1914 he was re-elected again and served as chairman of the committee on appropriations. At the 1914 session of the legislature Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to give women the right to vote, but the bill was defeated. He was re-elected in 1916 and was a candidate for the speakership but was defeated by the Hon. Walter Murphy.

Elected Mayor

In 1919 Mr. Roberts was elected mayor of Asheville defeating the late J. E. Rankin. He served four years. While mayor he was three times elected president of the state municipal association, and elected twice to the presidency of the state forestry association.

After his retirement as mayor, Mr. Roberts formed a law partnership with Don C. Young. In 1914 he was appointed chairman of the county board of elections for Buncombe county. He was twice a member of the Buncombe County Democratic Executive Committee. In May, 1927, Mr. Roberts was again elected mayor of the City of Asheville defeating E. B. Atkinson.

An active church worker, Mr. Roberts was an elder and member of the West Asheville Presbyterian church.

GIRL IS WOUNDED NEAR OLD FORT BY ACCIDENTAL SHOT

OLD FORT, March 1.—Annie Patterson, 15, was seriously wounded this afternoon at the home of a brother-in-law, three miles east of Old Fort when a shotgun was accidentally discharged.

Investigators were told that the shotgun fell from its hooks on the wall and was discharged. The load tore through the girl's left leg, inflicting a serious wound. It was believed the girl will recover unless complications set in.

VETO OF SHOALS BILL PREDICTED

Leaders Abandon Hope Of Enacting Any Other Important Laws

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'an engineering project,' the engineer will know whether to sign or veto the bill.

"It reminds me of the New England country justice who at the close of a law suit said he would take it under advisement for three days at which time he would render judgment for the plaintiff."

To Renew Effort

Senator Herbert, Republican, Rhode Island, will renew his effort in the senate tomorrow to obtain action on the Vestal copyright bill. It already has been approved by the House, but with stiff senate opposition manifest little chance for enactment is seen.

A last-minute effort for an immigration ban will be attempted tomorrow in the House. If the measure proposing to reduce by 90 per cent present immigration quotas gets through the House, friends of the legislation will make a drive for it in the senate.

Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas has put the senate on notice he will attempt to get action on his bill restricting foreign oil imports, but no change for enactment of that legislation is seen in the closing wrangle.

Leaders will devote every effort to obtaining passage of the deficiency appropriation bill. With adoption of this, their worries for the short session will be ended.

TWO QUESTIONED IN DEATH PUZZLE

T. P. JOHNSON IS LAID TO REST

Honors Of Masonry Are Accorded Respected Asheville Man

Funeral service for T. P. Johnson, 64, a resident of Asheville for a quarter of a century, were held from the Noland-Brown chapel yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. H. B. Trimble, of Central Methodist church, officiated. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

For many years Mr. Johnson conducted the T. P. Johnson Sheet metal works here. He died suddenly Saturday at his home, 46 Forest Road, Kenilworth, from a heart attack.

He is survived by his widow and one sister, Mrs. Davis Trexler, of Hendersonville Road.

He was a member of the Mount Herman lodge No. 118, A. F. and A. M., the Oasis Shrine temple; the Scottish Rite, and was a 32 degree Mason. Masonic honors were accorded the dead man.

Pallbearers were: O'Connor Wilson, A. L. McLean, William Coleman, W. H. Arthur, Charles M. Williams and John C. Vance.

INSECT WIRELESS FOUND BY SAVANT

George M. Dyott Says Tiny Plants Are Very Useful

NEW YORK. (AP)—The antennae of ants and beetles actually are tiny "wireless masts" through which messages are sent "over short wave lengths," says Commander George M. Dyott, the explorer.

Dyott gained world-wide attention two years ago by his expedition into the Brazilian jungles in search of the missing English explorer, Colonel Fawcett.

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Being without funds with which to establish himself in his law practice, Mr. Roberts again taught school for one year at the Flat Creek school and two years at the Morgan Hill school, before opening a law office in Asheville in April, 1907. For a short time he was the partner of Samuel Radford, but the partnership soon terminated and Mr. Roberts practiced alone for a year before he was made county attorney to succeed Charles A. Webb.

In 1910 Mr. Roberts formed a partnership with W. G. Fortune which lasted for nine years. In 1910 he was elected to the state legislature where he served during 1911. He was made chairman of the committee on congressional re-appointment by W. C. Dowd of Charlotte, speaker. He was re-elected to the legislature in 1912 and served as chairman of the committee for counties, cities, and towns. In 1914 he was re-elected again and served as chairman of the committee on appropriations. At the 1914 session of the legislature Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to give women the right to vote, but the bill was defeated. He was re-elected in 1916 and was a candidate for the speakership but was defeated by the Hon. Walter Murphy.

Elected Mayor

In 1919 Mr. Roberts was elected mayor of Asheville defeating the late J. E. Rankin. He served four years. While mayor he was three times elected president of the state municipal association, and elected twice to the presidency of the state forestry association.

After his retirement as mayor, Mr. Roberts formed a law partnership with Don C. Young. In 1914 he was appointed chairman of the county board of elections for Buncombe county. He was twice a member of the Buncombe County Democratic Executive Committee. In May, 1927, Mr. Roberts was again elected mayor of the City of Asheville defeating E. B. Atkinson.

An active church worker, Mr. Roberts was an elder and member of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, where he taught the Men's Bible class for many years. He was commissioner from the synod of Appalachia at El Dorado, Ark, and voted for Dr. R. F. Campbell of Asheville as moderator. In 1926 Mr. Roberts was sponsor of the drive for funds for the William Jennings Bryan Memorial for this district. He had been a life-long friend of Mr. Bryan.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason and was an honorary member of the Kiwanis Club for 10 years. He was active in the affairs of the West Asheville Club, and community project devoted to the improvement of West Asheville, where Mr. Roberts made his home. During the World War, Mr. Roberts was a four-minute speaker and canvassed this section in the interest of the Liberty Loans.

Mr. Roberts was one of the leaders in the "Greater Asheville" movement in 1929.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, one son, Edward Roberts; a daughter, Margaret Roberts, and one brother, Gwyn Roberts of the Flat Creek section.

VIRGINIA YOUTH IS INJURED WHEN HIS PLANE FALLS

EMPORIA, Va., March 1. (AP)—Edward Parker, 22, received head injuries and a broken leg when the small "parasol" monoplane he was piloting crashed near Temple airport here this afternoon. Spectators said that a wing seemed to crumple as the craft was being brought out of a power dive and it slipped to

Leaders Abandon Hope Of Enacting Any Other Important Laws

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'an engineering project,' the engineer will know whether to sign or veto the bill.

"It reminds me of the New England country justice who at the close of a law suit said he would take it under advisement for three days at which time he would render judgment for the plaintiff."

To Renew Effort

Senator Herbert, Republican, Rhode Island, will renew his effort in the senate tomorrow to obtain action on the Vestal copyright bill. It already has been approved by the House, but with stiff senate opposition manifest little chance for enactment is seen.

A last-minute effort for an immigration ban will be attempted tomorrow in the House. If the measure proposing to reduce by 90 per cent present immigration quotas gets through the House, friends of the legislation will make a drive for it in the senate.

Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas has put the senate on notice he will attempt to get action on his bill restricting foreign oil imports, but no change for enactment of that legislation is seen in the closing wrangle.

Leaders will devote every effort to obtaining passage of the deficiency appropriation bill. With adoption of this, their worries for the short session will be ended.

TWO QUESTIONED IN DEATH PUZZLE

Policeman And Former Husband Of Victim Are Quizzed

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP)—Two men accused by Vivian Gordon strangled vice investigation witness of having conspired to "frame" her arrest eight years ago, were questioned by police today.

They were Patrolman Andrew J McLaughlin who made the arrest and the woman's former husband John Bischoff, Audubon, N J, industrial manager of the District of Columbia penal institute at Washington

McLaughlin was taken to headquarters immediately upon his arrival from Bermuda on the Liner California Dapper, seemingly carefree, McLaughlin said, "Why I didn't even remember the arrest of the woman He emerged smiling from his conference with police Commissioner Edward P Mulrooney and members of the district attorney's staff and said he would return to regular duty

Former Mate Quizzed

Bischoff was understood to have been questioned about his knowledge of the woman's past

"I'll tell plenty" he promised

Miss Gordon was slain after she had written a letter to city vice investigators promising "to tell what she knew of alleged 'framing' of women by policemen

DENTIST PASSES AT PINEHURST OF MALADY OF BRAIN

Herman lodge No. 116, A. F. and A. M., the Oasis Shrine temple; the Scottish Rite, and was a 32 degree Mason. Masonic honors were accorded the dead man.

Pallbearers were: O'Connor Wilson, A. L. McLean, William Coleman, W. H. Arthur, Charles M. Williams and John C. Vance.

INSECT WIRELESS FOUND BY SAVANT

George M. Dyott Says Tiny Plants Are Very Useful

NEW YORK. (AP)—The antennae of ants and beetles actually are tiny "wireless masts" through which messages are sent "over short wave lengths," says Commander George M. Dyott, the explorer.

Dyott gained world-wide attention two years ago by his expedition into the Brazilian jungles in search of the missing English explorer, Colonel Fawcett.

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Can Communicate

Observations of insects and animals as well lead him to believe that they can communicate with one another by some form of mental "radio."

"I believe if human beings were only aware of the powers at their disposal, they would be able to communicate the way animals do," he says

"Once I watched an ant in its attempt to carry home a leaf many times its size It tugged and shoved until it realized its efforts were futile, then stood stock still, wiggling its antennae

"In a moment its SOS was answered by a half-dozen ants, rushing to its aid from as many directions.

"The first ant again wiggled its antennae evidently radioing orders. Without confusion, the first aiders stationed themselves around the rim of the leaf picked it up and bore it off in triumph.

"More than once, too, I have watched elephants moving toward each other from opposite directions," Dyott went on. "They could not possibly have seen each other nor me through the dense jungle growth. One of them could not have scented me, for the wind was in the wrong direction.

"Yet suddenly both elephants halted, hesitated, and then the one which could neither have seen nor scented me suddenly about-faced and hammered off. The other elephant had got wind of me and had warned his friend by 'wireless'."

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HON. GALLATIN ROBERTS,
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GALLATIN ROBERTS

That the voters of Buncombe county believe in retaining officials who have given good and satisfactory service was plainly shown by the renomination of Gallatin Roberts, Esq., for the legislature at the last democratic primaries. Mr. Roberts is one of the leading younger members of the Asheville Bar and is a member of the firm of Fortune and Roberts whose offices are located in the Library building on Pack square. Although he has built up a lucrative practice he has always found time to take a deep interest and active part in political affairs, and, in 1910, won the democratic nomination for the legislature on the ticket. He was again nominated at the last primaries which is equivalent to a reelection. Mr. Roberts is a native of Flat Creek township in this county, but has practiced law here a number of years and won for himself an enviable reputation as a lawyer. He is a fluent and ready debater and a conscientious student of public affairs, especially of those that most intimately concern the interests of his constituents, without regard to party affiliations.

GALLATIN ROBERTS MAKES FORMAL ENTRY

Gallatin Roberts, candidate for representative No. 1 from Buncombe county in the general assembly, is the first democratic candidate to make formal entry into the political arena in this county. Mr. Roberts appeared at the office of Chairman D. S. Elias, of the Buncombe county election committee, yesterday, signed up his formal notice of entry and paid the customary fee.

Mr. Roberts has served this county at Raleigh in the last two general assemblies and was prominently mentioned for speaker of the house at the last session of the legislature. During the illness of Emmett Wooten, the speaker, who was injured in an automobile accident, from which he subsequently died, Mr. Roberts served as speaker and aroused much favorable comment by his methods in handling the lower house.

Mr. Roberts, if elected, expects to be a candidate for speaker of the house at the next session of the legislature, and it is declared that he has splendid chances of attaining that honor.

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Wednesday, May 7, 1919.

The Election

The municipal suffrage event is over. As good citizens of a democracy we shall all turn to those civic tasks which were laid aside to determine who should be the directors of our city enterprise for the next four years. The animosities which sprung up in the course of the electoral contest will now be forgotten and Asheville will give its undivided energies to the building of a city.

Mayor Roberts, Commissioner of Public Safety Fitzpatrick, Commissioner of Public Works Sherrill, Police Justice Wells, have before them large opportunities to serve their community; we are confident that they will give to the city the conscientious attention that has marked their activities in other lines; we are confident they will have the support of the patriotic people of the city.

An election cannot please everybody except as an abstract proposition in self-government. But minorities have long since learned to accept the verdict of the polls and return to the every day life undisgruntled and ready to prove their good faith by taking off their coats to labor for the common weal.

NEXT MAYOR OF ASHEVILLE

GALLATIN ROBERTS

PACK MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

MAYOR WANTS USE OF WOOD PERMITTED

Wires Coal Committee at Atlanta. No Answer From Message at Late Hour Last Night.

Mayor Roberts yesterday protested to the Regional Coal committee for the south, at Atlanta, asking that the use of wood, which is now prohibited in Asheville, for heating purposes in stores and places of business, before and after 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., be permitted. At a late hour last night no answer had been received by the city's chief executive.

His telegram to the committee follows:

"In placing wood on the list of fuels from which heat cannot be used before 9 o'clock a. m. and after 4 o'clock p. m., is, in my opinion, unnecessary and unreasonable, and should be immediately lifted. It is working a great hardship upon the people here."

The committee in Atlanta has issued the following statement, which has not been given publicity here:

"Public and private utilities are depended upon by the committee to give to the mayor or other chief officer of communities served by them, full information concerning the character of power generated by their own plants or purchased directly or indirectly from other plants.

"It is recognized that this modification will make enforcement of the general program of conservation difficult and for that reason the committee asks the loyal co-operation of consumers who may be affected by the modification and of the public generally."

Asheville will be compelled to continue a strict observance of the ruling of the committee until such a time as the French Broad river is of sufficient height to permit the plant of the North Carolina Electrical Power company, which furnishes power to the Asheville Power and Light company, can operate its plant entirely with water, and not partly with coal.

By using coal part of the time to operate the steam auxiliary plant, the local company is placed in the same class as though every hour of the operation was with coal, the committee in Atlanta ruled.

Asheville December 7, 1919

MAYOR ROBERTS PRESIDENT OF THE N.C. FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Miss Julia Thorns of Asheboro Vice-President and State Forester J. S. Holmes Secretary-Treasurer—Executive Committee to Decide Next Meeting Place of Body

At the closing meeting of the North Carolina Forestry association yesterday, Mayor Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, was elected president of the association for the ensuing year. Miss Julia A. Thorns, of Asheboro, was elected vice president and State Forester J. S. Holmes was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The address of Assistant Forester E. E. Carter of the United States Forest Service on "The Need for a National Forest Policy," was the feature of the day's meeting. Mr. Carter presented facts recently gathered by the Forest Service in connection with the report made on the Capper Resolution. Col. F. S. Lambeth, of Thomasville, spoke on "Homegrown Timber for Our Industries" and pointed out the necessity for perpetuating the forests of the state if the wood-using industries are to continue. Prof. Thorndyke Saville made an exceedingly clearcut presentation of the effect of forests upon water supply and told of plans for a survey of the water power resources of the state. "Forestry and Municipal Water Supplies" was the subject of a talk by D. Hidon Ramsey, formerly of Asheville.

The afternoon meeting was marked by an address by former governor Locke Craig on "Mt. Mitchell, the People's Property." Gov. Craig spoke in his usual excellent manner on the history of Mount Mitchell and the establishment of the state park. He made a plea for adequate funds to care for and guard the park.

Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, one of the leading public-spirited men of the state, who has been a faithful attendant at the association meetings, made one of the most interesting and eloquent addresses yet heard by the delegates. He spoke on the preservation of the Mt. Mitchell park as a public park. He has shown his great interest in this matter by making a liberal appropriation toward seeing the end he mentioned accomplished.

The Women Help.

Miss Julia Thorns, of Asheboro, told the meeting what the Federated Women's clubs are doing in the way of conservation. She cited a number of roads of remembrance that have been established and described the state park of Florida, which is under the care of the Federation. Miss Thorns stated that the Federated Women's clubs do not favor the creation of a national park in the Appalachian region since experience has shown that the establishment of national forests is preferable and that the Forest Service is better equipped to handle areas that may be set aside than any other government agency.

Resolutions strongly urging the establishment of an effective state forest fire protection system and more liberal federal contribution for this purpose, were adopted, as was also one calling on congress to make new and liberal appropriations for the continuation of federal purchases of land in the Appalachian region for inclusion in national forest. Other resolutions adopted urged the establishment of a forest experiment station in North Carolina by the federal government, and invited the close cooperation of all lumbermen and railroads in putting forestry on a practicable basis in the state.

Resolutions adopted follow:

Federal and State Fire Protection.

Whereas, it is obvious that the supply of virgin timber in the state of North Carolina and in the eastern nited States is being rapidly exhausted, and

Whereas, it is equally obvious that the people of this state and of the United States must fill their future needs for lumber for home building and for their industries by growing the timber on lands not needed for other uses, and

Whereas, the prevalence of forest vres as the greatest obstacle to the growing of timber and is therefore a menace to the people of this state and to the people of the nited States, and

Whereas, the present efforts of the state of North Carolina to prevent and suppress forest fires, despite the efficient work of the State Geological and Economic Survey, are not meeting this menace, and

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the North Carolina Forestry association urges on the people of the state the enactment of legislation for the establishment of an adequate forest fire protection force in this state, and further, that it urges on congress the appropriation of funds sufficient to furnish reasonable cooperation with the several states for the same purpose.

Acquisition of Forest Lands.

Whereas, the acquisition by the federal government of non-agricultural lands in North Carolina for inclusion within national forests has proved a benefit to the people of the state as a demonstration in timber growing and in other ways; and

Whereas, the congress has adjourned without making an appropriation for the continuation of these purchases in North Carolina and in other eastern states;

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the North Carolina Forestry association respectfully recommends to the congress that the former appropriation of two million dollars a year for such purposes be renewed; and

Be It Further Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to all members of congress from this state.

Whereas, the establishment of forestry experiment stations and the studies conducted at such stations are of [illegible]

Be It Resolved: That the North Carolina Forestry association extend its hearty approval of and cooperation in the efforts to secure the establishment of a forestry experiment station in North Carolina; and

Be It Further Resolved: That this association urges the establishment of such a station with an appropriation of adequate funds for its operation.

State Parks and Forests.

Whereas, the state and municipal parks and forests are of permanent benefit to the people of our state for recreation, for protection and the production of timber; and

Whereas, Mt. Mitchell state park has been purchased by the state for the benefit of all the people; and

Whereas, the state legislature has so far provided no funds for the protection, administration and improvement of this park,

Be It Resolved: That this association hereby memoralize the next general assembly to provide adequately for the support of Mt. Mitchell state park; and

Resolved, Further: That we hereby recommend that North Carolina adopt a far-seeing policy of acquisition of forested areas for the benefit of the people of the state.

Lumbermen.

Whereas, it is realized that an adequate forestry program cannot be carried through without the cooperation of the lumbermen and other users of timber, and

Whereas, we realize that the practical men in the woods have difficulties which [illegible]

Therefore Be It Resolved: That this association invites close conference with individuals and associations engaged in our timber industries with the object of arriving at some definite forest policies which we can work for side by side.

Railroads.

Resolved, that the association appreciates the cooperation of the railroads in the protection of forests and is realized that the cooperation of the railways with the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey can be made very effective in preventing forest fires.

Appreciation.

Resolved, that we hereby express our high appreciation to the Asheville Board of Trade for the use of its rooms and the many other courtesies which it has extended to us all.

Resolved, further, that the thanks of this association be extended to the city newspapers and to the management of the Battery Park and Langren Hotels.

Col. Pratt.

Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, director of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, told the members yesterday of his observations in the French and Belgian forests while in command of the 105th Engineers, and outlined a number of lessons which American can learn from the experience of those countries.

A realization of the value of timber has been forced upon France and Belgium by a long continued scarcity, Col. Pratt said. The people have learned to [illegible]

used, but the small branches and twigs are made into faggots for firewood. All that remains after a tree is cut are the leaves that have been broken off. All of the forests receive careful attention and are intersected by broad fire lines which aid in the control of fires that are started.

There is no waste land in France, according to Col. Pratt. Any area, no matter how small, that is unfit for agricultural crops or pasture, is growing trees because the wood is needed. Even the roadsides are lined with trees and when one is cut every bit of it is used. When the timber is ready for cutting, it is harvested in such a way that the land is sure to grow a new crop. This is done either by leaving seed trees or by planting.

In the Landes region, France has converted what was once a fever-ridden swamp into a healthy district by planting trees, and has at the same time established an important naval stores industry, Col. Pratt reported. North Carolina, by neglecting to care for the splendid long-leaf pine forests which occurred naturally in the eastern part of the state, has lost its prestige as a producer of naval stores. Great areas once covered with magnificent pine forests are now desolate wastes, Col. Pratt stated, when they might have been kept producing timber in perpetuity.

What has happened in the eastern part of the state is bound to take place in the hardwood forests unless measures looking to thei rprotection are speedily taken. The long-leaf pine, contrary to general belief, will reproduce itself if seed trees are left and if it is protected from fire and jogs. The hardwood forests likewire need protection from fire and should be cut so that ample provision is made for reseeding the cut-over land. Long-leaf pine has almost been exterminated in eastern North Carolina, and the yellow poplar is in danger unless more conservative methods of lumbering are adopted.

E. E. Carter.

Basing his statements on studies made by the forest service for the report on the so-called Capper resolution, Assistant Forester E. E. Carter, of the United States Forest Service, told the association that the price of building material in North Carolina, or anywhere else in the country nowadays is governed by the cost of shipping it all the way across the continent, plus several profits. This is besause the principal lumber regions of the east no longer produce enough lumber to supply the demand.

We have got to have lumber in order to supply material for homes and to make possible the logical development of our industries. With the supply of mature or virgin timber gone, the price of lumber in the future must include the cost of growing as well as of harvesting and manufacturing timber. Private owners of timberland have failed to make the porper provision for a future supply. The public interest demands that compulsory legislation be enacted which will make that provision. Such legislation has got to come and come soon if we are to escape conditions like those which prevail in Europe where wood is a luxury whose use has got to be carefully watched.

The first step in timber production is fire protection, Mr. Carter stated. Without fire protection the forests of North Carolina, and the rest of the country will inevitably disappear. Given fire protection and a reasonable amount of care, they will, in most cases, restock themselves and produce timber which will be ample for future needs.

Many of the states have realized the necessity for fire protection and have made provision for protective systems. Under the provisions of the wood law the forest service is cooperating with these states and is contributing to the cost. The amount provided by North Carolina is only about $3,000 or $4,000, and is pitifully inadequate to meet the need, Mr. Carter stated. Because of the small state appropriation the amount contributed by the government is only about $2,000.

The big need in North Carolina, according to Mr. Carter, is for an adequate appropriation and legislation which will enable the state forester to install an effective fire protective system. With this a start can be made which will repay many fold the money that it costs. Until this is done, the forests of the state will continue to lose ground before the combined attack of lumbering and forest fires.

There is plenty of land in the state chiefly valuable for growing timber to meet the future needs of the state for wood and to retain its export business, it was stated, but until that land is kept productive, North Carolina will pay the price of timber depletion just as New Yorn or Michigan is doing now. With 18,000,000 acres of forest land, North Carolina has no need to worry if it keeps that land growing timber.

Mr. Carter spoke briefly of the effort to secure a forest experiment station at Asheville and said that it was an encouraging sign of the interest in timber growing. The project should not be allowed to drop and it is to be hopeo that eventually such a station can be established. He announced also that copies of the report on the Capper resolution are not available as congress has not yet had it printed.

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GALLATIN ROBERTS IS PRES. OF STATE BODY

ASHEVILLE'S MAYOR HONORED BY OTHERS OF STATE

Association to Ask Legislature to Take Act to People to Be Passed on

Mayor Gallatin Roberts, of this city, was elected president of the North Carolina Municipal association, which was organized in Raleigh yesterday, according to dispatches received by The Citizen last night. A conference of mayors and finance officers was called to meet in Raleigh Tuesday and Mayor Roberts and City Auditor F. L. Conder left here Monday afternoon to attend the sessions.

The association it is understood, will take up with the legislature, at the special session which will be held in July, the proposal to amend the state re-valuation act, so as to permit cities levying in excess of ten per cent license limitation in the act, upon submitting the proposal to the people.

The mayors and finance officers found that a number of the cities would had it hard sledding next year if they were not permitted to collect more than ten per cent increase on the revenues of the previous year.

The other officers of the newly organized association were not given in the dispatches, but it is presumed that they were elected and that committees to look after the various details of the work of the association were also named by the convention. Many of the chief executives of the state have felt for sometime that there should be an organization of this nature, and the call for such a meeting was responded to with much interest by the mayors of the state.

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EFFORT LAUNCHED TO RECALL CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Roberts Is Glad To Stand On His Record For Any Investigation

Petitions, It Is Said, Will Be Circulated Today for Signature of Those Wishing Recall and New Election --Promoters of Recall Say 1,031 Signers Needed to Make It Effective.

Charging that Mayor Gallatin Roberts and Commissioners R. L. Fitzpatrick and R. J. Sherrill were guilty of "gross incompetency and mismanagement of business transactions and financial affairs of the city of Asheville, extravagant in the expenditure of public funds and enacting discriminative and class legislation," following a meeting last night of a score of business men it was announced that beginning today petitions will be circulated requesting the recall of the entire board.

The meeting was held in the offices of Attorneys Howell and Reynolds in the Strand Theatre building and all present are said to have been unanimously in favor of circulating the petitions and to call a mass meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the county court house to consider further plans for "ousting" the members of the board.

It was stated that today, handbills will be printed and distributed urging all citizens to be in attendance at the mass meeting, where the "present state of affairs of the city government will be gone over from beginning to end," and immediate steps be taken to remove the commissioners."

When a Citizen reporter called upon Mayor Gallatin Roberts last night, the head of the city government expressed himself as being greatly surprised and said with emphasis that he was willing to stand by his record since he took the oath of the office. As the decision of those attending the meeting became known at a late hour, the mayor had retired and was awakened for a statement.

The tentative petition drawn up hastily after the meeting, states as grounds for such recall that "extravagance in the expenditure of public funds and tax receipts had resulted in an increase of 25 per cent in the taxes over 1920; that by-laws and ordinances governing the citizens of Asheville had been discriminative and class legislation; that the board had refused to co-operate, causing continuous wrangling and 'school-boy' disputes at the expense of the city's best interests." An election is demanded to fill the offices of mayor and commissioners of finances and public accounts, commissioner of public works and commissioner of public safety, as prescribed in the charter of the city.

Mayor Roberts Talks.

At his home last night, Mayor Roberts said that his life had been an open book to all the people of the city. "Every dollar that has come into my hands as financial officer has been carefully and judicially handled," he said. "Every one in the city, who desires, may come and see for himself. Any attempt of any one to despoil the people's money has been denounced and instantly discharged from the service of the city.

"I am absolutely willing for my record to be investigated. Upon my record, I will stand."

"After more than two year's of financial stringency, I am glad to say that Asheville is in better shape than many cities of this state. Our accounting system is considered the best in the state, by expert auditors. I invite every man in the city who is interested to come and examine the records. Mayor Roberts said he was willing to stand on his record of more than two years of my best energy and activity."

Mayor Roberts laid special stress on the assertion that he was willing to have his record investigated from the beginning of his administration up to the present time. Since assuming his duties, Mr. Roberts has been twice elected head of the North Carolina Municipal association, an organization composed of the mayors of nearly 60 municipalities of North Carolina. On many occasions he has been invited to speak on municipal finances, and was very active in urging Governor Morrison to call the special session of the legislature on December 5, next to consider the municipal finance act, declared invalid because of a reported inconsistency in the recording of the proceedings in the clerk's journal.

Fitzpatrick Talks.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick, when questioned following the meeting, if he had been apprised of the movement which had been started for a recall and a new election, he declared that he had not. He said that he had heard a few days before that some such steps were about to be taken, and wanted to know if the city judge was not also involved in the effort to have a recall started in the city.

"I have been serving the city for about 18 years, one way and another," the commissioner remarked; when the avorments as set forth in the petition were read to him, "and it's a funny thing they would not have had time by then to find out I was incompetent to serve, before they elected me the last time. Part of that time I served as alderman."

Referring to the allegation of a lack of co-operation, Commissioner Fitzpatrick declared that he knew of no such conditions and that things, so far as he knew, were going very smoothly. He further said that he was at a loss to know why extravagance should be charged, because he felt there had been none in the conduct of the city's affairs.

As to class legislation in the matter of by-laws, and ordinances for the city, Commissioner Fitzpatrick declared that he had no idea what the people, drawing up the petition, could have been referring to.

According to the statement made by those in attendance at the meeting last night, thirty-five per cent of the voters must be secured in order, to call the election, which, according to their computations, will be 1,031 qualified voters. It was stated that a total of 2,947 voters had gone to the polls in the last election and since that time a large number of women had registered. A general discussion took place at the gathering and a number of ordinances passed by the board were discussed.

Mayor Roberts could not be reached by telephone last night and no statement could be secured from him. George Pennell, city corporation counsel, said when called over the phone that he had no statement to make.

Petitions were circulated last year asking for the recall of Commissioner Fitzpatrick, but nothing materialized.

It was alleged by members at the meeting last night that the launching of a campaign for the recall of the commissioners had been smouldering for several weeks, and that a number of them had received reports that petitions were already being circulated, but upon investigation they failed to learn anything further.

Following is a copy of the petition that will be circulated:

Copy of Petition

To the Secretary-Treasurer of the City of Asheville:

We, the undersigned citizens, residents, qualified voters and electors of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, hereby petition, request and demand the recall of Mayor, Commissioner of Public Accounts and Finances, Gallatin Roberts; Commissioner of Public Works, R. J. Sherrill, and of Commissioner of Public Safety, R. L. Fitzpatrick, and after satisfying yourself that the requisite number of qualified voters have petitioned, requested and demanded their recall, that you then present this petition to the Mayor and Commissioners that they may order an election as prescribed by law.

And as grounds for such recall, we prefer the following charges, to-wit:

First—Gross incompetency and mismanagement of the business transactions and financial affairs of the City of Asheville.

Second—Gross extravagance in the expenditure of the public funds and tax receipts of the City of Asheville, resulting in a twenty-five per cent increase in taxes over 1920.

Third—Discriminative and class legislation in the passage an enactment of by-laws and ordinances governing the citizens and inhabitants of the City of Asheville as a municipal corporation.

Fourth—Their inability and refusal to co-operate in the management of the City's affairs resulting in a lack of harmony, continuous wrangling and schoolboy disputes all at the expense of the City's best interests and to the disgrace of our municipality.

And we demand an election of successors to fill the offices of Mayor, Commissioner of Public Accounts and Finances; of Commissioner of Public Works, and Commissioner of Public Safety, all as prescribed by the Charter of the City of Asheville, Chapter 49, Private Laws of 1915.

Respectfully submitted.

Name: Residence:

Asheville Citizen September 13, 1921

MAYOR ROBERTS SAYS 1922 BEAMS WITH BOUYANT HOPES

The past should not be forgotten, its pathway is strewn with blasted hopes and keen disappointments. The future beams with buoyant hope. All hail the New Year.

The above is perhaps the keynote of the New Year's message of Mayor Gallatin Roberts to the people of Asheville. His message follows:

"Another year is here already. Another year is gone forever. Its books are closed; its record made, and even if the balance be on the wrong side of the ledger, it need not be carried over to the new book for 1922.

"Of course lost opportunities are lost forever, but the new year will bring new ones, and they may be improved. 1921 is gone; another milepost has been reached on life's journey, and it is well for each one of us to pause and look back over the rough places and also the smooth places over which we have traveled. At times during the year 1921 there were clouds, doubts and uncertainty—fragrant flowers, open graves and absent faces, and heart-rending grief. Some are still looking upward; others are looking onward to lengthening shadows, and the coming twilight. Time is moving swiftly on. The past is only a memory. The past should not be forgotten; its pathway is strewn with blasted hopes and keen disappointments.

"The year 1921, whcih ended when the clock struck twelve last night, deserves a bright page in the annals of the passing years. Many things occurred in its passing weeks and months to strengthen hope and brighten the lives of men and women.

"Turning aside from that which is passed and gone forever, All Hail the New Year. The future actually beams with buoyart hope, and we predict great things for the year 1922. There are reasons to believe that it will bring many good things for all the people.

"It is the fervent hope and prayer of every one that the New Year will bring peace and prosperity to our nation and to all the world."

Signed GALLATIN ROBERTS,
Mayor of Asheville.

Asheville Citizen January1, 1922

Roberts Hopes Plans Will Mature For Athletic Field Postoffice, Library In 1923

In a special New Year's message to the public, Mayor Gallatin Roberts asserts he has great hope for 1923 and believes next year will bring an athletic field, a new posto ce and a new library building for Asheville. The message:

"The New Year 1923 is almost here. 1922 is rapidly drawing to a close, and it deserves a bright page in the annals of the passing years. Many things occurred in the days, weeks and months to revive and strengthen hope.

"In saying good-bye to 1922, it is done affectionately, for it brought many good things to the people of Asheville. Our people were wonderfully blessed during the entire year, and our City's growth and development was really phenominal.

"Time moves rapidly on; it has been called the 'cradle of hope.' It is crowded full with memories; some excite pleasure; others that undoubtedly bring sadness. In many instances its pathway was strewn with blasted hopes and keen disappointments.

"But let us turn from that which is past and gone forever to the New Year 1923. Its outlook beams with hope, and great things in every line of human endeavor are anticipated and expected of the New Year which begins with tomorrow. There is good reason for believing that it will bring many good things to the people of Asheville and the entire country.

"We believe that the great building activity begun in 1922 will continue during the year 1923. Asheville needs a new postoffice; a new library and an athletic field. These things can be secured at an early date we believe. These things along with the completion of our great school program, and an additional paving program will place Asheville in an enviable position."

GALLATIN ROBERTS,
Mayor.

December 29, 1922.

Asheville Citizen December 31, 1922

May 1927

TO THE VOTERS of ASHEVILLE

I am a candidate for Mayor and I am asking your support. I realize that you have the right to know the principles for which I stand, and I have no hesitancy in revealing them to you with my promise to exert every effort to see the following, among other things, carried out, if I am elected:

1. The primary and election will be held on a nonpartisan basis as provided by our charter creating a commission form of government. I want every man in Asheville to know that, if I am elected, he shall receive a square deal from me, regardless of the political party to which he belongs, whether he be rich or poor, high or low, for equal justice will be given all.

2. Having been a teacher in the public schools for seven years, and realizing as only a school teacher does, the supreme need of efficiency in the public schools, the school children of Asheville will be nearer to my heart than anything else. I stand for the immediate completion of the new High School building as rapidly as possible, and the upkeep and maintenance of the other school buildings of the city. I believe that the school teachers should receive adequate compensation for the important work in which they are engaged.

3. Having served on the Finance Committee in charge of the state-wide revenue bills while a member of the State Legislature, and having assisted in the drafting and passing of such bills, the need for a progressive administration of the finances of the City has received my attention for years. I believe in a progressive administration of the finances of the City, but believe in using the utmost economy in placing every dollar of the people's money where it will be of the most advantage.

4. I am deeply concerned as a citizen of Asheville in better fire protection, a permanent fire station in West Asheville; in making the City of Asheville as sanitary in every respect as possible; in efficient street maintenance; in the construction of new streets and sidewalks in every section of the city; in furnishing water to every family of the City at the very lowest rate possible; in the construction of a modern public rest or comfort station; band concerts; in establishing and maintaining parks, playgrounds, and other needful recreation or amusement places and I believe in improving the grounds of every public school in a manner befitting the dignity of Asheville, so that they will afford comfort and pleasure to our school children.

5. I believe in the development of Asheville in every manner possible. I believe in a municipal plan of growth, always with an eye to the future, and to do this a concerted effort should be made by the administration in the development of our City and its people, by promoting municipal effort in projects of construction and building that will produce immediate employment for our splendid workmen, mechanics and returned soldiers.

I believe in all the above principles and pledge my every effort in their support should you see fit to place me in the office which I seek, and I want every one to know that if elected, I will treat every man, woman and child in the fairest and most just manner, regardless of Politics, for we all pay taxes and we are all entitled to consideration regardless of party affiliations or wealth.

Your Friend,

GALLATIN ROBERTS

MAYOR ROBERTS GREETS SPEED DEMON

Harry Hartz, internationally known racing driver is shown above shaking hands with Mayor Gallatin Roberts, on the occasion of the celebration yesterday by the Kibler Motor Company, of its formal open-i[illegible] Behind the mayor and Hartz is the Studebaker "Commander" that won the stock car race recently at Charlotte.

Asheville Times September 22, 1927

West Asheville Anxious To Aid Community Chest

Mayor Roberts Gives The First Check In Section, Mrs. Gaskins Says

"You can say for West Asheville that it will do its full duty for the Community Chest this year," Mrs. S. Whit Gaskins, general of the West Asheville division of the community chest campaign, declared last night.

"It is the first time our part of the city has been organized for a thing of this kind, but in no part of Asheville will you find more civic pride or a desire to do helpful things.

"Our campaign was officially opened by Gallatin Roberts, our mayor, when he gave me his person check as our first contribution to the chest. We have 60 workers who are going out Tuesday to work intensively to cover as much our our territory as possible. This is no small undertaking because West Asheville covers a lot of territory and for 60 persons to cover it adequately in one day is a difficult task. But we are going to do our very best.

"On Sunday we have arranged for three minute speeches at several of our churches. Don C. Young will speak at the Calvary Baptist church at the morning service, and Harry Logan at the church. Mrs. Horace C. Wells will speak at the Presbyterian church and I will speak at the West Asheville Methodist church.

"If anyone has any doubt about the civic pride of West Asheville they should have been at the meeting called Friday night at the Hall Fletcher high school. This meeting was addressed by Frank S. Smith, chairman of the organization committee of the community chest and he sold the community chest idea as well as any one could have done and 50 of our leading citizens signed up right then and there to work for the cause. Among these workers are Rev. J. B. Grice and Dr. Wilbur McMann. These workers in West Asheville have 1,200 cards and we will use the majority of them."

Mayor Opens Chest Campaign

The above picture shows the Honorable Gallatin Roberts, mayor of Asheville, handing his personal subscription to Mrs. S. Whit Gaskins, general of the West Asheville Division of the Community Chest army. As Mayor Roberts is a resident of West Asheville he was asked by Mrs. Gaskins to officially open the campaign on that side of the river.

Asheville Times October 23, 1927

Ash. Times 3/18/28

ROMANTIC STORY OF ASHEVILLE GROWTH SHOWN IN HISTORY WRITTEN BY MAYOR ROBERTS

Ash. Times 3/18/28

By GALLATIN ROBERTS
Mayor of Asheville.

Asheville was founded by John Burton in the year 1794. It was called Morristown for a while. John Burton was in fact a City Planner. He laid out a part of the grant which he secured from the state into forty-two (42) lots of one-half acre each, established streets thirty-three feet wide, and sold many of these lots for $2.50 each. (On the 2nd day of June, 1922, one of Asheville's streets was named for John Burton, and is known as Burton street.) This new town was sometimes called Buncombe Courthouse. In the year 1797 it was incorporated, and called Asheville, named for Samuel Ashe, an eminent jurist.

Original City Charter.

"An act established a town at the court house in the county of Buncombe.

"Whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly that the establishing a town at the court house in Buncombe County would be of great utility and accord with the desire of the inhabitants of said county, and there being a number of lots already laid off at the said court house, and Zebulon Baird, Esq., the proprietor of lands adjoining the same, having signified his consent to lay off as much more land as will amount to sixty-three acres, including said lots for the purpose aforesaid.

"1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the aforesaid sixty-three acres of land be and the same is hereby constituted and established, a town by the name of Asheville, and that John Jarrett, Samuel Chunn, William Welch, George Swain and Zebulon Baird, Esq., be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of carrying into effect the plan of said town and disposing of the lots in such a manner as they or a majority of them shall think advisable: Provided, nevertheless, that nothing in this act shall be construed so as to prevent Zebulon Baird from having the power and right of executing titles of such lots as are yet not disposed of.

Majority of Quorum.

"2. And be it further enacted that, in all matters and things relative to said town a majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum, and in case of death, refusal to act, incapacity or removal of any of them, the remaining commissioners shall fill up such vacancies; and that their first meeting shall be held on the fourth Saturday in January, next, when they shall proceed to appoint a treasurer, who shall be of their own body, and when chosen shall be considered as chairman, and into whose hands all monies collected for the use of said town shall be paid; and he shall give bond with sufficient security, payable to the remaining commissioners for the due application and accounting for all monies by him received; and it shall be considered his duty to cause all the laws, rules and regulations made for the order and government of the said town to be carried into effect.

"3. And be it further enacted that the said commissioners or a majority of them shall have full power and authority to make such by laws and regulations as they may think necessary for the good government of said town and shall have and possess the same powers and authorities usually given to like commissioners, and such rules and regulations as they may make shall be carried into effect by such penalties as they may deem necessary.

"4. And be it further enacted that the commissioners aforesaid shall be empowered to lay a tax annually not exceeding the demands necessary for said town, either on the poll or the value of town property, or both if necessary, which tax shall be levied and collected in such manner as the said commissioners may direct."

Growth Slow At First.

For the next fifty years the growth of Asheville was exceedingly slow, and but little is known of the activities of the little municipality. From the time Asheville was incorporated up and until the year 1849, the town was governed by Commissioners elected from time to time, probably at irregular intervals.

Today we have no official minutes of the various town administrations of our city until the year 1849. On July 24, 1849, James M. Smith, James N. Patton, N. W. Woodfin, Wm. D. Rankin, and M. Patton were elected Commissioners.

As far as we have any records to show, this board made the first effort to adopt rules and regulations to govern its deliberations and its official actions.

Isaac B. Sawyer was the first mayor of Asheville. He was the father of the late James P. Sawyer.

Andrew Erwin was Asheville's first postmaster. He came to Asheville from Wilkes county. In 1814 he removed to the state of Georgia.

In 1806 George Swain, who lived at the head of Beaverdam Creek, was postmaster. His second son, David L. Swain, became judge, governor, and president of the State University. Samuel Chunn was chairman of the Buncombe county court. From him Chunn's Cove took its name.

The first court house erected in Asheville was built of logs and stood at the head of Patton avenue, not far from where the Vance monument now stands.

Extend Limits.

The Legislature in 1849 passed an act extending the corporate limits of Asheville. At this time there were not more than twenty-five residences and five brick buildings in Asheville. The old Presbyterian church was on the site of the present one on Church street, the Methodist church property extended from Patton avenue and Church street to the Aston property, the old Episcopal church on the site of the present Trinity church, and the jail stood on the east margin of what is now Pack square.

In 1850 the white population of Asheville did not exceed three hundred, with probably one hundred seventy-five negro slaves.

In 1851, the Legislature incorporated the Asheville and Greenville Plank Road company. This plank road was between Asheville and Greenville, S. C., and contributed much toward Asheville's growth. At the close of the War Between the States the plank road was in very bad [illegible]lon, and in the year 1866 the [illegible] of the Plank Road company [illegible] repealed.

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About this time, Goodson M. Roberts had a large store where the United Cigar Store now stands, and just back of this store was a farmers' camping ground. There were no other building down to Church street, except one small baker's shop.

An interesting event in those never-to-be-forgotten days was the arrival of the stage coach. The driver's bugle could be heard for miles. The arrival of the stage created as much interest in those days as the arrival of a passenger train does in a small town now.

Pasture 50 Years Ago.

Judge James Henry lived just back of the present Bon Marche building, and had his stable on top of Battery Park hill. That wonderful hill was a pasture fifty years ago. Many friends of nature and beauty were grieved to see the steam shovel biting into this old beauty spot known far and wide as "Battery Park." "You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will, but the scent of the roses will cling to it still."

In 1877, the Asheville library association asked for financial aid from the town and the request was respectfully refused for the reason that it had no authority to use public funds for such purposes. In 1879 the Asheville Public Library was started in a small way, and has grown to such an extent that now it is recognized as the leading library in North Carolina.

On the 28th day of February, 1879, a great mass meeting was held in the Buncombe county court house, and this meeting demanded that the city officials issue $5,000 in bonds for the purpose of macadamizing Main street.

Today we look with interest upon the early efforts of our forefathers to build a city.

On the 18th day of July, 1890 plans for the city hall and Market house building were considered, and a special committee was appointed to go into the details of the construction of this new building. This building was soon afterwards constructed, and on August 26, 1892, the first meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen was held in the City building at 5 o'clock p. m. This building was torn down in 1926.

Discussing Water.

In the year 1881, the first active steps were taken to secure a water supply for Asheville, and today we are still discussing the water situation.

In the year 1881, the first railroad train reached Asheville, and came over the Blue Ridge mountains.

In the year 1882, under the administration of Col. V. S. Lusk, a fire department was organized. That is just a few days back as we count time.

At a meeting of the town commissioners, May 11th, 1883, Dr. J. H. Watkins was appointed to superintend the lighting of the street lamps "and the town marshal was authorized to procure a suitable place for empounding cattle that may be taken up for violation of ordinances."

On the 30th day of August, 1883, a jury was placed upon Chestnut street for the purpose of widening same, and the jury awarded each property owner as damages, and the was duly approved by the board.

In 1883 the town of Asheville expanded and made the city of Asheville. The circle boundry was discarded, additional territory being annexed at the northeast and west. At the same time a strip of territory in the shape of a half moon, lying east of Beaucatcher mountain was dropped from the corporate limits.

In 1884 the Asheville Mission hospital was opened in a five-room house by a few noble women, who conceived the idea of such an institution.

Buy Jail Property.

On the 4th day of February, 1884, the City of Asheville purchased from Buncombe county the jail property, where the old Market house formerly stood for the sum of $5,000.

The year of 1885 was really an epoch in Asheville's history. The building of the Battery Park hotel was an outstanding event, and was a great boom to Asheville, and in September, 1886, the city authorities passed an ordinance authorizing Asheville Street Railway company to use the streets of Asheville for street railway servicce.

In 1886, the City of Asheville secured its water supply from the old pumping station on the Swannanoa river near where the present Asheville Recreation park is located. In the year 1902 the present North Fork sixteen-inch main was built, and in 1920-21 the Bee Tree line was built. Both lines bringing a large supply of water into the city.

In 1887 the Asheville Female College was built. This institution meant much to Asheville in it's day. It was located on Oak street, where the David Millard high school now stands, and it was in 1887 that artificial gas was first used in Asheville.

The Asheville Normal and Associated schools was established forty years ago, Oct. 5, 1887. The Normal department was added to this school in 1892, and during this time has graduated 1,270 teachers. During the past twelve years the course of study has been extended four years. This has built the Normal and Associated schools up to a standard four years teacher's college, and now holds this rating as a standard teacher's college.

It is interesting to recall the early history of the schools in Asheville. In January, 1888, 600 white children started to school in an old building on Montford avenue, known as the Asheville Military Academy, and 150 negro children in an old wooden building on Catholic Hill. In the year 1888 Orange street was built at a cost of about $10,000. In the year 1892 a new building was provided at Montford avenue, and Bailey street (now Asheland avenue), was added to the list of schools.

Cleveland Visits City.

On the 21st day of October, 1886, Grover Cleveland, then president of the United States, and Mrs. Cleveland, visited Asheville and were enthusiastically received.

In the year 1888 the Southern Bell Telephone company was granted permission to operate and maintain a general telephone business in Ashe-

sort and people came to Asheville from all parts of the South.

It is interesting to know that on the 28th day of March, 1855, Zebulon B. Vance was elected town commissioner of Asheville, and served for one year. On the 4th day of February, 1861, R. B. Vance was elected town commissioner of Asheville. Later in life these two brothers became famous. Zebulon B. Vance was elected congressman, governor, and United States Senator, and R. B. Vance served in congress many years with distinction.

An inspection of the Minute Books of the City of Asheville fails to show anything of particular interest from 1861 until several years after the Civil War.

Courthouse Burns.

In the month of March, 1865, the courthouse was burned. It stood near where Vance's monument now stands. At this time the court room was full of prisoners. The fire was first discovered in the top of the building by the guards. The fire had burned the cords of the weight-clock, and the weights which were very heavy dropped through three floors. This fire caused great excitement, and Otto Hildebrand dashed through the town on horseback crying, "The Yankees are here, and old Ashtown is burning up." This was before the day of water works in Asheville. The public well was near where the Jackson building now stands, and during the progress of the fire the prisoners were taken out of the building, and hurried in the street under guard. The building was burned to the ground. Many of the records of the court house were saved by H. S. Walton, Silas Stroup, and John Wilson, and other citizens. Buckets were taken from the Confederate government commissary, located where the Plaza theater now stands, and a bucket brigade attempted to carry water from the old well, above mentioned, to save the court house and other buildings on old South Main street.

The board which was elected in January, 1869, fixed the tax rate as follows:

Each $100 worth of personal property, 16 cents.

Each $100 worth of real property, 20 cents.

Growth Is More Rapid.

This board also authorized its secretary to "correspond with parties where India rubber or leather buckets could be procured to be used for carrying water in case of fire." They taxed all stores where silver and gold canes were sold twenty-five cents each respectively. During this administration the board meetings were held in the private office of the Mayor, Thomas D. Johnston, and he was allowed twenty-five dollars per year for use of same. This is mentioned only for the purpose of showing conditions then and now.

We forget, or do not realize, how fast Asheville has grown during the last half century. The outstanding achievement of the board of commissioners elected in 1871, was the building of a calaboose for the sum of $200, and increasing the tax rate from 16 cents to 30 cents upon personal property.

ville. This system has grown tremendously, and today this company operates more than 12,000 telephones in Asheville.

An inspection of the minute books of the city reveals that on the 6th of December, 1889, a page was dedicated to the memory of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America. We are glad that this was done. The world is now learning to appreciate the worth of this great man of unimpeachable character, and one of the great men of history.

On the 17th day of October, 1890, a building permit was issued for the First Baptist church, corner of Spruce and College streets. This church building was just recently torn down and a fine new structure erected on the corner of Oak and Woodfin streets.

In 1891 the post office was built.

Lay Cornerstone.

On December 22, 1896, the cornerstone for Vance monument was laid with the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons officiating.

In 1905 the corporate limits of Asheville were again extended, making the city's area 5.60 square miles, or the same as the city's present area lying on the east side of the French Broad river.

The Langren hotel was built in 1912 and Grove Park Inn in 1913.

In the year 1915 the commission form of government was adopted, and in 1917 West Asheville was included in the corporate limits. West Asheville at that time was incorporated, so the move in 1917 was a merger of two incorporated cities, rather than a boundry expansion.

Since 1917 six new schools have been built, and another high school is under construction, and today the school department is valued at $5,028,325.55.

In the last few years the Recreation Park, the McCormick Athletic Field, the Municipal Golf course, and the Athletic stadium were built.

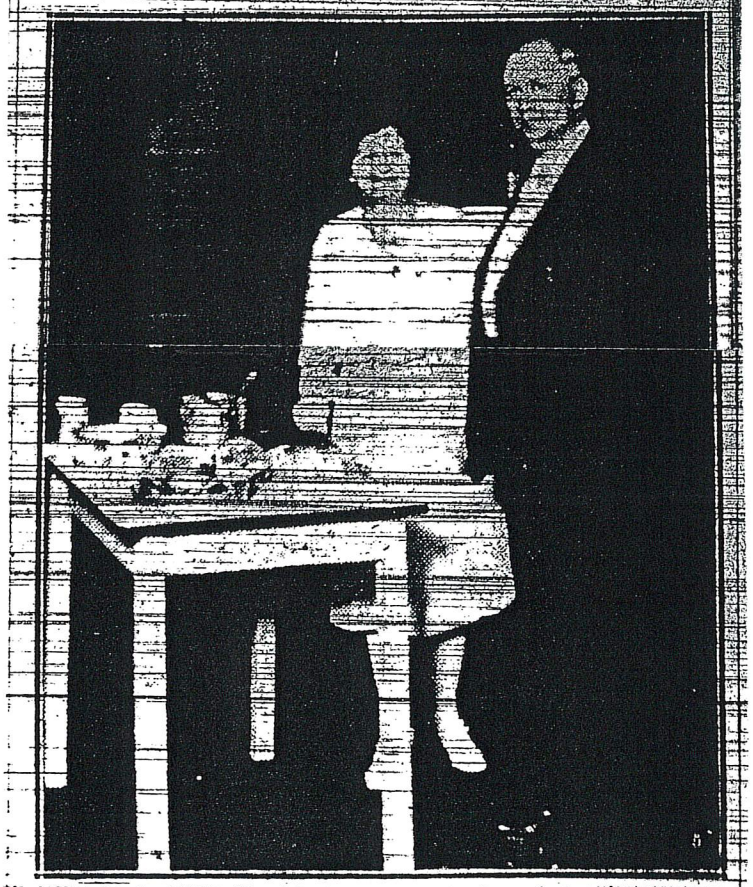
Since 1920, four modern fire stations have been constructed and a full paid fire department added.

Asheville has shown a wonderful growth during the last decade. The real and personal property in Asheville is assessed at $104,205,000.

Today Asheville is one of the most outstanding communities in the state of North Carolina, and as the years come and go, our city will still continue to grow and develop.

Asheville Public Library

Mayor Roberts Greets Mrs. Dull



The head of Asheville's city government is shown here with Mrs. S. R. Dull, after he formally introduced this noted Southern home economics expert to her audience at the formal opening of The Asheville Citizen's cooking school at the Plaza theater Monday morning.

Asheville Citizen Fall 1928

MAYOR PRAISES COOPERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS

Mayor Gallatin Roberts, in a public statement last night, took occasion to commend the public-spirited citizens who contributed their time and money to securing the Enka rayon plant for this section.

"It was the finest spirit of cooperation that I have ever witnessed," the mayor declared. "With such spirit, nothing can stand in the way of Asheville's growth.

"I am naturally pleased that the officials of the American Enka Corporation selected Asheville for their first plant in the United States. I believe that it will attract other industries, especially auxiliary units. It will be only a few years before this section will be one of the largest industrial centers of the southeast.

"The city commissioners appreciate the public spirited citizens who gave their assistance to this project, and I hope that some way can be suggested to pay them honor."

Asheville Citizen September 23, 1928

Mayor's Proclamation

MAYOR ROBERTS Wednesday issued the following proclamation:

"To the people of Asheville and its trade territory:

"The seventh semi-annual Bargain Carnival which opens Thursday under auspices of the Asheville Merchants' Association has become an event of more than usual interest to the buying public of Western North Carolina. It furnishes an occasion for thousands of purchasers within 75 miles of Asheville to familiarize themselves with the splendid facilities offered by our merchants. Goods embracing a wide field of usefulness are displayed and may be secured at genuine reductions. The Buyers Carnival marks the dividing line between summer and autumn business and women may benefit by the early showings of winter fashions. If part of your Christmas shopping is done at this time, you can breathe easier in December. As a stimulator of autumn business in this section, the Buyers Carnival is unrivaled. It has become an institution of equal importance to both merchant and purchaser.

"As the success of the Buyers Carnival depends upon the cooperation of the public, I urge that citizens of Asheville and surrounding cities arrange to visit our stores and investigate the offerings made by our merchants. Bear in mind the dates—September 27, 28 and 29.

GALLATIN ROBERTS,
Mayor.

Asheville Citizen September 27, 1928

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

DRIVE AGAINST FIRES STARTS; DUCKETT ACTIVE

Chief Keeps Firemen Busy Putting Up Fire Prevention Posters.

Fire Prevention week, observed throughout the country each year, as part of a vigorous campaign to stem fire losses, began Monday in Asheville. Firemen were busy during the morning, putting posters in shop windows and on street cars. Literature, dealing with the subject of fire prevention was distributed in the schools.

The main feature of the first day's program is an address to be broadcast from Station WWNC by Mayor Gallatin Roberts at 8:05 o'clock Monday night. The mayor's speech will be followed by a musical program in which the Central Methodist church quartet will take part.

Each night there will be a radio program, including an address and music.

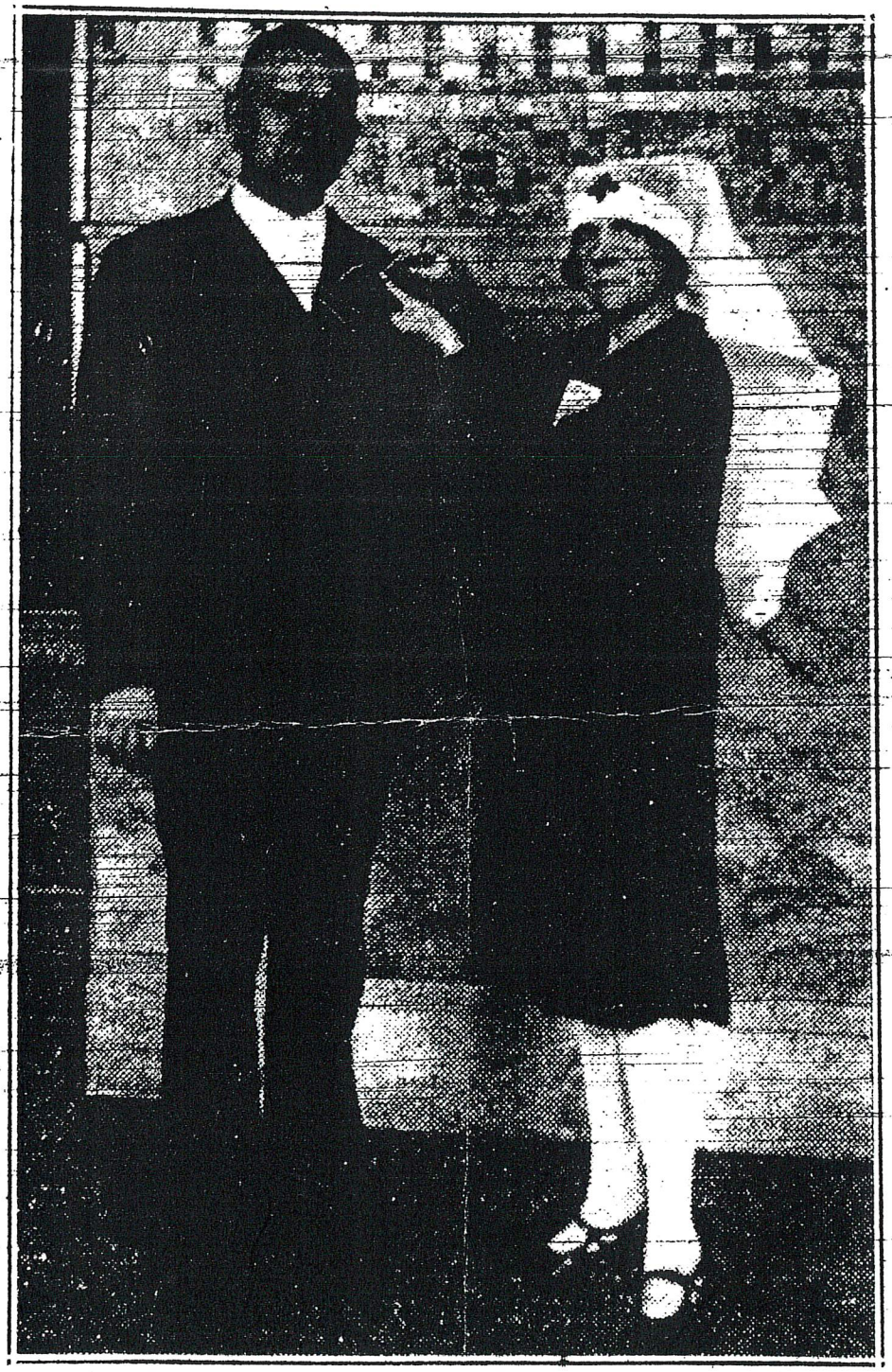
The campaign will be waged chiefly in the schools, the civic clubs and in the industrial plants around Asheville. Each of the civic clubs has arranged a "fire prevention" program for its regular luncheon, and school principals have agreed to hold some sort of program in each school.

Booklets, dealing with the questions of school fires, were mailed Monday by the fire department to all members of the Parent-Teacher associations in Asheville.

Fire Chief Duckett, who is in charge of the week, announced he hoped to have seven days without a single fire in the city.

Asheville Times October 8, 1928

Mayor Buys First Cross

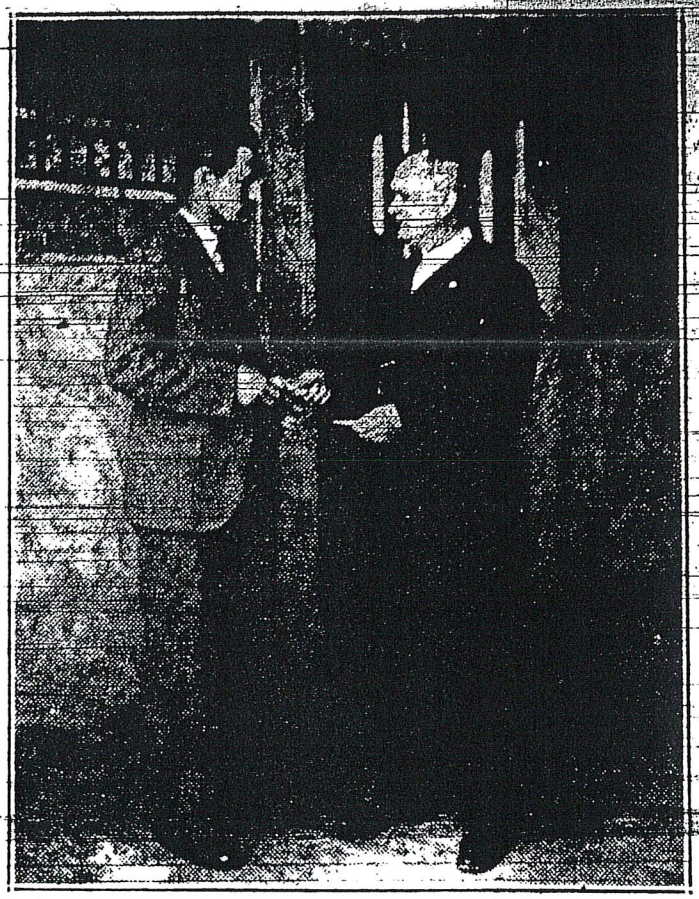


Mayor Gallatin Roberts has been enrolled as the first member of the Buncombe County Chapter of the American Red Cross which will hold its annual Roll Call campaign next Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock. Mrs. J. D. Earle, head of the women's corps for the drive is pinning the Red Cross Emblem on the Mayor's lapel.

Asheville Citizen November 5, 1928

November 9, 1928?

Mayor Purchases First Gridiron Ticket



This photo shows Mayor Gallatin Roberts purchasing the first ticket from J. Dale Threat, of the Weaver College American Legion eleven football game to be played at Asheville's memorial stadium Nov. 12 in the annual Armistice Day game. The American Legion squad is captained by Jack McDowall all-Southern back in 1927 from N. C. State, who will be ably assisted by a brilliant caste of former football material.

Asheville Citizen November 7, 1928

FRIDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 9, 1928

Mayor Roberts Issues Armistice Proclamation

Memorial Service Will Be Held At The Imperial Theater Sunday

Mayor Gallatin Roberts yesterday issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Asheville to join in the celebration of Armistice Day.

A memorial service will be held at the Imperial theater Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, while a general holiday will be observed Monday by the city schools, banks and business.

Mayor Roberts proclamation follows:

"November the Eleventh, ten years ago, "the War drums throbbed no longer, and the battle flags were furled" along the battle fronts in Europe, and millions of people all over the world cried and shouted for joy that the terrible conflict was over.

"Who will ever forget Armistice Day here ten years ago? It was a bleak day in Asheville. There was a cold, sharp, cutting north wind blowing, but that did not dampen the spirit of our people. The War was over, and the Buncombe County boys were coming home, and thousands of our men and women gave vent to their pent-up feelings while others who had sons "over there" who would never return almost collapsed with grief

"Shall we forget those never to be forgotten days? The answer comes back from our people in thunder tones no. Not only is this true but our great State and the Congress of the United States each passed laws designating November 11th a holiday for all the people of this State and nation

"Really and truly the shadow of the great war still hangs over the world Life will never be the same to thousands of our people as it was before that devasting war

"This year Armistice Day falls upon Sunday and a memorial service will be held at the Imperial Theater at four o'clock in memory of all those who fell in that great conflict and all those who rendered service in those trying days. It is fitting that Monday, November 12th should be observed as a holiday for all the children in the city schools, and all the inhabitants of Asheville, and I hereby request that all business as far as possible be suspended on the tenth anniversary of the end of the World war, and that the day be observed in a manner befitting what it commemorates.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said
"This is my own, my native land."

GALLATIN ROBERTS"
Mayor."

Asheville Citizen November 9, 1928

ANNEXATION FORCES WIN OVERWHELMING VICTORY

City Leaders Vision Dawn Of New Day In Asheville

Mayor Roberts, Happy, Thanks Voters For Work

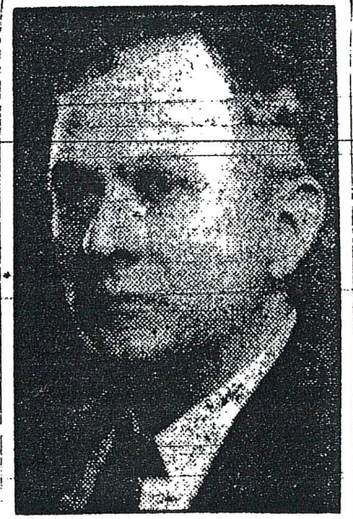
Sees New Era Opening Up For City As Result Of Extension

When informed as to the outcome of the city extension election, last night, Mayor Gallatin Roberts issued a statement thanking the citizenry of the city and county precincts for their action displayed in the election returns and pledged his best interests to the greater city.

His statement follows:

"The people of this whole community have again demonstrated their abiding faith in Asheville's future. It is the beginning of a new era, and I predict a steady substantial growth in the coming years. New blood and new citizens will mean much to the larger city .

"Many of our finest and most useful citizens were living beyond the city limits, and had lost personal touch with the city they love, but now we shall have the benefit of their personal interests and co-operation in matters pertaining to the larger city.



MAYOR ROBERTS

"The people's action today will be broadcast to the world and it will mean much not only to Asheville but to all of Western North Carolina. I am glad that our citizenship let the world know that our city is not standing still, but is looking to the future.

Welcomes New Citizens Of Asheville With Statement

"Capital is turning toward the South as never before, and we are in the direct path for a wonderful development with all of our people standing together and working for one common good we may expect industry after industry to come this way, and too, we should not lose sight of the fact that our city is destined to become the capital of a resort region unrivalled in any part of the country.

"I desire to again pledge my all to the best interests of the people of Greater Asheville."

Asheville Citizen May 1, 1929

Mayor Is First Customer

Little Mary Eleanor Smith, granddaughter of Mrs. Whitefoord G. Smith, president of the Buncombe county chapter, American War Mothers, sold Mayor Roberts the first carnation opening the sale conducted by the War Mothers chapter. Proceeds from the sale of the flowers will be used in relief work among disabled veterans. —Staff Photo by Michael

Asheville Citizen May 12, 1929

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1929

Mayor Opens Poppy Sale

Mayor Gallatin Roberts has purchased the first poppy of the Poppy Day sale for the benefit of the work of the American Legion auxiliary which begins this morning in Asheville. Mrs. L. B. Dorian, of the auxiliary, made the sale. Practically every one in Asheville today will be asked to follow the example which has been set by the Mayor in helping along the work for the boys at Oteen hospital.

HEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1929

To Open Store

Mayor Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, will unlock the local store of Millers, Inc., Saturday morning, when it opens for business.

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1929

Buys First Forget-Me-Not

Mayor Gallatin Roberts is here shown buying the first "Forget-Me-Not" of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War's annual drive which is being made throughout the city today. Mrs. E. G. Thompson, one of the volunteer workers who is assisting with the sale of these little flowers for the benefit of the Disabled veterans, is pinning the flower on the mayor. Scores of women are assisting today in the "Forget-Me-Not" campaign.

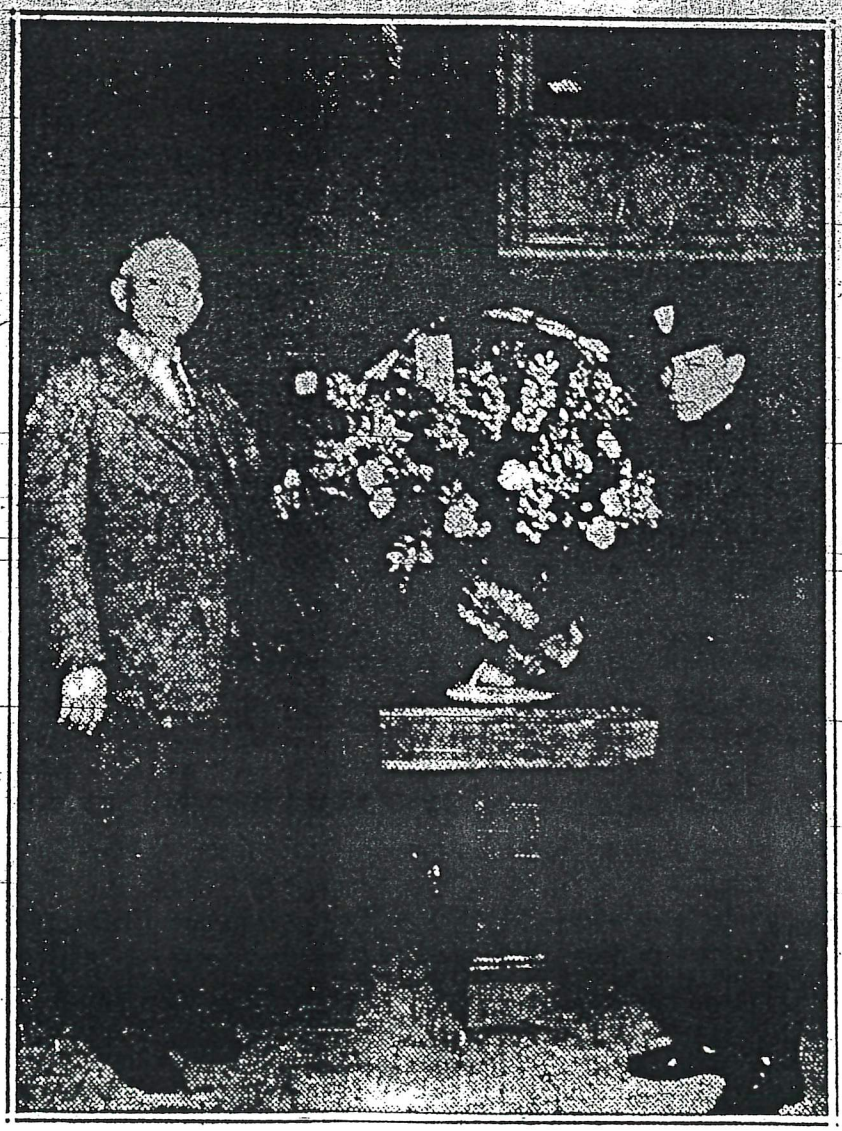
Asheville Citizen September 21, 1929

The Times' Official Christmas Newsboys—1929

From 1926 to 1956, a special Christmas edition of The Asheville Times was sold on the streets by leading business and professional men of the town. Proceeds benefited newsboys and later provided lunches for needy school children. The 1929 Christmas sales force is shown in this picture made in front of The Times' former offices on Pack Square. The photo is from Irving Fogartie's collection. Pictured are, front row, from left, Clarence Pinkerton, Dan Adams, James H. Hensley Jr., Talmadge DeBruhl, John Lee Hyatt, Judge Carl B. Hyatt, Jack Barrett, Roy Moody, Everett Sprouse, Jack Weaver, Richard Howell, Grover Rector, Carl Gossett, P. J. McCormick, J. E. Gibson. Second row, Ben Evans, Ned Wheeler, Fred L. Weede, Joe Sevier, D. L. Jackson, Irving F. Fogartie, Tom Bird, James J. Bailey, A. L. Duckett, Mayor Gallatin Roberts, Holmes Sawyer, J. W. Grimes, C. H. Bartlett, L. B. Rogers, J. O. McElroy, Joe Seay, E. M. Bearden, Harry W. Love and Dr. H. B. Trimble. Third row, Paul Winchester, Howard Frady, Dan W. Hill, Joe Little, R. A. Funk, J. D. Earle, Myrtis Trimble and Seth Perkinson.

THE SUNDAY CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1930

Flowers Sent Mayor Roberts



Mayor William Kunze, of Minneapolis, Minn., yesterday wired through Middlemount Gardens a basket of flowers and greetings to Mayor Roberts upon the opening there of the national flower show of the Florists Telegraph Delivery association. Woodrow Mills, Postal Telegraph delivery boy, is shown making the final lap in the flower delivery service. Thanks were wired Mayor Kunze by Western Union. Middlemount Gardens will enter contests this week at the meeting.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1930

Minneapolis Mayor Sends Flower Token To Roberts

Middlemount Will Enter Contests Of National Florists

Upon the opening yesterday in Minneapolis, Minn., of the national Florists' Telegraph Delivery association convention, Mayor Gallatin Roberts received through Middlemount Gardens, a member of the association, a large basket of flowers from Mayor William Kunze, of Minneapolis. Woodrow Mills, Postal Telegraph delivery boy, delivered the flowers to Mayor Roberts from Middlemount's shop and Mayor Robert's telegram of thanks was returned by Western Union messenger service and wires.

This is the annual meeting of the great association of 5,000 florists who are members of the delivery association. During the convention this week several hundred large gas balloons will be released with the names of florist members on tags attached. Finders of these tags and coupons will be entitled to send a basket of flowers to any person or institution in the city where the florist is located. Last year a Middlemount card was recovered in Mississippi and the order of flowers sent to the finder's mother, who happened to live in Asheville.

The Middlemount Gardens will enter balloons in this unique race of the flowers. Another phase of the convention in which Middlemount will figure will be the window picture contest. Middlemount Gardens will enter pictures of their window arrangements. Last year the Asheville florist shop was awarded honorable mention in the picture contests.

The following message was sent by Mayor Kunze yesterday to Mayor Roberts with the large basket of flowers: "Greetings: Upon this occasion, the opening of the 11th national flower show in our city, allow me to express the good will of the people of Minneapolis to the People of your city by saying it with flowers. This flower token was made possible through a world wide organization of 5,000 bonded members of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery association. Sincerely, William F. Kunze, Mayor of Minneapolis, Minn."

A large amount of publicity is given cities in which florist members of the delivery association have shops. Middlemount Gardens always wins recognition at the national flower shows and conventions of members. The Haywood Street shop is called "the most unique flower shop in the world" and it attracts a great many visitors in Asheville.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN ASHEVILLE N. C. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1930

ANALYST READS MAYOR ROBERTS

Harriette Gunn Roberson Reads Character Of Asheville Mayor

"An unusual combination of markings characterize the face of Mayor Gallatin Roberts," according to Harriette Gunn Roberson, noted personality analyst, who is conducting a series of free lectures each evening at the Battery Park hotel.

Mrs. Roberson said that the markings of the mayor are phophetic of the statesman, not the politician. Mrs. Roberson has spent several years studying various types of faces as related to character. She has had the honor of analyzing two presidents of the United States.

Mrs. Roberson's interpretation of Mayor Roberts' character is as follows: "His honor is the deep thinking, hard working type of executive, who will fight for a cause that he thinks is just and right. He is a practical idealist indicated by his extremely high top head.

"The bulge in the middle of the forehead shows the creative imagination of the builder.

"The development over the eyes shows that he is a keen observer of men and events.

"His eyes show that he is as keen as a briar and has a ready use of words.

"His conquering nose shows that he is a born leader. The lower part of his nose shows unusual business ability and self-control.

"The breadth of face indicates frankness and out-spokenness.

"His upper lip shows ability to deal with people satisfactorily.

"The chin shows firmness, self-control, lover of the beautiful and a tendency to keep his own council.

"He is courageous, self-reliant, generous to a fault in giving of himself.

"His key-note is achieving along conservative, practical lines.

Asheville Citizen April 16, 1930

MAYOR ASKS THAT ALL CITIZENS BE IN CENSUS LISTS

Mayor Gallatin Roberts last night issued the following statement, urging that every person living within the city limits of Greater Asheville make sure that his or her name is listed in the present government census:

"It is my most ardent wish that every person living in Asheville be counted in the census now being taken. Those who have charge of this important work are just as anxious to list every single soul, and may we put forth every possible effort ourselves toward the complete success of this census.

"It will be 10 years before another census is taken, and Asheville wants its true population known to all the world. In spite of everything we may do, some of our citizens will not be counted, but it is my wish that we exert ourselves and take enough interest in the city's standing to reduce this number to a minimum. Signed: Gallatin Roberts, Mayor."

Asheville Citizen April 21, 1930

GALLATIN ROBERTS SHOOTS HIMSELF TO DEATH WITH PISTOL IN WASHROOM OF LEGAL BUILDING

Pack Memorial Public Library
Asheville, N. C.

B. B. Worsham, Blind Attorney, Hears Shot And Upon Investigation Body of Roberts Is Discovered

Ash. Times Sept 5/31

DEATH INSTANTANEOUS FROM REVOLVER SHOT INTO BRAIN

Tragedy Comes As Great Shock to City; Former Municipal Executive Was Facing Trial in Bank Cases

Former Mayor Gallatin Roberts committed suicide at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, using a .38 calibre pistol to send a bullet crashing through his brain.

He used the lavatory on the fourth floor of the Legal building for the deed. He had recently re-opened his law offices on the third floor of the building.

B. B. Worsham, blind attorney who maintains offices about ten feet from the lavatory, heard the pistol shot while engaged in some task in his room.

A few seconds after the shot, Mr. Worsham said he heard a noise that sounded like a falling body.

He felt his way into the hallway and remained there about three minutes. He called the attention of a janitor to the noise and suggested that an investigation be made.

The body was found slumped over in one corner of the lavatory, which was hardly large enough to accommodate the large body of the former Asheville mayor.

The body was removed to the Clayton and Hyer funeral home, in West Asheville, about 3 o'clock.

The former mayor was indicted last week with six other public officials on charges of conspiring to misapply and convert public funds and to use them for the benefit of the Central Bank and Trust company.

It was above the offices of the defunct bank that Mayor Roberts ended his life.

Mayor Roberts left a letter addressed to "The People of Asheville," which is published elsewhere in this edition.

The bullet entered at the right temple, ploughed through the brain and came out about one and one-half inches above the left ear. It ended its journey in the door leading into the lavatory.

Removed Bullet

The officers removed the bullet, using pocket knives. The bullet was imbedded about one-half inch in the door.

Judging from the position of the body and the location of the bullet in the door, it was apparent that Mayor Roberts stood up, facing northeast, and placed the gun against his right temple. Coroner Carroll expressed the opinion death was instantaneous.

Three letters were left, one to Mrs. Roberts, one to George Pennell, attorney and one to "The People of

The news of the tragedy spread rapidly and hundreds of people crowded about the entrance to the Legal building and jammed the hallways on the fourth floor.

Chief W. R. Messer, Chief of Detectives Fred Jones, Lieut. Frank Hagan and other members of the police department took charge until the arrival of Coroner Carroll. Upon the arrival of the coroner, the hallway was cleared to permit the removal of the body to the funeral home.

On account of the smallness of the lavatory, it was necessary for several men to pick up the body and bring it to the hallway where it was placed on a stretcher.

After an examination, Coroner Carroll said that an inquest would not be necessary as it was obviously a case of suicide.

The letter to Mr. Pennell asked that the body be sent to Clayton and Hyer funeral home.

It was 15 or 20 minutes before the body was identified as that of Mayor Roberts. The bullet, that crashed through the brain, distorted the face, and made identification difficult. The shadows of the semi-darkened room also added to the general confusion.

J. Frazier Glenn, Jr., and Lamar Galloway, who maintained law offices in the Legal building, were among the first to reach him. At first, they were unable to identify the body, although they were intimately acquainted with the former mayor.

Mayor Roberts, with six other public officials and eleven Buncombe county bank officials were indicted by the Buncombe county grand jury last Saturday morning on charges of conspiring to pervert the credit of the city and county, to misapply public funds, and to use public funds for the benefit of a private corporation, the Central Bank and Trust company. He was free under $10,000 bond.

Friends of the former mayor said that he had seemed in good spirits when they talked with him yesterday. While apparently undisturbed by the grand jury indictments, he felt keenly the criticism which had been directed against his administration.

Looked for Acquittal

He expressed confidence, both in a public statement to the press last Saturday and in conversation with friends Sunday and Monday, he would be acquitted when he faced trial in Buncombe county superior court.

Mayor Roberts' son, Edward in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was notified by Mr. Pennell this afternoon that his father had committed suicide.

Was Star Athlete

Ed, as he was known among a large circle of friends here, was a star athlete at the Asheville high school for several years, and went to New Mexico following a physical breakdown. He had recently married.

The daughter, Margaret, lived with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts in West Asheville.

Following the failure of the Central Bank and Trust company on Nov. 20, with more than $4,000,000 of city funds on deposit, a movement was started in the city to oust the city board of commissioners. The movement was taken up by va-

s c c groups until, during the ond and third weeks of December, he mayor and the two commissioners resigned one by one, their places eing filled as they resigned.

e new board included: Mayor y Plummer, Harry L. Parker, missioner of public works, and A. Goode, commissioner of pub- afety. Later, Mr. Goode's office taken by Andrew Gennett and later by E. E. McDowell.

Issued Statement

hen the indictments were re- ed last week, Mayor Roberts tained in emphatic terms that was innocent. At the time he : "If trying with all my soul to approximately $3,250,000 of the ple's money in the Central Bank Trust company is a conspiracy, I am guilty."

This money was in the bank the I went into office, nearly four s ago.

If honestly trying in every way h the best ability and judgment d gave me to save every dollar sible for the people, is a cause for demnation, then let me be con- ned.

I am guilty of no crime. I have e no wrong. My hands are clean. ook the whole world squarely in face and defy any person any- re to prove that a single cent of rupt money or any other thing r dishonestly touched my hands. hall demand an immediate trial."

Leader In Fight

Mayor Roberts was one of the ders of the fight for "Greater heville' in the 1929 general assem- . During the time the legislature s in session, he spent much of his ne in Raleigh, exerting his influ- ce to have the limits of the city ended. In recognition of this serv- he was nominated in December of 9 to receive The Times 1929 civic ard. The nomination was made by hn A. Goode, then president of the amber of Commerce.

Mr. Roberts was born on a farm Flat Creek township in Buncombe unty in 1878 and was educated in e public schools until he was 17 hen he entered Weaver college.

In the year 1897, then a country y, he went to Marshall where he orked in the store conducted by J. Redmon. After working for a year e entered Washington college, a nall institution in Tennessee, where remained for a year, working to y his tuition and expenses. In 99 he entered King college at Bris- l and worked his way for two years chopping wood and making fires r board and tuition. While at ing Mr. Roberts distinguished him- elf as a ball player, being the lead- ng pitcher. He was a member of he debating team also and took art in the oratorical contests at he school commencement.

Was School Teacher

Mr. Roberts returned to Buncombe ounty in 1901 and taught school at he Sand Hill school. The following ear he taught at Barnardsville, and was elected, after a year of teaching Barnardsville, principal of the Flat eek high school. During those ars the young man was reading law night, and in January, 1904, he ntered the law department of Wake orest college and the following ugust was admitted to the bar.

Being without funds to establish imself in the practice of law, Mr. oberts again taught school one year at the Flat Creek school and two years at the Morgan Hill high school, before opening a law office in Asheville in April, 1907. For a short time he was the partner of Samuel Radford, but the partnership soon terminated and Mr. Roberts practiced alone for a year before he was elected county attorney to succeed Charles A. Webb. In 1910 Mr. Roberts formed a partnership with W. G. Fortune that lasted until 1919.

In 1910 Mr. Roberts was elected to the state legislature where he served during 1911. He was made chairman of the committee on congressional re-apportionment by W. C. Dowd of Charlotte, speaker. Mr. Roberts was re-elected to the legislature in 1912 and served as chair-

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man of the committee of counties, cities and towns. In 1914 he was re-elected again and served as chairman of the committee on appropriations. At the 1914 session of the legislature Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to give women the right to vote, but the bill was defeated. He was re-elected in 1916 and was a candidate for the speakership but was defeated by the Hon. Walter Murphy.

In 1919 Mr. Roberts was elected mayor of Asheville defeating J. E. Rankin after a bitter fight. He served four years. While mayor he was three times elected president of the state Municipal association, and elected twice to the presidency of the state Forestry association.

Named Head of Board

After his retirement as mayor, Mr. Roberts formed a partnership for the practice of law with Don C. Young. In 1914 Mr. Roberts was appointed chairman of the board of elections for Buncombe county and managed the primary and general campaigns. He was twice a member of the Buncombe county Democratic executive committee. In May, 1927, Mr. Roberts was again elected mayor, defeating E. B. Atkinson.

An active church worker, Mr. Roberts was an elder of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, where he taught the Men's Bible class for many years. He was commissioner from the synod of Appalachia at El Dorado, Ark., and voted for Dr. R. F. Campbell of Asheville as moderator.

In 1926, Mayor Roberts was sponsor of the drive for funds for the William Jennings Bryan Memorial for this district. He had been a life long friend of Bryan's.

High in Masonry

Mr. Roberts was a thirty-second degree Mason and was an honorary member of the Kiwanis club for ten years. He was active in the West Asheville club, a community project devoted to the improvement of West Asheville, where Mr. Roberts made his home at 134 Brevard road. During the World War Mr. Roberts was a four-minute speaker and canvassed this section in the interest of the Liberty Loans.

He was married to Miss Mary Althea Sams, daughter of J. H. Sams of Flat Creek, in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts had two children, Edward Gallatin Roberts, a son, is now in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The other child is a daughter, Margaret Evelyn Roberts, nine years old.

able Gallatin Roberts, for more than seven years Mayor-Commissioner of public accounts and finances of the City of Asheville.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the board of commissioners of the City of Asheville:

"That the meeting of the board of commissioners of this date be adjourned in honor of his memory."

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Urges Peace In Death Message

GALLATIN ROBERTS
Former Mayor of Asheville who took his own life this afternoon in the Legal Building.

Explains Suicide In Letter; Pleads For Peace In Asheville

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NORTH CAROLINA ROOMS
Pack Memorial Public Library

Pack Memorial Public Library
Asheville, N. C.

SHAKEN BY WORRY ROBERTS ENDS LIFE

Former Mayor Leaves Notes Protesting That He Did No Wrong

Asheville Advocate 2/27/31

Shaken by worry and despondent over an indictment that had been returned against him by the county grand jury last Saturday, Gallatin Roberts, twice mayor of Asheville, ended his life by suicide early Tuesday afternoon.

The former mayor left notes addressed to the People of Asheville, to Mrs. Roberts, and to George Pennell, corporation counsel and close friend.

In the former he revealed the extent of mental depression he had experienced over the indictment, proclaiming that he had been guilty of no dishonest act and that his efforts had been to save the millions of dollars of city deposits that were in the Central Bank & Trust Company.

Apparently he had been preparing for the tragedy by setting his business affairs in order, and by penning the notes which were found on the desk of his office.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon or on Sunday, depending upon the time of arrival of his son from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The latter is expected to reach the city Saturday morning. Services will be from the West Asheville Presbyterian church, with burial in Green Hill cemetery. He will be buried beside his mother, who died a few years ago.

Upon request of Mrs. Roberts, the body will not lie in state in the city hall as had been requested. Members of the Masonic order, bar association, city employes, and various civic organizations are expected to attend the services.

The lifeless body was found in toilet on the fourth floor of the

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Shaken By Worry Roberts Ends Life

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Legal building, Wednesday afternoon about 2:15 o'clock. He had walked from his own offices on the third floor of the building, entered the toilet and fired a bullet into his right temple. The missel, from a .38 calibre revolver, passed through the head and imbedded itself in the door.

The shot was heard by B. B. Worsham, blind attorney, whose office adjoined the toilet. Mr. Worsham heard the sound of a falling body, and went into the hall, summoning help. Some 20 minutes elapsed before the body was identified as that of the former mayor. Identification was delayed because of the semi-darkness of the small room, and the distorted features of the deceased.

Body Identified

Chief of Police W. R. Messer and Dr. E. R. Morris viewed the body, slumped to the floor and against the wall. The physician expressed the opinion that death had been almost instantaneous. There had been but one cartridge in the pistol.

The letters were found on the former mayor's desk by K. H. Lee, and were turned over to the coroner and George Pennell, who had copies of the public letter typed and given to the press.

Mr. Roberts had talked with Miss May Jones, with Miss Annie L. Merrill, and with his partner, Don C. Young, a short time before the suicide. Miss Jones took acknowledgement of some legal papers. Miss Merrill supplied him with envelopes that were used for the final notes. Mr. Young said he did not appear depressed when he last saw him shortly after 2 p. m.

Following directions contained in one of the notes, the body was taken in charge by the Clayton-Hyer Undertaking firm of West Asheville.

News of the tragedy spread rapidly in the city and was the sole topic of conversation among groups about the streets of the business section.

Was 51 Years Old

The former mayor was 51 years of age. He is survived by his widow; a son, Edward Roberts, who was in Albuquerque, N. M, and a daughter, Margaret Evelyn Roberts, age 9. A brother, J. B. Roberts, lives in Mills River.

He was born in Flat Creek township, this county, in 1879. He attended the public schools and Weaver college. After working for a time in Marshall he went to Washington college in Tennessee and in 1899 entered King college, where he paid his expenses by working his way. He was a member of the debating team and of the baseball team of the college.

In 1901 he returned to Buncombe county, teaching school at Sand Hill. Later he taught at Barnardsville and was made principal of the Flat Creek school. In 1904 he entered Wake Forest college and in August was admitted to the practice of law. After again teaching school he began the practice of law in the city in 1907. He served as county attorney and practiced law with W. G. Fortune until 1919. In 1910 he was elected state representative and was re-elected in 1912 and in 1914.

Elected Mayor

In 1919 he was elected mayor, defeating the late J. E. Rankin. He served a term of four years, and was re-elected in 1927. Following collapse of the Central Bank & Trust Company with $4,600,000 of city funds on deposit, the mayor and other commissioners resigned their offices, being succeeded by a commission now composed of Harry W. Plummer, mayor; Harry Parker, commissioner of public works, and E. E. McDowell, commissioner of safety.

He was active in politics, having served as chairman of the county board of elections. He was teacher of the Men's Bible class of the West Asheville Presbyterian church. He was a 32nd degree Mason, an honorary member of the Kiwanis club, and a member of the West Asheville club. He was a speaker for Liberty Loan bond sale during the World War.

The city commissioners Thursday adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Roberts, and adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, the board of commissioners had heard with profound regret of the death of the Hon-

"Wounded Unto Death," Roberts Says in Letter to People. Forgives Those Instrumental "In Trying to Destroy Me."

Former Mayor Roberts left three letters behind, one addressed to his wife, another to his friend George Pennell and the third addressed "To the People of Asheville."

In his letter to the people of the community Mr. Roberts pleaded with them to cease wrangling and making false accusations. He urged them to make peace among themselves and get to work re-building the city.

The letters were in Mr Roberts' handwriting on the backs of blanks for city delinquent tax collections. The letters were found in the former mayor's office by Kenneth Lee.

The text of Mr. Roberts' letter addressed "To the People of Asheville" follows:

To the People of Asheville:

My soul is sensitive, and it has been wounded unto death. I know exactly who the men are who were instrumental in trying to destroy me, but now, I forgive them.

For twenty years, I was in public life, and I never did a dishonest act during all these years and yet, I have been shamefully charged with committing a felony. God knows I did no wrong during my term in office. My hands are clean and my conscience is clear, and I want to say further that Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Rogers are both clean good men, and have done no wrong.

I have given my life for my city, but I am content. I did what I thought was right. I trust the people of Asheville will cease to wrangle, and all pull together for the common good. Why do you hate each other? Don't you know that life is just like a fleeting shadow, and that you will soon pass to the great beyond? I do not hate a soul on this earth. Won't you people highly resolve to cease your bickering and strife? I want you to do this.

I worked hard for a larger and better City. I knew that it was imperative. Every act of my life during my term of office was for that which I thought was for the best interest of this community.

I used my best efforts in resisting the effort that was made to foster higher telephone rates upon you people.

When I went into office nearly four years ago I found millions of dollars of the people's money in the Central Bank, and I tried with all my soul to protect it, and did protect it for nearly four years.

What would you have done? Would you have closed the bank and lost it, or would you have made an honest effort to save it?

Farewell and adieu,
(Signed) GALLATIN ROBERTS.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1931

ROBERTS RITES TO BE HELD AT CHURCH SUNDAY

Hour Of Funeral Is Set For Three O'clock In Afternoon

BURIAL TO BE IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Service Will Be Held In Church Where He Served As Elder

Funeral services for former Mayor Edward Gallatin Roberts, 51, will be held from the West Asheville Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. W. F. Creson, pastor of the church of which the deceased was an elder and former teacher of the Men's Bible class, will officiate and will be assisted by Dr. A. L. Buckner of Clio, S. C., uncle of the deceased, and the Rev. W. G. Hamilton, pastor of the New Calvary Negro Presbyterian church of Asheville.

Active pallbearers selected by Mr. Roberts some time before his death, will be: Dr. L. E. Davis, neighbor of Mr. Roberts for many years; Harry L. Nettles, former Buncombe county legislator; Chief of Police W. H. Messer, George Pennell, city corporation counsel; A. C. Choate, former superintendent of the city water department; and Howard Ballard, city smoke inspector.

Honorary Pallbearers

Honorary pallbearers will be: Mayor Harry W. Plummer, Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, W. M. Smathers, Senator Josiah William Bailey, Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, president of Wake Forest college; W. B. Plemmons, Douglas Eller, Don C. Young, W. G. Fortune, E. C. Greene, Dan W. Hill, John A. Goode, Clyde S. Reed, Plato D. Ebbs, Thomas Bell, John Russell, T. C. Miller, John McElroy, Hardy Chambers, of Weaverville, Dr. Dan E. Bevier, Dr. J. G. Woodward, Newton M. Anderson, Dr. Charles S. Norburn, John C. Caddell, and Marion Weaver.

Mrs. Roberts yesterday declined to allow the body of her husband to lie in state in the foyer of the city hall. A representative of the family said that the widow of the ex-mayor did not give any reasons for her refusal to allow friends of the deceased to view his body in the city hall.

The Buncombe County Bar Association Wednesday night were sponsoring the plan to have the body lie in state. Guards from the bar association, police and fire departments were to be posted about the casket of the former official.

Various organizations, civic, fraternal, and political, yesterday expressed willingness to participate in the final tribute Sunday to the late mayor. Members of the Democratic Executive Committee were expected to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Mr. Roberts.

The condition of Mrs. Roberts last night was reported to be somewhat improved. She withstood the shock of her husband's death well Wednesday afternoon but Wednesday night was placed under the care of her physician. Her son, Edward Roberts, who lives in Albuquerque, N. M., left that city Wednesday night and should arrive here Saturday at noon if proper train connections are made.

The body of Mr. Roberts will be laid at rest in Green Hill cemetery in West Asheville by the side of his mother and young daughter who died several months ago. The Buncombe County Bar association will attend the funeral service in a body. Delegations from the fire and police

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ROBERTS RITES SET FOR SUNDAY

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departments and representatives of the municipal government will also attend the rites.

Telegrams

Throughout the day yesterday hundreds of North Carolina friends of the late mayor wired their sympathy to Mrs. Roberts and members of the family. A score or more of telephone calls were received at the Roberts home, 134 Brevard road, last night. One of the telegrams came from Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general of North Carolina, who had served in the state legislature with Mr. Roberts.

Senator Josiah William Bailey sent the following wire from Washington: "Warmest sympathy from Mrs. Bailey and myself to you and family. Your husband was one of my dearest friends and a noble citizen, a patriotic and high-minded North Carolinian. His death is an irreparable loss to us all."

Mr. Roberts was a close friend of the North Carolina senator. During the Bailey senatorial campaign the deceased was a member of his campaign committee.

The city commissioners yesterday passed resolutions of sympathy on the untimely death of the former city chief executive. The resolutions were introduced by Mayor Harry W. Plummer. They follow.

"Whereas, the board of commissioners had heard with profound regret of the death of the Honorable Gallatin Roberts, for more than seven years Mayor-Commissioner of public accounts and finances of the City of Asheville.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the board of commisisoners of the City of Asheville:

"That the meeting of the board of commissioners of this date be adjourned in honor of his memory."

Convey Sympathy

George Pennel, city corporation counsel and intimate friend of the late mayor, was instructed by Mayor Plummer to convey to members of Mr. Roberts' family the deepest sympathy of the board.

"No one could ever question Gallatin Roberts' love for his city," Mayor Plummer said during the meeting of the commissioners yesterday morning. "I hope the people of Asheville will take to heart the wish and appeal expressed in his final message."

The body of Mr. Roberts will be taken to his home tonight. More than 50 negro citizens of the city called at the Clayton-Hyer undertaking home last night to view the body of Mr. Roberts. The late mayor had displayed a keen interest in negro welfare work of the city. On numerous occasions he was called upon to open negro conventions and church conferences here.

All city employes at the municipal building will attend the services Sunday in a body. Details of the interment of Mr. Roberts at the cemetery will be in charge of Charles Edmonds, assistant superintendent of the cemetery, who occupied the same seat with the deceased more than 40 years ago at a little school house in the Flat Creek township.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, one son, Edward Roberts; a daughter, Margaret; and a brother, J. H. Roberts, of the Mills River section.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 2, 1931

LAST TRIBUTES TO MEMORY OF ROBERTS PAID

Thousands Line Streets As Cortege Passes To M. E. Church

SEVEN MINISTERS CONDUCT SERVICE

Body Of Former Mayor Is Interred In Green Hill Cemetery

Friends of Edward Gallatin Roberts, who for seven years was mayor of Asheville, paid final tributes yesterday at funeral services in the West Asheville Methodist church.

Five thousand people lined the route of the funeral cortege from the former mayor's home on Brevard road to the church.

Escorts from police and fire departments conducted the procession from the home to the church and from the church to Green Hill cemetery where the body was interred beside those of the former mayor's mother and a daughter to whom he had been deeply attached.

Members of the Masonic lodge, of the Buncombe county bar association and representatives of the municipal government attended the services in groups.

Seven ministers, among them the pastor of a colored church, to which former Mayor Roberts had shown consideration, officiated. They were: The Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church; the Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church; the Rev. Paul N. Gresham, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Savannah, Ga.; the Rev. W. F. Creson, pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian church; the Rev. John Arch MacMillan, editor of Charity and Children; Dr. A. L. Buckner, of Clio, S. C.; and the Rev. W. G. Hamilton, pastor of the New Calvary negro church.

Eulogies Delivered

Eulogies to the former mayor were delivered by several of the officiating ministers including the Rev. Hamilton who characterized the deceased as a friend to both white and negro races. The combined choirs of the West Asheville Methodist and Presbyterian churches were in charge of the music.

Active pallbearers were: Dr. L. B. Davis, Harry L. Nettles, W. R. Messer, George Pennell, A. C. Choate and Howard Ballard.

Honorary pallbearers were Mayor Harry W. Plummer, Senator Josiah W. Bailey of Raleigh, Attorney-General Dennis G. Brummit, of Raleigh, William M. Smathers, Dr. Thurman Kitchin, president of Wake Forest college; W. B. Plemmons, Douglas Eller, Don C. Young, W. G. Fortune, E. C. Greene, Dan W. Hill, John A. Goode, Clyde S. Reed, Plato D. Ebbs, Thomas Bell, John Russell, T. C. Miller, John McElroy, Hardy Chambers, of Weaverville; Dr. Dan E. Sayler, Dr. J. G. Woodward, Newton M. Anderson, Dr. Chas. S. Norburn, John C. Caldell of Wake Forest, and Marion Weaver.

Former Mayor Roberts, whose life ended in tragedy Wednesday, rose largely by his own efforts from a farm boy to a respected position at the bar and to the city's highest administrative office. He was born in 1878 in the Flat Creek section of Buncombe county and was educated in the public schools until he was 17 years old, when he matriculated at Weaver College.

After working in a country grocery store for more than a year he entered Washington college, a small educational institution in Tennessee, where he remained for a year, working to pay his tuition and expenses. In 1899 he entered King college at Bristol, Va., and worked his way for two years. While at this school Mr.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1931

LAST TRIBUTE IS PAID TO ROBERTS

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Roberts starred as a baseball pitcher. He was a member of the debating team and also took part in the oratorical contests at commencement.

Returns To County

Mr. Roberts returned to Buncombe county in 1901 and taught school at the Sand Hill school. The following year he taught at Barnardsville and was elected, after a year of teaching at Barnardsville, principal of the Flat Creek high school. During this period Mr. Roberts was reading and studying law at night and in January 1904 he entered the law school of Wake Forest college and the following August was admitted to the bar.

Being without funds with which to establish himself in his law practice, Mr. Roberts again taught school for one year at the Flat Creek school and two years at the Morgan Hill school, before opening a law office in Asheville in April, 1907. For a short time he was the partner of Samuel Radford, but the partnership soon terminated and Mr. Roberts practiced alone for a year before he was made county attorney to succeed Charles A. Webb.

In 1910 Mr. Roberts formed a partnership with W. G. Fortune which lasted for nine years. In 1910 he was elected to the state legislature where he served during 1911. He was made chairman of the committee on congressional re-appointment by W. C. Dowd of Charlotte, speaker. He was re-elected to the legislature in 1912 and served as chairman of the committee for counties, cities, and towns. In 1914 he was re-elected again and served as chairman of the committee on appropriations. At the 1914 session of the legislature Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to give women the right to vote, but the bill was defeated. He was re-elected in 1916 and was a candidate for the speakership but was defeated by the Hon. Walter Murphy.

Elected Mayor

In 1919 Mr. Roberts was elected mayor of Asheville defeating the late J. E. Rankin. He served four years. While mayor he was three times elected president of the state municipal association, and elected twice to the presidency of the state forestry association.

After his retirement as mayor, Mr. Roberts formed a law partnership with Don C. Young. In 1914 he was appointed chairman of the county board of elections for Buncombe county. He was twice a member of the Buncombe County Democratic Executive Committee. In May, 1927, Mr. Roberts was again elected mayor of the City of Asheville defeating E. B. Atkinson.

An active church worker, Mr. Roberts was an elder and member of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, where he taught the Men's Bible class for many years. He was commissioner from the synod of Appalachia at El Dorado, Ark, and voted for Dr. R. F. Campbell of Asheville as moderator. In 1926 Mr. Roberts was sponsor of the drive for funds for the William Jennings Bryan Memorial for this district. He had been a life-long friend of Mr. Bryan.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason and was an honorary member of the Kiwanis Club for 10 years. He was active in the affairs of the West Asheville Club, and community project devoted to the improvement of West Asheville, where Mr. Roberts made his home. During the World War, Mr. Roberts was a four-minute speaker and canvassed this section in the interest of the Liberty Loans.

Mr. Roberts was one of the leaders in the "Greater Asheville" movement in 1929.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, one son, Edward Roberts; a daughter, Margaret Roberts, and one brother, Cr[illegible] Roberts of the Flat Creek section.

City Pays Tribute To Great Leader

The tribute paid Honorable Former Mayor Gallatin Roberts last Sunday afternoon was one without a parallel in the history of Western North Carolina. Ten thousand and more citizens of this entire section turned out, not because of curiosity, but to pay their respect to a great civic leader—their friend for a number of years.

While the funeral and burial services were in progress, the air was filled with comment respecting and complimenting Former Mayor Roberts on his work here. People realized the sincerity and the experssion of a great love for his city that he exhibited in a letter left to the "People of Asheville," in which he pleaded with them to quit wrangling.

His burial rites were the most impressive, without a doubt, that Asheville persons have witnessed here. His floral offerings numbered 417, each an expression of sympathy and earnest appreciation for Former Mayor Roberts' efforts.

Former Mayor Roberts did the greatest thing a man could do—he died for his city. He died that others might realize their mistake, settle down and make a better city. Asheville appreciates this and expressed its appreciation in the final tribute paid.

With leaders of Former Mayor Roberts' calibre, a city can be built truly great.

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Ed's Father's (Gallatin Edward Roberts) Life Story. He wrote it himself.

Bio: Roberts, Gallatin Edward

The days of my early childhood are so vivid in my mind that I have determined to wr out some of these things that are still interesting to me, and may possibly ma be of some interest to my children a my friends.

The dear old place where I was born, an where I lived with my sainted mother an two brothers, is often before my eyes. I love it with an absorbing love.

This farm was situated 12 miles north the city of Asheville and 2½ miles west from the Flat Creek Baptist Church, in Buncombe County North Carolina. It was an isolated place, bu I loved it, and was sure it was the center of the world.

To reach this place, it was necessar to leave the Burnsville Highway a few mi north of the town of Weaverville, and tra about three miles west over almost impassa roads. The farm lay on both sides of a little valley walled in by towering hills.

My mother, before her marriage to J. R. Roberts, was Mary Elizabeth Buckner the oldest daughter of Col. Robert Buckner, who lived near Alexander, North Carolina. Mother was only 17 years of age at the time her marriage to my father - a strong robust, intelligent girl. My father was only 20 years old. He brought his young bride to this isolated farm to live, built a

four room frame house on the side of the hill, over-looking a beautiful little valley.

In this little four room house I was born on the 26th day of October, 1878.

My father had inherited this farm from his father, James Riley Roberts, who owned a large boundary of land in Flat Creek township. My grandfathers, Col. Robert Buckner and James Riley Roberts were both men of sterling worth - out-standing men in their day and generation. My grandfather Roberts was a most devout and intensely religious, and grandfather Buckner was a man of strong character and was respected by all the citizenship of the county.

My father was a young man of splendid intellectual ability, and the people generally expected him to make "his mark" in the world. He started out in life in a very promising way, and had a host of friends, and the future looked bright for him. He was made Deputy Tax Collector for Buncombe County, and many people predicted he would become very prominent.

My oldest brother, Wightman Durand Roberts was born in August 1872, and another brother Gwin Whitlaw Roberts in August, 1874.

My father was a man who had a roving disposition. At one time he decided

he wanted to become a minister of the gospe and entered school in order to prepare himself for that work. He had gone away to school, leaving my mother and the two oldest boys on the farm above mentioned. This was before I was born.

My mother made no complaint - ready a all times to make any sacrifice to be a real help-mate. He soon saw that he had started on a wild goose-chase and quietly dropped out of school, telling mother he could not leave her all alone on the farm, with two small children. This was commendable.

A few months later my father decided to sell washing-machines, and was sent to Tennessee, by the company, for which he was working. For many months he wrote home to mother, regularly - all this time saying he would soon return but months and years passed and he never returned. Mother was a brave woma and stuck to her post in the little four room house on the side of the hill.

Three months after my father left hom to go to Tennessee I was born. Mother was still expecting him to return, and he was writing endearing letters to her.

Mother was a heroic soul. I look back now, and honor her memory. The in the little four room house, on the

side of the hill, she patiently waited for m
father to return, and he never came. She
worked and wrought and suffered for her
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prior to the day I was five years of ag
On that day, October 26, 1883, at the
breakfast table, mother said: "This is Gallatin
birthday, and we must kill a chicken for
dinner." That morning is just as vivid to
me now as anything that has ever happen
in my life. The chicken was killed, an
mother prepared a good dinner, and how
delicious it was to a little boy who h
played all morning, out in the pure cour
air. Our house was more than a mile
away from our nearest neighbor. I wo
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near us when I was a boy.

Grandmother Roberts lived about a mi
over the hill to the north. Everybody ca
her "Aunt Rachel". I can see her now
coming over the hill and down to the hous
She always carried a cane. We children
were glad to have grandmother come. She
was a great reader, and would bring u
copies of the Christian Herald to read. She
would go back to her home late in
the afternoon, and often I would go pa
of the way with her.

Another one of our neighbors, I wou

not forget, Mr. William R. Edmonds and his good wife. They lived upon a hill, about a mile away, to the east. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds were always ready to lend a helpin hand to my mother, and her three smal children. I well remember one cold winte day, when I was a very small boy, our supp of fire-wood was exhausted, and this information was conveyed to Mr. Edmona in some way. Snow was upon the grou and it was cold and dreary. We were huddled around a little fire in the firepla A few hours more and night would fa upon our little house. I shall never forg mothers' wistful look, but along about f o'clock this good man, Mr. Wm. R. Edmo and his big son, Wesley, came into the yard and cheerfully v.o.k. enquired how we wer getting along. They soon saw the situatio and secured the axe(ax), and went up above the house, cut down a tree, and carried enough wood on their shoulders make us comfortable. I have not forgotten the kindness of those good n Mr. Edmonds lived to be an old m and I was privileged to attend his funera and was asked to say a word to the people assembled there. At his funera as I stood before the casket, which held the remains of my old friend I cou not resist the desire to relate tha

that act of kindness above mentioned.

Another one of our neighbors living to the south, just about a mile away, was Rev. Joseph Eller, a methodist minister, and his sons: L. F. Eller, Albert Eller, and a daughter Miss Kate Eller. This family would always go to church in a two-horse wagon drawn by two mules. My two brothers and I would pass by the Eller home on our way to Sunday School and church, and many times one of the Eller boys would lift me up and place me in the wagon with them. My brothers would walk on through the fields to the church (Clark's Chapel) and the wagon would move slowly acro the creek, up the steep hill and along the ridge to the church. That was a great thing in the life of a little bare-footed boy. We had no wagon on our farm, and a "big wagon drawn by two big mules was as m a curiosity to me as an air-plain is to-day to the average country boy.

Another thing in my life that i impossible for me to forget. It always stands out, but seems so fa back and so far away - away bac in the haze of the past, on anothe page, I referred to my father's going away to Tennessee, and neve

returning. Mother often told us that he would return some day, and we children had no other idea but that he would surely come back. We often talked about the time when he would come.

One beautiful spring afternoon my brother Gwin, and I left the house and wandered up the hill from the house, on through the woods to the top of the highest hill in the neighborhood. We sat down upon the top of a rail fence, which crossed the top of the hill. The sun was shining in all its glory - not a cloud could be seen anywhere. The mountains seemed to be our great outstanding circle of blue, in the distance, it was beautiful. We sat there - two little bare-footed boys. The only garments upon our bodies were a shirt and a pair of short trousers. Mother had told us that Tennessee was beyond the mountains in the west. We sat there upon the fence looking at the blue encircling mountains, and wondered what it looked like on the other side, also, wondering why our father did not come home. That afternoon will never, never pass out of memory. We sat there looking, thinking and talking until the sun began to sink in the west. Then we slowly got down from the fence and walked back through the woods and down the

Beautiful

hill to the house and mother.

Later in life, I was to go across those blue Western Mountains on my way to Washington College, Tennessee. Will write about my school days here after.

Mother and her three small boys continued to live in the little four-room house on the side of the hill. A part of the farm was rented to an old negro man named Henry Parker. He had a large family and they cultivated tobacco and payed mother one hundred dollars annually, as rent for the place. The $100.00, a small garden, a cow and a few chickens was our only means of sustenance, for the ~~for the~~ entire year. Mother was a frugal woman, and we lived fairly comfortable.

As before stated, our house was a mile or more away from our nearest neighbor. Many times a whole week would pass and we would not see any of our neighbors.

Occasionally, Grandfather Buckner would come and spend the night with us, and oh! how glad we would be to see him! He was the best horse-master in all that part of Buncombe County. We boys would jump with glee when Aunt Lula or Aunt Jennie Buckner would come. They would tell us stories they had read. We would sit enraptured,

into the night, listening to a story.

I shall never forget a story that Au Jennie Buckner told me, many years ago She had read a book of fiction, entitled "Saint Elmo". She told me the story of that book in her even voice. Later in life I, too, read the book. She had tola it to me in a remarkably correct way Things like that had a great influenc upon my life. At a very early date became a prolific reader.

My mother had taught me to read and write before I ever attended school.

School Days

Well, I do remember the first da I attended school. I was seven years of age. We lived two miles away fro the little log school. It was known as the "Garison School House" - a one roo building, a rock fire-place in one end split logs, with back rests, for sea our little legs dangling in the air, a opening cut through the logs on th right side of the room, facing from th rock fire place in the east end of th room, served as a window. This scho house was located upon a hill far from water. The spring was severa hundred yards away, down in the valle Two boys would be sent, by the

teacher, to carry water. Nothing would plea
a boy more than to be asked by
the teacher to take the big wooden
bucket and go after water. We all drank
out of the same tin dipper. The water
bucket and the tin dipper could always be
found in the corner of the building, jus
to the right of the big rock fire place
The first school day of my life
was a revelation to me. It was
in September. I accompanied my two brothe
Wightman and Gwin. We were there
long before time for school to open
The boys and girls were playing in
the open space west of the little
log building, sitting in the edge of
the woods. I stood there, a timid
little country boy, almost afraid to
move, wishing that I was back
home with mother. Pretty soon, a
cousin of ours, Mary Garrison, now
Mrs. Pitt Black, came around and
patted me upon the back, and made
me feel that she loved me. It did
me so much good.

Soon some of the boys shouted,
"Yonder comes the teacher". I looked
quickly and sure enough, I could see
a young man approaching, still some
distance away. I had never seen
a school teacher before, and I was

really anxious and afraid. His name was Marion Fox. His home was near Jupiter. He walked about two or three miles to and from school every day. He was kind to me. I soon felt less afraid of the teacher and all the strange boys and girls. A few days later, I was badly scared, when some of the larger girls tried to kiss me, during the "dinner hour." I felt that I would be ruined if a girl should kiss me. I was fleet on foot, quick as a cat, and escaped into the woods with my heart throbbing like an engine. I still recall the names of some of the larger boys and girls and most of them were very nearly grown, Cos Eller, John Eller, Jim Garrison, Robert Garrison, Fulton Edmonds, Hester Edmonds, who a few years later married Robert (Bob) Garrison, James Harris, Horace Roberts, Talmage Roberts, and many others whose names I do not recall.

We used the old Blue Back spelling book. Some of the older pupils were using Davies Arithmetic and they made a great noise scraping upon their slates. The school was "out" in three months. The last day of school was a great time in the life of a country boy and girl.

We, also, had Sunday School in this same little log school house, and I carried my same spelling book

to Sunday School. The Sunday School teacher would have the boys spell line after line in the old speller.

These things I have been relating seem primitive now, but we are only about forty years away from them, r here in Buncombe County.

Our free public schools would begin in the early days of September, and las only three months. Then for nine month the boys and girls would be at their homes. Few of them would remember wh they had learned during the few wee at school.

Many of the teachers, in those days were not well prepared to teach. Th second school I attended was taught by John Kilpatrick in the same little lo School He was a good man, and tried hard to get the students interested in the studies. He belonged to the old school, and soon passed out of the picture, a many years afterwards, I am informed died in the state of South Carolina

When I was twelve years old the litt old log school house was abandoned, a a one-room frame building was built down in the valley near where Mr. Josep ller now lives and then I was instructed several different teachers I recall now: T Weaver, now Mrs. Ed Blackstock, Jack Hartse

Mr. Henry, Professor Henley, Zebulon Weav and Miss Kate P. Henry. I never knew what became of Mr. Hartsill. Professor Henle settled at some place in Idaho. He was one of the best teachers I ever sat un Mr. Henry is still a mail carrier in Asheville, N.C. Zebulon Weaver is a promin lawyer of the Asheville bar, and has represented the 10th North Carolina Distric 12 years in Congress. Miss Kate Henry was fine teacher, and is teaching here in her native county.

I was always more interested in history, geography and mathematics than an other subjects, and made good grades in these.

I was a leader among the boys during my free school days. We wo arm ourselves with wooden guns an swords and the boys always elected a general. The boys would divide inu two groups. A large branch ran by th school house, and one group wou cross the branch, and then the two armies would maneuver, try to flank movements and cross and re-cross th "river," as we called it. It was great fun and we enjoyed it immensely. Many o the boys who "warred" with me are now dead, others are strong, sobe men and good citizens.

The last public school I attended was taught by Miss Kate Henry. In the spring of 1895 I entered what was then called Weaverville College, at Weaverville, N.C.
I walked from my home in Flat Creek to Weaverville and back home in the afternoon. In all - it was 7 miles. I have always doubted whether I really accomplished anything, during my days at that institution. I would get up at day-light, eat my breakfast, walk to school, often through mud, snow and rain, try to study and attend classes, and then walk home by dark, eat my supper and then study. It was too much for any boy to try to do. Often I was so tired I could not hold my eyes open after supper and would tumble into bed with my lessons untouched. It was too much for human endurance.
I made many acquaintances and friends. I was a member of the Delphian Literary Society. One of my best friends while at this school, Weaverville College, was Lester Weaver. He was as fine a young man as ever lived. He died while a very young man. His brother, Winton Weaver, also a fine character, died young.
Then there were: Ed Reeves, Proxie Carter, Rome Chambers, Ogburn Chambers,

Frank Garrison, Charlie Garrison, Phoenicia Brittain, L.W. Roberts, L.L. Roberts, W.B. Roberts Miss Annie Lee Reagan, now Mrs. J. Scroop Styles Roy Reagan, Marvin Stacy, W.P. Stacy, now Chief Justice of North Carolina Court, Wade Redmon Morgan Redmon and Neal Redmon of Marshall N. C. I would like to name many others bu space forbids.

The experience received from the literary societies has been of great value to me through the years.

I would not forget to mention, at last, some of the teachers, then members of the faculty, at Weaverville College. Profes M. A. Yost was the president. Professor J. A Reagan, Professor Rhein, Mrs. McDowell. These were all competent teachers. They did splendid work without, almost, any equipment. Mr. Yost taught Latin and Greek, Mr. Reagan taught Mathematics and Mrs. McDowell English. It was a poor little institution, but it filled a great place in Western North Carolina. It was a light upon hill and today that light still shines bri

I believe that the little colleges of the United States, have wielded a greater influence upon the minds and hearts of the people than the larger schools and colleges. It's impossible to estimate and calcula the worth of a small Christian College men and young women

are being trained for the battles of life.

The Spring semester of 1897 was my last at Weaverville College. Commencement came in June and I participated in the annual declamation contest.

That afternoon, I walked back to my home, at the little farm, thinking seriously of the future. I had already decided to study law, but the future was dark.

I had already made up my mind not to try walking from home to Weaverville College anymore. I could not make it go. I lost too much time upon the road, and exertion was too great.

I stated above that I had decided to study law. This is the way it came about. One day, in 1895, I came to Asheville with my uncle, Marion L. Buckner, to purchase a few things I needed. We drove to Asheville behind two horses in a wagon. I went down to the old Racket Store, on what is now called Biltmore Avenue, purchased some clothing from a Mr. Stoner, went back to the old tobacco warehouse, where we had left the wagon and the horses, and left the clothes done up in two bundles. We went for the horses, hitched them to the wagon and were just ready to start, when I discovered that my clothes had disappeared. I was crushed, for I had spent the

last cent of money I had, for them. I hurriedly went back to the Racket Store and told Mr. Stoner what had happened. He was very sympathetic, and promised t do what he could to aid in detecting t thief. I returned home that night in a sad plight. I was a dejected boy. I ha no clothes fit to wear away from hon and no money to buy any more.

It was in the summer time, an the next morning I went to the field hoe corn. I was feeling like a ma without a country. About 3:0'clock tha afternoon, Deputy Sheriff Charlie Williams rode up and enquired for m Mother told him that I was in the field at work. He came and told m that the man who had taken m clothes had been arrested, and that I was summonsed to court, as a witness the next day in Asheville. I went over to Alexander and took the train for the trip to Asheville. The man was trie before Frank Carter, a Justice of Peace. He was bound over to Superior Court. M Carter, afterwards, became a prominent atto of the Asheville bar, and later a Judge o Superior Court of the State of North Carolin

I had to attend the court more th a week before the case was reached Robert McCall was the prosecuting attorne

The defendant, a large man, physically, was represented by D.M. Luther and Robert M. We I was a witness for the state. The man wa convicted and sentenced to a term upon z roads of Buncombe County. The sheriff gave me 7 clothes and I was a happy boy.

I had been in court for more tha a week, then and there, I had made u my mind that I could do what th men were doing. Just exactly nine year later I was admitted to the bar - but will write about that later.

In the summer of 1897, I was employe by Mr. J.J. Redmon, to work in his Stor at Marshall, N.C. I had never had any experience in that kind of work.

I had not applied for the position but had played base-ball down there sev times, and all the Marshall fans were friendly to me. Also, I had been in school with the Redmon boys at Weaver College.

I went home and told my mother that I was offered a position in Marsh She did not discourage me in the matter, but I could see that it cut like a knife. Her youngest son was going away from home, and it cause grief to a mothers' heart.

Just a few years before her older son Wightman, had gone away to

~~to~~ Kentucky, to attend college. He went
Central University at Richmond, Kentucky. a
was through an uncle, Rev. A. G. Buck
that he went to Kentucky. He went th
ostensibly, to study for the ministry, b
at that time he left home, I doubted th
he would ever become a minister of the
gospel. I did not feel that he wou
make the grade, and he did not. i
was a most generous man, but had al
sorts of visions, and dreamed dreams. i
was in school but one year, then
tried many lines of business, life ins
fire insurance, etc. For many years he
published a Trade Journal in Charleston, W
Virginia and Cincinnatti, Ohio. He was marr
three times. He died in Ironton, Ohio
1926, leaving a widow and one small son
Ruskin. He died penniless. I went to
Ironton to his funeral, and paid
of his funeral expenses etc. I have
wanted to move his body to Asheville,
yet may, some day, if I can get
consent of his wife. I wrote her
about it some months ago, but di
not receive an answer to my letter.
I went to Marshall and went i
work in Mr. Redmons store. I felt
very awkward behind the counter. It to
me several days to learn where an
how to find things for the customer

who came into the store. I went to work at 7:0'clock in the morning, and closed the store at 11:0'clock in the evening. It was long hours, but I did not mind it. I lived in a room upstairs over the store.

After a few weeks I was asked to get up at 6:0'clock, A.M., and open the bar-room and dispense whiskey to the early comers. I was shocked at the above request made by my employer. I told him I would open the bar-room and keep it open until his brother Jobe Redmon, could come in from across the river.

It would be impossible for me to describe, in words, my sense of shame when I first took the key out of my pocket and turned the key, in the lock of the door, of the bar-room. The evening before, Mr. Redmon had shown me the corn liquor, the rye liquor, the gin and the beer. I threw back my shoulders and walked behind the counter, and said: "I can do it". In a few minutes someone entered the door and asked for a "short" of corn liquor. I soon dispersed it, took his money and placed it in the money drawer. About 8:0'clock Mr. Redmon would come in and I would go to breakfast and then back to the store and work until late at night.

Opening the bar-room, selling liquor an

goods, and shipping chickens to Savannah, & continued for many months. Mr. Redmon was a good man and trusted me implicitly. I had charge of his store, bar-room, warehouse, stables and everything else, belongin to the Redmon Brothers I from Saturday morning until Monday morning - and felt my responsibility very keenly.

I attended church almost every Sunda Occasionally, I accompanied Miss Mary Gudge to church. I became very much in love with her

I was working for a good firm, bu had not given up the idea of son day becoming a lawyer. I had saved a little bit of money and one day Dr Canter of Washington College, Tennessee ca to Marshall to speak in the church there I went to hear him and got acquain with him. I told him I had bu a small amount of money. He tol me to come on over and we wou get along nicely. I was pleased at th thought of getting back into schoo

The next day, I told Mr. Redmo I was going back to school in Septem but would like to work up to the very day I should have to leav He was perfectly willing for me to work up to the last moment.

Washington College

I told all my friends at Marshal good-bye, and left on the afternoon train fo Washington College, Tennessee. Otto Reese, Morg Ramsey and Lee Ramsey were on the trai going to this same school. We changed trains at Morristown, Tennessee, and boara the train going to Bristol, Tennessee. Washington College station was a sidin called Telford. It was night when we reached Telford. We were soon driven the college. Washington College was an old institution, founded by Rev. Samuel Doak, in the 17th Century. It was a poor little scho supported, ~~largely~~, by gifts from wealthy people.

It was at Washington College that I m Will M. Peterson. He is now a prominen lawyer in Pendelton, Oregon. He was a very bright man. We became attracted toward e other almost immediately. We have kept u with each other, by mail, since then.

It was there too, that I met E. Ze Ray, one of our Asheville attorneys to-day. Mr. Ray, Zeph's father, lived a few hundred yards from the college. Powe Sanders, another Washington College produci I remember well. He is now an attorney in the West, I believe, in Colorado. H sister, Miss Myrtle Sanders, and I were sweet-hearts for several years after I le

there. We just gradually discontinued our correspondence. Another young lady I was fond of was Miss Ida West. She graduated the year I was there. She was a very talented young lady. I wonder if they are still living - how I would like to see them again.

I participated in the annual debates. David King was my colleague on the affirmative side of the question, and we won the discussion.

I, also, was one of the speakers at commencement. I remember some of the faculty members congratulated me after the contest was over. No medals of any kind were given. I was at Washington College only one year, but I profited, very much, by that year's work.

Professor Charles Armentrout was one of the finest men I ever knew. I would like, so much, to see him again, if he is still living. One Sunday, after church services, he invited me to take lunch at his home with him and his family. I shall never forget that day in Professor Armentrout's home. After lunch we sat in his sitting-room and he talked to me as though I had been a mature man. Just why I was invited there I never knew. But it did

me good. The other boys were not invited. They asked me questions about my visit. For several years I correspond by letter, with Professor Armentrout, but hav failed to keep in touch with him.

June came, and the school year was ov and I had no money to get back hom op. I regretted to leave. I had lear to love Washington College and all my frie there. I returned to Marshall and acc a position with Nelson Brothers. I walk to the store during the summer. members of the firm: Wiley Nelson, Je Nelson and John Nelson were jolly good fellows - full of life and ready for a big laugh. I spent long hours in the stor Several years later Wiley ~~Wilson~~ Nelson serve a term in Legislature, from Madison County, and became a very devout man. He died suddenly, soon after he returned home from his session of the legislature. Jeff, a great friend of mine is now Grand Assistant Lecturer the Masonic Lodge. John lives in Californi and is doing well.

When August came, I was still work in the store. I could see no way to return to school, and was more o less despondent. I could not see a ray of light. I had not, for one moment, given up my plan to

~~to~~ study law. I was prepared to begin to take up the law course yet.

One day about 11:0'clock I received a telegram from my uncle, Rev. A. G. Buckner, my mothers' oldest brother. He was a Presbyterian minister. He had been pastor of a church in Cynthiana, Kentucky for many years. He had just been elected president of King College, in Bristol, Tennessee. The wire stated that he would pass through Marshall that afternoon and for me to meet him at the station. I met the train and my uncle told me that he was now president of King College and he wanted me to enter school there in September. I told him I would only have a few dollars at my command. He said: "You come on, we will manage that matter". I immediately informed my employers, Nelson Brothers, that I would return to school in September.

Early in September 1898, I reached Bristol in the evening, after dark. I was met at the station by my uncle. We went up to the college. My room-mate in the dormitory was Dickinson, of Virginia. I had $80.00 and turned it over to my uncle the next morning.

Young Dickinson was a young man of fin character, and we became fast friends.

I was ill prepared for college work but managed to pass my subjects wit fair marks.

The faculty was composed of splendi men: Dr. Wallace, Professor Martin Professor Lake and Professor Calhoun left an impression upon my mind.

King College was a very small institution in those days, but turned out some of the strongest men in the nation.

Dr. James L. Vance, one of the leading men in the Southern Presbyterian Church, w educated at King College. His brother, Dr Joseph Vance, is one of the most outstana men in the Northern Presbyterian Church, was also, educated at King College.

Many other prominent and useful me were students of this little college.

I recall, now, some of these bo in King College, when I entered there. Jam Delaney, Trigg Thomas, Hugh Copenhaven, Pau McChesney, _____ Carmack, Guy Duff, Paul Delaney, Clarence King, Howard Cockrane Charlie Pratt, Samuel Wood, Robert Cowan, and Georg Sells. Each of the above men have made good in this world. James Delaney is preside of a college in the state of Texas. Trigg Thomas is a very prominent and successful evangelist in the Southern Presbyterian Churc

Hugh Copenhaver is a most substantial business man in Bristol, and has been honored by the people with public office. Paul McChesney is a useful minister of the gospel, in South Carolina. Carmack became a College professor, and died a few years ago. Clarence King was elected mayor of Bristol, Tennessee a few years ago. Charlie Pratt is now a professor in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. George Sells is a prominent lawyer in Johnson City, Tennessee.

I was a member of one of the Literary Societies, and took an active part in all the debates and general society work.

During my first year at King College, I was one of the debaters at the annual public debate. James Delaney and I defended the affirmative side of the question, and won the decision. The question was: "Should trusts and Combines be destroyed by Direct Legislation?"

After the debate was over, my uncle, Dr. Buckner, President of the college, said to me, "You covered yourself with glory." His commendation pleased me and ~~encouraged~~ me greatly. After the debate was over, there was a reception, and I met Miss Grace ~~Black~~ I had noticed her a short distance in front of the speakers platform, during the debate.

vivacious as a new piece of money. Afte I met her I did not care to meet any other young lady. We were together during the entire evening, and I liked her very much. I called to see her many times before school closed in June

After school closed, in June, I return to my home in North Carolina. I worke on the farm during the summer. I cut wheat and did other things that nee to be done.

In September of 1899, I returned to King College and spent another year there. I, again, was one of the annual debaters and again was successful. The year passe swiftly. I was chosen one of the orators for the commencement exercises and had prepared myself for the occasion. All of a sudden I was rendered unable to take part in the contest.

21 Strike-Outs

It happened this way: I was pitching for the King College base-ball team, the record showed that I was a good pitcher. I was in the act of throwing the ball to the batter, when my arm was broken in two places. I dropped to the ground in almost a trance. They carried me from the field to a physicians' office, down town, where my arm was set. I then walked back up the hill

to the college - never to throw another ball. I suffered, severely for several days, a was unable to take any part in the commencement exercises.

The school closed, and I stayed all alone in the dormitory. It was very lonely - the building was all dark, and I sat there in the stillness of the night, and planned for the future.

I did not have a single cent of money, and things did not seem promising, but yet I was determined to become a lawyer. I tried to find some kind of work in Bristol, but failed.

One evening just before leaving Bristol I called upon Miss Grace Slack, and spent a pleasant evening with her. I was exceedingly fond of her. Within a few months she married, and went to Chicago to live. She was a fine woman.

My uncle, Dr. Buckner, gave me the money to buy my ticket back home. My arm was in a sling, and I carried my suit-case in my left hand to the station, and left Bristol forever. It was a gloomy trip - back to my little home on the side of the hill. I left Bristol early in the morning seated in a day coach and left the train at Alexander. I was three

or four miles from home and noone was there to meet me. I looked around and saw noone I had ever known. I had been away several years, and everything seemed changed and un-inviting. I was crest-fallen, but hung my coat over my shoulder, picked up my suit-case and started across the hills toward home. It was the middle of June, and a very hot afternoon. I actually suffered from the heat.

As I traveled from the station, tougrd my home, I felt that the future had no place for me, I was dejected, sad and gloomy. My mind and thoughts were back at King College, and I wanted to return to see the boys and the people I had grown to love, but that was not to be. I traveled over the hills toward home, stopping, occassionally, on the top of a hill to rest and sit under a tree and gaze ~~fare and~~ wide toward the encircling mountains. I had done this many times, with my brothers, years ago.

At last, I climbed the last hill before reaching home, and stood on the top, and looked — there - more than a mile away, stood the little house on the side of the hill. It was getting late and I could see smoke coming out of the kitchen chimney - they were preparing

the evening meal. I had been living in a city for several years, and it all seemed so strange, but I hastened on, and soon came near the house. Just as I approached the yard Mother came out of the kitchen door. She was not expecting me ~~and~~ She uttered a low exclamation — she had noticed my arm in a sling. I told her not to be alarmed that I was all right. She put her dear arms, gently, around me and I kissed her. We went along by the kitchen to what we always called the upper porch.

I was at home again in the little house on the side of the hill.

I was not able to do any kind of work for a few weeks, but I spent the time reading and doing little things around the house. I learned to write, fairly well, with my left hand while my right arm was in a sling. I remember writing Miss Grace Slack a long letter with my left hand, and she said in a letter to me that I did splendidly. She was a very tactful young lady, and I appreciated her fine sense of encouragement. She was married some time during that year. I saw an announcement of her wedding in the paper. I felt a keen pang of regret when Miss Slack passed out of my life

A School Teacher

The summer was passing swiftly — my arm was about well and strong again, and I was becoming restless and exceedingly anxious.

I had enjoyed the weeks at home with mother and Gwin, but I could not resign myself to settle there on the farm. To stay there and work on the farm was not to my liking. I had been "Ewell's Essentials", a compilation of Blackstone, and was longing to enter the Wake Forest law school, but I did not have a cent of money. I could not see how to get the funds to take care of my expenses in the law school, but not for a moment did I get discouraged.

One day, late in the summer, I received a letter from Professor S. F. Venable, the Superintendent of the Buncombe County Public Schools, asking me if I would accept a position as principal of the Sand Hill School. He stated that I would have to teach Latin, Algebra, General History and kindred subjects. I did not feel capable of teaching Latin, but I felt, but I felt reasonably sure of myself in the other subjects.

The next day I went to Asheville, and met Professor Venable, in his office on Church street. Miss Kate Henry had

recommended me to him, as I then learned. While I was there Mr. J. D. Murphy, attorney for the school board, came in, and Professor Venable introduced me to him. A few years later Mr. Murphy was made Judge of the Superior Court.

In those days, (1901), all teachers in the public schools of the state were required to stand a written examination, before being allowed to teach. I had never taught school, and was not sure that I could, successfully, stand an examination. I told professor Venable just how I felt, but he said for me to report at the Sand Hill School the next Monday morning for duty. He said he would notify me, within a few weeks, when to come to Asheville for the examination.

I went back home, got a few of my things together, and left for my new field of action.

I had a pleasant place to stay in the home of Mrs. Henry, the mother of Miss Kate Henry.

My assistant teacher was Miss Lucy Zelmet, a very capable young woman. Professor Venable had taught at Sand Hill for many years, himself. I found a fine body of students in the school. They were better qualified than

I had imagined they would be. I plunged into the work, and

The citizenship of this community, where I was teaching, was of the very highest and I made many, and those friendships have lasted to this very moment.

My stay at the home of Mrs. Henry was pleasant at all times. She was a well educated woman, and I had many interesting conversations with her. Her daughter, Miss Kate, and her son, Wade, did everything possible to make me feel at home. Miss Kate, also, was teaching at another school in that community. We had many things in common. My salary was $40.00 per month, but $40.00 at that time, meant as much to me, then, as $150.00 would now. The purchasing power of a dollar was so much greater than now.

My school closed and I returned home to work on the farm. I attended a teachers' institute in Asheville for two weeks. In the fall, I was employed to teach at Barnardsville. Miss Ella Carter was my assistant. I lived in the home of Mr. James H. Maney, one of the finest men I ever knew. His good wife treated me just like her own son. Mr. Maney had been a soldier in the Confederate Army, and we had

many interesting talks. He was a man of hard common sense, and I called him "The Philosopher!" I never new a man with a higher sense of honor.

I would not forget his good wife and the other members of his family. They were kind and cordial to me, and I will always be grateful to them.

Mrs. Maney would only let me pay her $5.00 per month for board and room. She always had a table filled with the very best of food.

The next year I was persuaded to accept the principalship of the new Flat Creek Graded School at Stocksville, N. C. At this school I had two assistants, Miss Cora Stockton, of Asheville and Miss _____ Buckner of Jupiter.

It was while teaching at this school that I met my future wife, Miss Mary Althea Sams. She was the second daughter of Mr. J. H. Sams, who lived near the school where I was teaching.

Mr. Sams had been a member of the County Board of Education for Buncombe County, for more than 30 years. He was a man of the highest character and practical common sense. When a young man, he had been a teacher. I could always depend upon

him in everything that was meant for the good of the school and the community. His stabilizing influence was felt in all this county.

After the close of this school I was determined to leave at once for Wake Forest College, to enter the law school. I had saved a few hundred dollars. My school closed just before Christmas and I left immediately after the first of the New Year for Wake Forest.

I had been reading law for more than a year, but it is hard to get hold of any subject without a preceptor.

I met John B. Anderson in Asheville and asked him what he was going to do. He, too, had been teaching school. He told me that he was leaving that night for Chapel Hill to enter law school. When he learned I was going to Wake Forest, he decided to go with me. I had been in touch with Dr. N.Y. Gulley the dean of the law school. We left Asheville late one winter afternoon and traveled all night, in a day coach, reaching Raleigh in the early morning, in time for breakfast. My eyes did not close during the night. I was thinking of my chance to make good in the law school. We reached Wake Forest sometime in the afternoon. I never left

the school until the following August, when I went to Raleigh to stand the examination before the Supreme Court.

Anderson and I roomed together and slept in the same bed. We studied hard, and felt reasonably sure of passing safely through the test.

Professor Gulley accompanied his class of 14 pupils, down to Raleigh. He gave us a thrilling lecture the next morning, just before we entered the Supreme Court room. The examination was held in the House of Representatives.

I spent about four and a half hours in writing my answers to the sixty-six questions. That night I left Raleigh for home.

I met Professor J. J. Reagan, the Supt. of Buncombe County Schools, on the street, as I passed through Asheville, on my way back home. He asked me if I would, again, take charge of the Flat Creek Graded school. I had spent all the money I had while at the law school, and was glad to go right to work. I did not know whether I had passed the examination, before the court or not. I went to work in the school the next Monday morning, hammering away at the old job of trying to interest young men and women

in Algebra, Latin, History and Mathematics. Miss Hannah Weaver on _____ _____ were my assistants. They were both faithful teachers.

I was staying with Mr. and Mrs. Miner Clinton just a few hundred yards from the school. They were great friends to me. Mrs. Clinton was my father's cousin. I shall always remember this family.

About a week later my law license was received through the mail. At last, I was licensed by the Supreme Court of North Carolina, to practice law. It was just nine years since I had attended Criminal Court in Asheville, where I had made up my mind to study law.

The following Saturday I took my precious license and went to Asheville, sought out Honorable Locke Craig and requested him to present me to the court, in order that I might be sworn in as an officer of the court.

Judge Michael Justice was holding court. Mr. Craig administered the oath to me, and Judge Justice left the bench, stepped down to where I was standing. He took me by the hand and spoke kind words of encouragement to me. He was a wonderfully tactful man.

was a gentleman of the old school of North Carolina lawyers. Several years later, Judge Justice died while holding court in Asheville.

I went back to my school and for two years longer I stayed in the school room. The next year, I taught at Morgan Hill. This was an eight months term.

On the 19th day of January, 1907, I was married to Miss Mary Althea Sams. I took my young bride to the home of Mr. Marion Stockton, where I was boarding. My school closed the first of March, and now, I was going to open a law office in Asheville, and see what I could do in my chosen field of action. I was eager for the opportunity to get into action.

Lawyer

On the 1st day of April, 1907, We came to Asheville, purchased a small amount of furniture and moved into a little house I had purchased on Livingston Street. I opened my law office in Fountain Building, on North Pack Square. Mr. Samuel Radford and I formed a partnership under the name of Radford and Roberts. This firm did not last but a few weeks. Mr. Radford went back to the school room. He too, had been a teacher.

We lived very simply in our little

house on Livingston Street. Mr. John Cathey lived in a cottage just in the rear of my house. He was, then, working in a hardware store. We often walked home together, in the evening. Later he was elected Clerk of the Superior Court, and Mayor of the City of Asheville, and is now practicing law.

My office rent was $7.50 per month. I had purchased a second-hand roller-top desk for $10.00, and my library consisted of the "Revisal of 1905", and a few text books. I did not have a single copy of any of the North Carolina Supreme Court Reports.

I had always signed my name as "E. G. Roberts", but I decided to drop the E. and make my name more distinctive. I, therefore, had printed in bold letters on my office door: "Gallatin Roberts, Attorney at Law". I was ready for business, but clients came exceedingly slow.

The first case I had was before Judge Boyd in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. My client was charged with misappropriating Post Office funds. He was a Post-Master at a little country post office. We were two days trying the case. My client was convicted. I made

1 defense I possibly could for my client, but the facts were too strong against him. He was sent to Atlanta for a year and a day.

Occasionally, a client would darken my door, and I would try small cases before Justices of Peace, and in the Police Court. I was adding a few books to my small collection from time to time.

Honorable Mark J. Reed was chairman of the board of County Commisioners of Buncombe County. I had been very active in his behalf in the primary, in the summer after I came to Asheville. He became my warm friend. Mr. Reed was defeated in the primary by Honorable Eugene Rankin. The primary was held in May and the general election the following November.

Just after the primary, I was elected County Attorney of Buncombe County, by Mr. Reed's board. I served until the new board was inducted into office on the 1st Monday in December.

Being elected County Attorney, gave me a great boost, and business began to increase. The first year after I opened an office, I made approximately $315.00

At the end of the first year Mr. W. G. Fortune and I formed a partnership, which lasted ten years. Never did two men get along any more satisfactorily. Mr. Fortune

was a perfect gentleman. After a time we began to make money.

When Mr. Rankin's board of County Commisioners came into office, my name was not even considered. Mr. Charles A. Webb was re-elected. He had been County Attorney for many years and did not need the money. Later I defeated Mr. Rankin for Mayor of Asheville.

Stranger than Fiction

We had our law offices on the first floor of what was then called the Reed Building, on South Pack Square. Donnahoe and Bledsoe, real estate men, were just across the hall. We were good friends then and those friendships have continued.

One day a most unusual thing happened in my eventful life. Mr. Fortune and I were both in the office. A man came into the office and said: "I want to see Mr. Roberts". I took him into the consultation room, gave him a chair, and sat down on the other side of a long table. After a few words, in a general way, I asked him the nature of his business. I had observed that he was looking me over meticulously. In a few moments he blurted out: "I am your father!"

I had never seen him. He had left my mother three months before I was born. I sat still, looking across the table at my father. When did ever another man, in

North Carolina have such an experience? Yes, I sat still looking at him. My mind was running back to the days when my dear mother had told us that father would soon return. Also, to the times I had sat on the fence, on top of the hill, looking toward the blue hills in the West, wondering why he did not come.

All of this occurred within a few moments, and I finally said: "You have returned after almost 40 years, you have married your second wife, since you left my mother with two small children, and now you come back here to bring a flood of sad memories to her and her sons! We looked and expected you for many years, but now its too late! You shall not ever communicate with her in any way. I shall have nothing to do with you. I do not wish you any harm, but please do not annoy me any further. We have suffered enough by your conduct.

He passed out, but in a few days, I was standing at the window of my law office, looking out and saw him coming across the street. I met him at the door and told him I would not see him any further. He turned and went from my view forever. He had sons and daughters, another woman, and to them he must go. He left Asheville,

and I have not seen or heard of him any more.

Public Life

In the spring of 1910, I announced myself a candidate, in the Democratic Primary, for the Legislature.

I had not ever dreamed of such a thing until some of the leading citizens came to me, one afternoon, and asked me to make the race. They pointed out to me that I had taught school in different parts of the county, was very well known and could win the nomination. I was interested and talked it over with my law partner, Mr. Fortune. He was a Republican, but advised me to run, if I desired to do so.

Buncombe County, under law, was entitled to two members in the Lower House of Representative. Judge Speare Reynolds, Robert R. Williams, _____ Jarrett, and I were all in the field to fill the two places. Judge Reynolds was pitted against me in the primary. I won the nomination, and Mr. Williams was my running mate. The primary was in May.

In September and October we canvassed the entire county, speaking at almost every school-house in the county. I became acquainted with all the leading Democrats in every precinct, and made many friends.

The Republicans nominated Guy Weaver and Charles L. Sykes to contest with Mr. Williams and myself. They too, canvassed the county.

Guy Weaver and I were born upon adjoining farms, and were neighbor boys.

The election came in November and the entire Democratic County ticket was elected by a handsome majority. My majority was more than 700.

Just after the election Mr. Fortune and I were employed to defend a man for murder — J. B. Allison. He had shot a man by the name of Mc. Gee, and killed him.

Mark W. Brown was the prosecuting attorney for the state, at that time, and the firm of Jones and Williams was employed by the private prosecution, to assist the solicitor.

It was a hard case to defend. Allison and Mc. Gee had had trouble over a woman, and bad blood had been engendered between the two men. I was the third man Allison had killed.

The state proved in this trial, that Allison had gone into the livery stable where Mc. Gee worked, shot him down, picked up a sledge hammer, and knocked him in the head.

We tried to prove that Mc. Gee had

threatened to kill Allison on sight, and that Allison had only killed the deceased, to save his own life. The savagery of Allison's attack could not be over-come, malice was too evident. The trial lasted three days. I made the first argument to the jury, and spoke more than an hour. Mark Brown made the concluding argument to the jury.

Allison was convicted of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to be electrocuted at the State Prison, in Raleigh, in February, 1911.

This trial was a wonderful experience for me. It was in this trial that I found myself. After this trial I had confidence in myself as never before.

In the early part of January, 1911, Mr. Williams and I left for Raleigh, to be present at the opening of the Legislature. There was a spirited contest over the Speakership of the House, and we supported Representative W. L. Bond, of Charlotte. He won with hands down.

It's very fortunate for a new man, entering the legislature to be selected the winner for Speaker of the house. I was fortunate in this respect. Speaker Bond, in making up his committee assignments, made me Chairman of the Congressional Reapportionment Committee. One day, after a few weeks had elapsed, Speaker Bond called me to the Chair to preside over the House, while he was called

away for the day. I managed to get by in very good order.

In February, 1911, I shocked some of the old line Democrats, almost out of their boots, by introducing a bill, in the nature of a Constitutional Amendment, to the State Constitution, which could, if ratified by the voters of the State, give the ballot to women.

To those old hide-bound, machine men, I had committed an awful offense. Such a thing as that was absurd and ridiculous. Of course, my bill died a hard death.

At that time Asheville's City Charter provided for a board of Aldermen, and a mayor. An act had been passed at a prior session of the legislature, creating a "Police Commission" for the city. The mayor and board of aldermen had nothing to do with the police force.

The first bill I introduced, in the Assembly was one to repeal the Police Commission act. My bill raised an uproar in Asheville Mr. J. C. Martin, the senator from Buncombe County, was very much worried. The bill passed the house and finally, Mr. Martin let it go through the Senate.

The people seemed to approve our _____ in the assembly, at the session of 1911, and we were both re-elected in the fall of 1912, by increased majorities.

Senator Martin did not stand for re-electio. Zebulon Weaver was Buncombe County's new State Senator.

Again, I was on the winning side in the Speakership fight. George H. Conner was made Speaker, and he named me chairman of the important committee on counties, cities and towns.

At this session of the Legislature, I again worked for the right to give the ballot to women. Again, the Legislature turned a deaf ear toward this meritorious cause.

I was re-elected in 1915. This time, Harry P. Nettles was my colleague. We both supported E. M. Wooten for Speaker, and Speaker Wooten made me Chairman of the powerful Appropriation Committee. I was named on a committee to go to Louisburg to escort Governor-Elect Bicket to the Capitol.

During the session Speaker Wooten was killed in an automobile accident, and T. C. Bowie was elected speaker for the balance of the term. Again, my bill for equal suffrage.

In 1916, I was elected a member of the General Assembly for the fourth consecutive time, and I was a candidate for speaker, but was defeated by former

speaker Walter Murphy of Salisbury. My equal suffrage views did not suit senator F.M. Simmons, A. D. Watts and the Simmons state machine.

I again, introduced my suffrage bill By this time sentiment was growing for the measure, but the same old crowd was able to defeat it again.

It was at this session that I introduced a bill to give Asheville municipal equal suffrage, but this bill was only defeated by a small majority.

The old machine was so afraid of the suffrage question that they were not willing to let the women vote, even in a municipality. The member of the old Simmons machine were far more afraid of the woman vote than the Hollander is of a growing leak in a dyke that holds back the waves of the north sea.

After the World War was over, and President Woodrow Wilson had made a plea for all the states that had not ratified the 18th Amendment, to fall into line at the earliest possible moment, the same old crowd assembled the extra session, and still stubbornly refused to ratify the ammendment. North Carolina

lost the golden opportunity to go down in history as the state that gave the ballot to the women of America.

Within a few weeks after the extra session of North Carolina Legislature adjourned, the Legislature of Tennessee ratified the 18th Amendment and the women of the United States were given the ballot.

It was within this same year before Tennessee had ratified the 18th Amendment that the Democrats of Buncombe County took a step unparalleled in the history of the United States. Miss L. Exum Clement was nominated for the Legislature of North Carolina two months before the 18th Amendment was ratified. If Tennessee had failed to take this forward step this young lady would not have been eligible to sit in the assembly.

Miss Clement was triumphantly elected. She was the first woman ever elected to public office in the South, and she acquitted herself with credit.

Miss Clement married a Mr. Stafford just after the Legislature adjourned. She died several years later.

Mayor of Asheville

In the spring of 1919, I announced myself a candidate for mayor of Asheville. Mayor E. E. Rankin had been in office

for eight years. He had already announced that he would stand for re-election. H. J. Olive had entered the race too. The contest was under way, and was getting to be interesting.

I had not thought of offering myself for this office - until one afternoon several men of both political parties came into my office, and asked me to get into the fight. I took time to consider this matter. After a few days I learned that the time was ripe for a third man to enter the race and I "cast my hat into the ring".

The next morning I went over to see Mr. Burgin Pennell, and asked him if he would manage my campaign. He readily agreed, and the fight was on. Mr. George Pennell also plunged into the fight for me. It was a very spirited fight. Mr. Rankin led me by only a few votes and Mr. Olive polled a large vote too. Mr. Olive dropped out of the picture and at the general election I defeated Mr. Rankin by more than 500 votes.

R. J. Sherrell and R. L. Fitzpatrick were elected commissioners, and on the 23rd day of May 1919, I was sworn in as Mayor of Asheville.

I named Mr. George Pennell City Attorney

and Mr. Grover C. Hunter Secretary-Treasurer.

During my term as Mayor a number of important improvements were made in the city. A new 16 inch water line was laid fro the Bee Tree Water-shed into the city, a modern comfort station made under ground on Pack Square, two new fire stations were constructe one on Bartlett Street, and one in West Asheville A large amount of new equipment for al the fire stations was purchased, a new incinerator built, a number of streets paved and water extension in all parts of the city.

All the city schools were crowded, an some relief was imperative. We called a special election in the city, asking the people to vote $550,000.00 for new school buildings. It was voted almost unamiously The bonds were sold at a good figure, a out of the proceeds Stevens-Lee, Claxton Newton and Vance schools were constructed.

Soon after I came into office, there becam a vacancy for the office of City Superintende of schools. We elected Professor W.L. Brooker to this position. He was an experienced school man, and he made an exhaustive report as to the needs of Asheville's schoo system. A new salary schedule was worked out and adopted.

The elementary school teachers were only making about $65.00 per month, and

the situation was deplorable. Under the new schedule the salaries were more than doubled. The schools took on new life.

My salary was only $4000.00 per year. At the end of my term, I did not stand for re-election. I preferred to return to my law practice.

Mr. Sherrill and Mr. Fitzpatrick were both defeated in the primary of May, 1923.

John H. Cathey was my successor. He defeated Robert N. Wells, after a bitter fight. Frank T. Conder and C. H. Bartlett were the new commissioners.

During my term as mayor I was three times elected President of the North Carolina Municipal Association. These meetings were held in Raleigh, N. C. During this period I was also twice elected President of the North Carolina Forestry Association. We held the Forestry meetings in Wilmington and Pinehurst. For these meetings I prepared two rather exhaustive addresses. The State of North Carolina owes much to the fine work of the association.

I left the mayor's office in May 1923, and immediately re-opened my law office in the old Library Building on Pack Square.

I had been out of touch with the practice for four years, but very

soon clients began to come to me again.

A few months later Don C. Young and I formed a partnership and took a suite of offices in the Legal Building. Our business grew rapidly, and very soon we kept busy all the time.

My business was constantly growing and I was content.

Mayor Again

In the spring of 1927, a petition signed by more than 3,000 voters was presented to me, asking that I make the run again for Mayor of Asheville.

At first, I refused to consider it seriously, but after talking with many good citizens, I entered the race. Mr. E. B. Atkinson was my opponent in the primary. I was again nominated by a flattering majority.

Immediately after the primary, I left to attend the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, in El Dorado, Arkansas. I had been elected a Commissioner to the Assembly by the Presbytery, several weeks before.

I left Asheville on the 8th day of May 1927. The assembly did not convene until May 18th, and I went to Bristol, Tenn. I wanted to see King College again. I had not been back at the

old college in more than 25 years. Presid
Tilden Scherer drove down to the hotel
and took me out to the college. I wa
twice at the Chapel hour, and talked t
the boys for a little while. They gave
a royal reception.

Late in the afternoon, I left for
Chicago, stopping in Cincinnatti. I
stopped at the La Salle Hotel and
spent two days there with friends. I
visited my cousin, Mrs. Lula Eckstorm, an
enjoyed one whole evening, seeing Chicag
Chicago is a wonderful city.

I left on Sunday evening for
Memphis, Tennessee, arriving in this interest
city at 8 45 P.M. After seeing Memphis fr
two days, I left for Little Rock, Arkans
The run from Memphis over to Litt
Rock was interesting. It was during the
time of the flood in the Mississippi. F
many miles the train passed through th
floods, and at times I doubted if we
would be able to get through the
water.

Little Rock is a beautiful city. I
was there for two days, also. I then
departed for El Dorado, Arkansas, where t
General Assembly was to meet.

I shall never forget this great
religious gathering.

The Assembly met in the First Presbyterian Church, with more than 500 ministers and lay delegates in attendance.

The retiring Moderator delivered a wonderful sermon. I shall not forget his subject: "We are laborers with God".

At this afternoon session our own beloved Dr. R. F. Campbell, was elected Moderator, by a large majority. He took the chair and acquitted himself with much credit.

I was compelled to leave before the assembly was over, in order to reach Asheville in time to be again sworn in as mayor of Asheville.

Susan Reinhardt

COLUMNIST

Ralph Roberts booked solid in Alexander

Some people consider Ralph Roberts one of Asheville's best-kept secrets. They don't know a whole lot about him, only that from his farm in Alexander he seems to be doing interesting things.

The former NASA engineer is a writer and publisher who is involved in helping other authors and authors-to-be see their name in print through WorldComm and Alexander Books, his publishing and distributing company founded four years ago on a piece of land next to his farmhouse.

To his credit, he's written more than 60 books, published by the big names in New York such as Random House and MacMillan. Most are about computers, including the nation's first book on computer viruses.

He's such a computer genius that in November 1988, NBC chartered a Lear jet to Asheville when the Internet shut down after a bout with a type of computer virus. The NBC news team sought Roberts' expertise on the subject, and that evening he was featured during the NBC Nightly News.

Sometimes, Roberts lets his humorous, more creative side show. He wrote a movie that starred Shelley Winters and is a leading authority on autographs.

His latest works, co-authored by wife, Pat Roberts, are a series of cookbooks, including "The Recovering Vegetarian Cookbook: 12 Easy Steps to Eating Meat Again," and "Cooking With Pepsi: Uh Huh!"

Roberts began his life in the Alexander community and graduated from Erwin High School. A smart kid who was more into gadgets and knowledge than socializing, he attended North Carolina State University and got a degree in electrical engineering. As a NASA engineer in the '70s, he worked with computers that predicted the orbits of satellites.

During that time, he also built his first personal computer from a kit. It was the computer, he said, that changed his world. It was the computer, he said, that turned him into a writer.

His first article on the subject, "Down With Typewriters," was published in a national magazine in 1979, and thus began a writing career that, in addition to his books, includes more than 5,000 published articles and short stories.

Not long ago, he left the big-game, "little money" New York scene and decided to set up his own companies.

It is his goal to publish and distribute best-sellers – either his own – or someone else's. People like Bob Terrell, George and Helen Sanders, Dr. Andrea Gravatt and Ben Brouke have seen print through Roberts, as well as authors from all over the country.

Ben Brouke, a play on words because hard times came often, is the pen name for a Mars Hill man who grew up in Virginia and settled in Madison County, spending the years in between up north.

"I went up north for 40 years and all the time was considered a hillbilly," he said. "I moved back here and was considered a yankee. I call myself a 'yankabilly.' "

Since returning to his own turf three years ago, Ben wrote "Hill Tauk," stories of what it was like growing up in Virginia in the '30s and '40s, living on a 100-acre farm which, along with the hidden stills, sustained a family.

"Hill Tauk" is a collection of southern craziness, stories about shoot-outs and moonshine, whippings, and stolen chickens.

Ralph Roberts said the book will be out soon.

Susan Reinhardt's column about people appears Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Call (704) 252-5611, Ext. 420.

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The history of area Vietnam War veterans emerges

Visiting Our Past

When Vietnam War veterans go to the VA Medical Center in Oteen for checkups, they wear their caps, letting others there know where they'd served. Some vets wear their caps in general public. Nearly two generations have passed since this region's soldiers returned from Vietnam to a populace that in some measure condemned them.

Rob Neufeld

"They seemed to blame us instead of the politicians," said **Ralph Roberts**, order of battle specialist within the 1st Air Cavalry.

Yet, the climate has changed, and soldiers are being recognized for their fortitude, regardless of politics. On Sunday, the West Asheville Library opens an exhibit of photographs taken by Vietnam War veterans and collected by Martin Tucker of Winston-Salem.

"It might have been that the veterans weren't ready to talk until now," said **Peter Caulfield**, Vietnam veteran and UNC Asheville professor, "or it might be that they've been ready for a long time, but no one has asked."

Though veterans have to deal with lingering negative effects — including Agent Orange — many soldiers undergo positive changes.

"In combat," said Roberts, who had searched enemies' bunkers for information in the Quan Loi area, "you discover that you can function in any situation. You know it and it makes you stronger." Roberts owns and operates Alexander Books in Alexander and has written "The Veterans Guide to Benefits." He also was the editor, in the 1980s, of N.C. Veterans News, a monthly.

The May 1987 issue contained two contrasting features. One was an article — about veterans' heated protests about the low quality of care at the VA Hospital at the time. The other feature was an ad. A photo of a World War II homecoming is captioned, "There are those who have waited 12 years for a handshake, let alone a hug and a kiss." The ad was for a North Carolina Homecoming Salute for Vietnam Veterans.

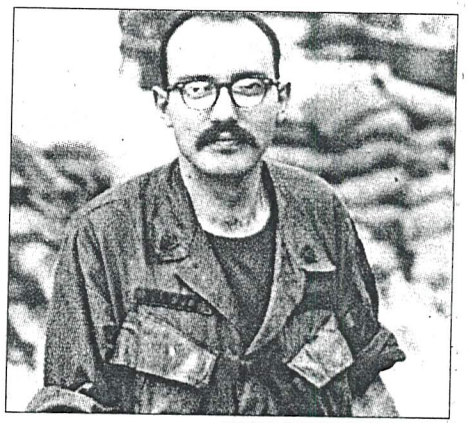
Carl Mumpower, vice mayor of Asheville, is a Vietnam War veteran and a doctor of psychology. Roberts published his book, "Vietnam: Coming All the Way Home," which provided recognition of and healing advice for post-traumatic stress. "The Vietnam War was the embodiment of dishonesty," Mumpower wrote. "So we created our own individual truth. ... There were 5 million wars in Vietnam, not one."

One of the roles that Vietnam War vets are playing in the region today is a keen recognition of the needs of returning Iraq war veterans, many of whom are disabled.

"What is being done for them is terribly inadequate," Caulfield says. "Here are people who have given everything but their lives and the government isn't doing enough to take care of them. ... If we are serious about patriotism, there ought to be sacrifices from the wider public to recognize the sacrifices of the soldiers."

Special exhibit

The exhibit, "A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans," opens with a reception at West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood St., 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday. It runs through Sept. 30. It was first organized by Sawtooth Center for Visual Art in Winston-Salem and has been funded by the N.C. Humanities Council. Friends of West Asheville Library and the Asheville-Buncombe Library System Trust Fund has funded its installation in West Asheville. Karen Loughmiller of West Asheville Branch Library and Peter Caulfield of UNC Asheville are exploring with Martin Tucker the possibility of doing a similar project in Western North Carolina. For more information, call 251-4990.



SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN-TIMES

Sgt. Ralph Roberts of Alexander crosses the Bin Hoa base in Vietnam in April, 1969—shortly after the end of Tet offensive attacks.

RAMSEY

MRS. PIERCE

MISS MOORE

MISS ROBINSON

MISS LANCE

MRS. BENNES

TEACHERS AT THE TOP — Asheville units of two teacher groups elected officers at meetings yesterday afternoon. Miss Margaret Moore of Lee Edwards High School was elected president of the city unit of the North Carolina Education Association. Other officers are Woodrow Ramsey, principal of Queen Carson Elementary School, named vice president, and Mrs. D. H. Pierce of Claxton Elementary School, secretary-treasurer. The Asheville Classroom Teachers Association named Mrs. Anna Bennes of Vance Elementary School, president; Miss Mary June Lance of Grace Elementary School, vice president, and Miss Betty Robinson of Hall Fletcher Junior High School, treasurer. Miss Frances Farlinger of Aycock Elementary School, secretary, was not present for the picture.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1934

Had Winning Dolls In Show Here

Two of the prize winners in the West Asheville doll show staged yesterday are shown here with their large dolls displayed at the show in the Biedsoe building under auspices of Mrs Robert Russell's class of intermediate girls of West Asheville Methodist church. At left is little Margaret Robinson whose doll took the prize as the prettiest in the show and at right is Alberta Evans who won two prizes

Dolls Are Displayed In Contest

Approximately 200 dolls representing between 60 and 70 entries were shown in the West Asheville doll show in the Biedsoe building yesterday under auspices of Mrs. Robert Russell's intermediate girls class of West Asheville Methodist church. Adults as well as children had dolls in the contest

Prize winners for the various classifications were announced as follows: Miss Helen Devendorf, best collection of dolls by a child, Frances Mitchell, best miniature furniture; Margaret Ensley best baby doll; Eleanor May best dressed doll; Margaret Robinson prettiest doll, Betty Russell, best story about a doll; Alberta Evans, ugliest doll, Miss Helen Devendorf, most original; Miss Irene Logan, of Child Garden school, best collection of dolls by an adult; Mrs. J A Marshall best dressed boy doll; Mary Marshall Mitchell cutest doll; Alberta Evans best individual furniture for a doll which was an antique handmade corded bed; Miss Helen Devendorf, smallest doll, Jean Russell best furniture, Betty Russell, smallest carriage; Jaqueline Freeman, most human doll; Mrs. H. O. DeLoach oldest doll which was 75 years old, Roberta Wade doll with prettiest hair, Mrs W. A. Blair, most unique doll, and Geraldine Robinson, largest Judges also commended the entry of Mrs. Arta Blanchard which was received too late to compete but was on display.

Judges for the doll show were Mrs. E. O Lewis, Mrs. C E. Roberts and Mrs. Preston Thomas. Miss Beatrice Netherton was general chairman of the show.

M. L. Lamby was winner of the homespun donated by Fred L. Seely which was given away during the show.

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Two Years Old

Helen Louise Robinson, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson, of Haywood Road, West Asheville, is celebrating her second birthday anniversary today. Mrs. Robinson was formerly Miss Ruby Graham.

SUSAN REINHARDT
columnist

Eliada Homes orphan designed our N.C. quarter

Stewart Humphrey called with excitement in his voice. He's usually low-key, a typical CEO with good intentions and a reserved nature.

Humphrey is head of Eliada Homes, Inc., a former orphanage in Leicester that remains a place where children and families come to heal.

One of the children from the past, Mary Ellen Robinson, is an art teacher living in Asheboro who has sketched her way into history.

Robinson's rendition of the famous Wright brother's Kitty Hawk flight was selected to be the image on the North Carolina commemorative quarter.

Humphrey was delighted that the face on the quarters in our pockets is the artwork of this Eliada alumnus, who was just 3 years old in 1957 when she came to the campus with her older brothers.

Robinson had entered the contest after seeing an ad in the paper seeking designs. That was in June 1999. She heard nothing more. Then in March when the coins were unveiled she told her husband, "This airplane looks exactly like mine."

"I'd see it and think, 'this could be it'," she said. "It was a long time before I got a quarter of my own." The only acknowledgement she got was a letter from the N.C. Commemorative quarter committee saying they'd received her drawings.

It wasn't until she had an offer from the Independent Coin Grading Co. to become part of the Signature State Quarter series, that she realized she was truly the winner. The company sent her 5,000 authentication slips to sign. Later, she received a generous check.

She called Humphrey and told him she was planning a contribution to Eliada from her next ICG check. She is also working on pen and ink drawings for the home's annual calendar.

Eliada, she said, holds a bittersweet place in her memory. She recalls the deep snowfalls, the green pastures, the cold lake. She also remembers the heartache and the feeling no one would love her. She couldn't understand the family problems that removed her from a mother's keep. She cried every night, until one special staff member, a Mrs. Longstreet, took the frightened child into her arms and offered the comfort that would sustain her in years to come.

After she left Eliada at age 10 to live in a foster home, she grew determined to make it in this world. She worked three jobs to put herself through college. She also got married, is rearing three teen-agers, and has the real home she's always longed for.

"It still seems strange," she said, "that people from all over the U.S. are holding my artwork in their pockets."

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2006

Rodriguez to help lead Baptists

Church 'planter' brings Hispanic perspective

By Andre A. Rodriguez
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — The Rev. **Samuel D. Rodriguez**, a pastor of New Life Community Church, recently began service on the board of directors of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Rodriguez was elected to the board during the convention's annual meeting in November and will help manage the state's largest church group over the next three years.

Rev. Samuel Rodriguez

"I think this is a great opportunity to participate in some way in the progress of the Baptist churches in North Carolina," he said.

Rodriguez is a former president of the Honduras Baptist Convention and of the Baptist seminary in Honduras.

"I'm trying to be a blessing for our people and to do something different," he said.

Rodriguez came to Asheville from Honduras about three years ago. In that time, he has worked as a church "planter," beginning two missions — Communidad Familiar on Haywood Road and a mission at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Weaverville.

"Samuel really has a world vision and a kingdom vision for seeing the hope of Christ spread through the Hispanic community," said the Rev. **Steve Harris**, pastor of New Life Community Church.

According to **Larry Phillips**, a Hispanic consultant to the convention's congregational services group, there are about 125 Hispanic congregations related to the Baptist State Convention. The convention is not only seeing a growing number of Hispanic Baptists, but also a growing number of Baptist congregations of other ethnicities.

"So we're attempting to have the convention reflect the contingency of people we're working with," he said. "It's not only an emphasis to name Hispanics but also an emphasis to elect other folks from other ethnic groups."

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has just more than 4,000 affiliated congregations with more than 1.2 million members across the state. There are 115 board members. Each of the 10 regions in the state is eligible for a member on the board of directors. Additional membership is based on one board member for each 10,000 church members in the region.

Virginia Rodriguez

Virginia Rodriguez lives in West Asheville. She is a teacher, a lecturer, a counselor and a social worker: her time is divided among several community-based organizations and projects. On Fridays she participates in the West Asheville Library's story-telling time for preschoolers, where stories are read in both Spanish and English. "It's like telling stories to my grandchildren," she says. She teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) through Asheville's Literacy Council; she also teaches Spanish. Over the years, Virginia has become involved with New Age practices and beliefs, including the study of numerology.

She has lived in Asheville for eight months.

Originally I was born in Cuba, but I came to this country when I was a teenager. See, there were critical times in Cuba at that time. Because Castro, as you know, took power. We felt that everybody was with him at the beginning, but we felt that he betrayed the Revolution. So our family, even though was not actively involved in working against the government, their feelings were like that, and we were very affected. We were just middle-class people, professionals. But right away, affecting our belief systems, persecuted in our religion—that was Catholic. And actually, you could not speak. You could not speak your mind. I explain that to people, like that I could not stand in a corner—I go to Malaprops [a bookstore in downtown Asheville], and I see a group of teenagers with signs and speaking their mind. And then they tell me they traveled to Cuba, like Cuba is wonderful, and they like the Revolution—but over there, people have not the right to speak their minds. They go to jail for just giving their opinion about something.

I have two friends that were eighteen, and they were just on the radio saying whatever they felt was wrong with the government, and they got [arrested]; they came out old people, at forty. That's because Amnesty International helped to get them out of jail. So I knew my country was suffering, people in jail, whoever did not agree with the Communist regime. I know even now the suffering. There's no food. And the division in the family: I saw a cousin of mine. His son was a baby and then the government took it. You know, they take it because they go to school. And [now] the boy has a position in the government. The father thinks one way and he thinks another way.

So my parents were afraid for me that I could be, you know, indoctrinated and changed. They wanted me to be raised a certain way, that has to do with belief in God. And freedom. So they sent me to Miami, where I have some relatives. I did not have to pick tomatoes like some of my friends; you have to do that because you have nobody.

I was very young. And when you're young, it's very easy. Because everything's exciting. Yes, you know your country's suffering, and your family—well, you're young. And then right away, you know, you're integrated to the culture. And when I came, I already spoke English; I studied in my country English. Cause I had family here, and I was planning when I graduated from college, I would come here. So transition was easy for me. But, for example, for my father it was not. He died at 63. And he was healthy. We all thought that was because at 63, all his life, he thought he was going to retire, and then he has to start all over again and work in a factory. So a lot of people in my family suffered. But for me to adapt here was easy. Because I was young. And I got involved into getting married and having kids and all that. And then my kids are from here, so also that helps, you know, because they have Cuban roots but they—they think like Americans in many ways. They have friends. They live their life *here*. They're not going back to Cuba, anycase. *I'm* not going back to Cuba. Maybe I go to help, if any change comes. But my family's here.

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My personal opinion is that whenever there is a situation like the one in Cuba, hate and resentment is not going to solve it. I always say that if all the Cubans in Miami will go to Robbie Stadium, the big stadium there, and they do a forgiveness process for Castro, next day he's gonna fall. Because it's hate that support [him]. That's my personal opinion. But most Cubans—after all, nobody in my family got killed in jail. So I don't come from big hurts. So it's perhaps easy for me to say that and to forgive, but for so many people that their family were killed, they die traveling in little boat trying to escape—then I understand that if I speak this, they will get angry with me. They will tell me, "You're not a real Cuban." Because they have a lot of hurt, and they think that they have the right to hate and to resent. In my opinion, since I got involved with many esoteric, metaphysical knowledge, I believe that evil is fed by hate. And evil is disintegrated when you send it off and when you send forgiveness. It doesn't mean that you don't take certain actions, but it's the attitude with what you take that action. Cause if you come from a space of hate, you are equal to the other person. And the other person will be more powerful than you. Because they are masters in evil things; in destruction.

As I say, it's very easy for me, since I left very early. I did not suffer hunger ever, like some of my family did. I did not suffer persecution, except at the beginning. So it's easy for me to say forgive and forget. And on the other hand, I consider myself a citizen from the world. Cuba is my country, and I'm proud of being a Cuban. But I say that I was born in Cuba like if you say I was born in Seattle—any town. The country is the planet earth. If I come here, I feel at home here. Because I'm part of planet earth. I don't see division in that, in being from different nationalities. It's like being from a hometown.

Virginia has been married twice; now she is single. Her five children, all from her first marriage, live in Miami.

I traveled, first to New York, and then moved to the Dominican Republic when I was married with my first husband. He was a manager, so they sent him to different places. I got involved with New Age or metaphysics or New Era, how they call it, and started being a counselor. I began doing seminars, workshops, what you could call self-awareness or transformational seminars. And then did a lot of inner-child counseling. Mostly was trying to help people understand—or *support* people, I don't like to call it "help"—support people to help themselves. And I'm also a numerologist; I do lots of different consultations.

Numerology is the science of numbers; each number has a meaning that is universal. Like, one is the beginning. That's something that everybody grasps that meaning—although each number has many meanings. And according to the date of your birth, and the name that you were given at birth, which each letter has a sequel to a number—then you can draw a chart, and find

deep meaning about your purpose in life, why you're here, your career, your relationships. And that's one of the counsels that I do that I help people with: not only understanding their life, but also can plan ahead according to certain gifts that they have there, that sometimes they're not aware of. But mostly is to recognize who you are, and use better what you got already. And accept some of the things as a blessing, not a curse. My number is 11. And 11 is inspiration, and committed to help humanity. That's what I do, and help my family, too.

As soon as my kids got older I got more involved into [New Age]. And then keep on traveling, till now. I guess I got a taste—I was forced to leave my country when I never thought I would have to leave. So I guess after I was *forced* to do that, was so traumatic that now I like living in different places and going and doing different things. But also because of my call. I know number 11 is being of service and inspiration to people. I *will* live different places. I will travel. I will do my mission in many different places.

At the invitation of friends, Virginia moved to Columbia, South America, "and I started doing my own seminars. I was very inspired by nature and the mountains there, so I started seminars called Natural Looks, which means going back to nature, to Mother Nature. And we spend two days in total communication with nature, more or less like the Indians do here; more or less into that kind of approach to life and to nature. And then I did another one, second level, it was on just taking the energy of the sea."

Columbia is beautiful. It's like here—it's exactly like here. Cali, which is the third [largest] city of Columbia, is like Asheville. It's a small town, but it have a college, so it's small but you get a lot of things. And the mountains are like twenty minutes [away]. They're the big mountains there, the Andes. That's where we went to do these seminars. And people are very, very friendly—well, I got a lot of friends there.

I went back to Miami, spent five years there. But it was difficult after leaving such a peaceful little town in the mountains. Miami was too much of a hectic, stressful place for me. So after five years, I decided to come here. And one of my reasons—first, to do some soul-searching. Cause I am at a time in my life that is called the "wise woman" or the "crone"; I'm in my mature years. I need to stay away from everything and just go inside myself and gather a lot of things for myself, so later I can give back again. But I need to first strengthen myself. Of course, I took more time than I thought (Laughs)—most like eight months. Most of that time I was doing that, just gathering my life experiences, and understanding it and getting that power as an elder woman, in order for later be able to give to others. Not that I finish or I learn everything I need to learn. And one of my goals is, yes, to do seminars in the mountains here, too. I have a project to do a seminar in the mountains, probably in September, in a place called The Garden. I already went there: it's a gorgeous place, with a creek, and it's like the stones talk to you. All nature talks to you.

In the meantime of all this, one of my daughters got divorced, got into a crisis, and was declared manic-depressive. And the whole family—it was very difficult times. She came here, stayed with me for a while, but then went back to Miami again. And I got involved with NAMI, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. I was so grateful for what they did to me that I offered help, and they designated me to be a delegate for Western North Carolina for the Latino convention they're going to have in Miami. Because they haven't been able to reach the Latin people. And can you imagine, just being uprooted from their place—that's a lot of depression, anxiety, many things—and they don't get the benefits of NAMI. So I've been working in that.

That's another project that really touched my heart, because I know what it is to have somebody in the family that's mentally ill, how much stigma is about it. And that's not only support for the family, but also for the people that suffer the illness, they also get support groups there. Like my daughter now went into the program there, and she's recuperating and pretty soon she'll be able to have her own two children with her; they can lead normal lives. But if they don't get that support, the whole family can be absorbed by the problem and affected everybody in the family.

There's so much stigma that people don't even want to recognize when they're depressed, or if somebody in the family depressed—"She's just sad." And nobody really recognize how serious sometimes the situation is. So imagine all that we can prevent—a lot of abuse to children, a lot of suffering for the mothers—by doing these groups and addressing the mental illness as something as normal as being diabetic; there is no difference. But socially and culturally we have made a division that sickness is of the physical.

I'm also got involved with—what's the name—Helpmate, which is domestic violence. Because I'm very interested in working, as translator or coordinator, with women that have been abused. Seeing as I was abused in my first marriage, so I believe that women need a lot of support in their marriage. Some of them get killed—many get killed every year. So I've also been involved with that. And I also make a lot of friends. I'm planning to have—I just moved here, so pretty soon I'll have like a, how do you call, a housewarming party. And they're all waiting for me to cook Cuban food, like black beans and rice, and fried plantains. (Laughs) And all that.

Usually when I go to a new country, I establish myself faster. Here, I decided to take it easy, cause I was in a different stage in my life: I have decided to live different. Because it is what is right for me. So it was not like when I was in my 30s and my 40s, I push and push—*no*. That's not for me now. I will do the work that I came to do, but in a different way.

When I came here, I got involved back to my original career. My original career was a teacher. So they offered me a job at A-B Tech, and I'm teaching Spanish at A-B Tech, and it has been a beautiful experience. Because these are adults, and I not only share with them just the language, but the culture: I teach them poems. I tell them stories about my life, too. And every time we finish we do have a project that have to do with the community. This group I've got waiting is going to do like a little sketch, with costumes, for the kids at West Asheville Library, and speak—make a little story in Spanish.

Then I got involved with the Literacy Council. I teach ESL at First Baptist Church; I teach there, and there's going to be another class that's going to open at Arden. They provide childcare, they provide transportation. Because, for example, the men go to work. And in their work they are *forced* to learn the language. But the women stay at home with the kids and no transportation, so years could pass and they are living here and they don't know the language. So the Literacy Council provides that. And it's also a place for women to get together and to know each other, and to connect. Like the story-telling, too: the mothers take their kids there, and for mothers to realize that they are reading to their kids, they're gonna improve. When they go to kindergarten, they're going to be better students; they will learn to read and write faster, earlier. And not only that, cause it's not about just producing smarter kids, it's about the love connection with the mother and children when they read, or father and children; fathers go, too. And it's also a way to connect both communities, because the English-speaking population goes with the Latin-speaking.

I think some people would have the attitude: You're in America, you need to speak English. *Definitely*, yes. You need that communication skill if you really want to improve here. But [people] also don't see the opportunity they have to be bilingual. Opportunity to learn another language. Instead of just concentrating or having

a fear that they're going to lose some identity if they learn a new language. In Europe people speak three languages, and they keep their identity! They don't feel that that's going to mean that they're going to lose their identity or be absorbed by another culture. They're going to enrich themselves.

It's my desire to get more involved with [Latin Americans in Asheville]. That's why I moved to this area of West Asheville, because a lot of them are in this area. I feel that they're so courageous—so courageous, you know, that they come here with nothing, not even communication. They can't speak the language, and they establish themselves here. Because most of them are not migrant: they want to stay and establish themselves here. In fact, right now at A-B Tech, many of my [English-speaking] students are realtors. Because these people start buying homes. And they feel they need to learn the language to sell them a home.

A man told me, "You people have put the rent high, because you're all coming here!" Well, when you grow, that's part of growth. And after all, you know, an egg used to cost five cents, and now it costs more. (Laughs) Things change, you know. And if it change for the better, well, let it change.

At Malaprops I talked to the lady that organize the events there, and we're going to start a poetry night in Spanish. And we're very excited about doing this, cause most of my students are going there. Hopefully, maybe one of them will recite a poem. You can do your own; we invite people to do their own poems. I'm sure—there are 20,000 Spanish-speaking people in Buncombe County—that some of them are secret poets and some of them will read their poems. Or you can read from any author that you like. Like, for example, Neruda: Pablo Neruda, which has been translated and there's movies about it, so it's well-known. So we're hoping by doing this, this night, that it will be a link between the Latin people and the American people, Spanish- and the English-speaking people. And through poetry, through that beauty of poetry, that they connect to each other, and they appreciate each other more, and integrate to the community more, both sides.

I love poetry. And so it's something that I enjoy, for myself. But at the same time I can see the cultural influence—in case, let's say somebody have some discrimination against Latin people. When they can see that, you know, these people have feelings, these people create poetry and the beauty of life, they're going to see them in a different light. And poetry can come, maybe from your mechanic or clean-the-toilet, but they have that inspiration.

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Poetry—poetry's a part of life. You are all the time doing poetry in your life, whether you realize it or not. And to me, life without poetry's so boring. You don't have to be a *poet* and *write*; it's just this approach to life as a poet, you know. That you see poetry in common things in life. Maybe sometimes you sit down and write about it; sometimes you just feel it. And enjoy it. And that's real, too. Not everybody wants to write it down, some people have to sink it in and be happy about it, enjoy it, you know. And we—Latin people—are very romantic. It's a romance language. And so, everybody love poetry; everybody's attracted to that. Everybody also sings songs that are poetry, too. It's part of our culture, to believe in love—in all kind of loves.

Virginia is a grandmother, now in her "mature years." "I have no age," she laughs. "I believe that the moment you say an age, you start aging. I am not ashamed of my age: I am in my mature years and I am very proud of it. But I believe that the world have a concept that is not right about age. So I'm not going to align myself with those numbers."

I also belong here to a group called the Crones. "Crones" used to be "old hag" and all that and make fun of it, but for the Indians, when a woman reaches that time, which is menopause, that the child-bearing years are over, she goes away from the tribe—this is the old tradition—and stay for whatever length of time she thinks she needs, to gather herself and her spirits. And then when she's ready, she comes back to the tribe, and she is considered a wise woman. And she helps, she even sits at the counsel and she helps—with everything. Contributes to the younger women, to the kids, to the elderly men. She is the source of wisdom. In this society, it's the other way around: they think that's the end of a woman's contribution. The end of her youth, the end of her sexuality, the end of everything for her. But that is not true; [it's] another station and higher station where she can really be of service. There's no ties anymore with the—I mean, no direct [ties]. As a mother, I believe that I'm always connected with my kids. Spiritually and with my heart. But she is free to do work for the community. And she have all the wisdom of all those years of experience that she can contribute. But in this society they do not recognize that. These women, that's part of what we do: support ourselves, encourage ourselves, to create that in society. That ideally even positions will be open for these women instead of being relegated to retirement—be actively involved in the healing of the planet. I'm talking about the big picture.

So I'm very happy with my age and that I am at this time in my life; I'm very happy with that. And I see that there's no such thing as retirement, that the day I die, I will be involved. Maybe not regular work, what they call quote-unquote *work*. But it will be a higher ground work. And that is available to every woman. They don't have to have a college degree, they just have to have all those years. (Laughs) Of living. And value it and appreciate it.

Do you think you'll stay in Asheville a while?

Well, I never know when it's my time to go to a new place, you know. But I know it's my destiny to move. But yeah, for a while, yeah; I think I'll stay. Beause I've made beautiful friends, and I see and opportunity here to do good work. And that for me, since that's part of my mission in life, whenever I found that, then I stay until my work is done. ◘

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MEMORIAL PUBLIC

THE REV. JOHN F. ROUECHE

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JOHN ROUECHE IS NEW PASTOR OF JOAN OF ARC

Native Of Salisburg Succeeds The Rev. John Manley In W. Asheville.

The Rev. John F. Roueche, native of Salisbury and a brother of Sister Xavier, head of the St. Joseph's hospital, is new pastor of St. Joan of Arc Catholic church, effective February 2.

He succeeds the Rev. John P. Manley, who has been assigned special work by the bishop of the Catholic diocese of North Carolina. Father Manley will have headquarters in Pinehurst.

Father Roueche is now on terminal leave after having served as army chaplain for five years in the European and Pacific theaters of operation.

He received his education in Belmont Abby and at St. Mary's seminary in Baltimore. Before entering the service he was pastor of a Catholic church in Burlington.

The Rev. Stephen W. Aylward is assistant pastor at St. Joan of Arc church.

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SPRING SPORTS ARE IN FULL SWING at Lee H. Edwards High School, as shown by the above pictures. Right now it's track and baseball with Coaches Stewart Farmer and Cap Isbill attempting to build winners in both sports. At top left Emmett Dietz prepares to take one of Bill Allen's fast ones, unless Frank Plemmons gets a piece of it. Top center, Fred Ruby demonstrates the proper method of tagging a sliding runner at third. Emmett Dietz is the victim. Top right, Harold Plemmons gets set for a fast throw to first from his shortstop position. In the bottom picture at left Red Suddreth and Don Gassaway demonstrate the start of the 100-yard dash. Backfield men on the gridiron team, they hope to increase their speed in track. In the center pictures, Marvin Folger shows beautiful form clearing the bar in the pole vault, and takes what appears to be an eavesdropper peak down on the group of thinclads being instructed in the art of a proper start by Coach Stewart Farmer. Red Suddreth is doing the demonstrating. At lower right, Assistant Track Coach Walter Shufford instructs Ralph Beaver in throwing the discus while in the background other track hopefuls absorb the lessons. The Maroon trackmen open their schedule on March 31, while the baseball team swings into action on April 4. (Photos by Staff Photographer Bill Warren.)

Maroon Track, Baseball Teams Settle Down To Business

Fred Ruby 184 Beaver St.

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All the qualifications for sheriff found in Mike Ruby

Mike Ruby is more than qualified to be the next Sheriff of Buncombe County. Mike has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience.

He was a division commander under three sheriffs. Mike has been to numerous law enforcement schools. He is a graduate of N.C. Justice Academy Executive Development Program.

He received an Advanced Service Award from the N.C. Justice Academy. Mike is a man of good character and is involved in community affairs.

He is very knowledgeable about the affairs of Buncombe County and the sheriff's department.

If elected, Mike wants to have more patrol officers in our neighborhoods, protecting us and being involved with our communities.

He will watch our tax dollars; he promises to let the public be aware of the arrests, etc., that are made in the sheriff's department. People will be employed because they are qualified regardless or race religion, politics or gender.

These are just a few of the reasons why I think that Mike is qualified to be our sheriff.

Mary Ruth Duyck,
Asheville

Asheville Citizen October 21, 2002

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

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By FRED SEVERANCE

WALTER RUBY

An old time personality in a brand new and up-to-the-minute store is Walter Ruby, manager of the Grocerteria, 607 Haywood road, West Asheville.

Walt is one of those fellows whose grandpa must have run an old fashion general store back early in the century. You older people may remember the typical general store around 1900, before autos and radios had come on the market. On one side of such a store run by Sam Jones, we'll say were bolts of gingham and calico with harness and bridles just beyond. On the other side were family groceries not packaged and canned as they are today. At one end were barrels of sugar and crackers. From one of the barrels you would likely hear a faint mewing and presently a black cat would appear slightly [illegible] where, jump up on the barrel and join her family inside. Of course there were people who frequented the store just to pass the time of day, and discuss the finer points of politics, religion and village affairs, while in a corner the women would gnaw the meat off some spicy rumor. A news reporter could hang around Jones' store and get all the news for his sheet without going to a phone Walt Ruby has all the genial personality of the old-time store owner plus modern business ability

Now to get down to biography. Walt Ruby was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, March 2, 1899, the son of James L. Ruby. Walt reflected "The Average man today is better off on a farm than he is cooped up in some city. He can have plenty of hams, chickens and beef. I sure do wish I was back there now." That was horse sense - which is all too rare in these days of horseless carriages.

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Walt attended grammar school in Chaplain, Ky., a few miles away from his home. He left the family farm of about 350 acres in 1923, and eventually gravitated to Asheville. A sister of his had lived here, and he was acquainted with Charlie and Courtney Neal. Walt started working in Asheville with the J. B. Ingle Grocery Company and was with them seven and one-half years. Then he went with Jax-Pax for twelve years, spending nine years at No. 9 store and another three years at No. 1 store. He has had 23 years of grocery experience in Asheville. He has the knack of making customers feel at home. "I enjoy waiting on the public," he gave as the secret of his business success. Perhaps the height of Walt's success was his matrimonial plunge. They say that a "satisfied customer is a life-long customer." Well, Myrtle Case was well taken care of at the meat counter. She always was given tender cuts and it was not long before the grocer from Kentucky and the satisfied customer were engaged and a little later Walt found himself in double harness. Mrs. Ruby is the daughter of W. P. Case, who was with the George Vanderbilt estate for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruby have four glittering rubies in their family, three sons and a daughter. The children are Walter, Jr., 19 years; James W., 17 years; Fred B., 15 years; and Mary Ruth Ruby, 12 years. The family reside - or, as Walt would say, "live" - at 184 Deaver St., West Asheville. They are members of Calvary Baptist Church.

At the end of the interview, a woman customer entered the store and saw the luscious ruby colored raspberries in the window. She said, "Is this your store?" The manager made some witty retort and her reaction was "Well, I guess I've got to change my trading place." He got a nice juicy order.

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N.C. — Vegetable Gardening

Gardening By Moon Signs

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By JAY HENSLEY
Citizen Staff Writer

If you planted a garden this spring as a hedge against the bite on your pocketbook at the vegetable market, you'll be bushels ahead at harvest time if you kept an eye on the moon signs.

That, at least, is the firm conviction of a man who has coaxed as many as half a dozen gardens in the Asheville area to bountiful productivity every year for about as long as he has lived here.

Walt Ruby Sr. has cut down his far-ranging gardening activities considerably this year.

"Just got that potato patch there, and that little garden by the house. Then the big potato patch out there at Dix Creek. And the corn patch. Got cornfield beans and stuff out there," he said.

But there was a time when Ruby would turn just about any vacant lot within a square mile of his home in West Asheville into a garden, taking his planting cue from the phase of the moon and turning his back on chemical fertilizers.

"Used to have six gardens, all around my house there. I raised all of my neighbors' gardens. Nobody charged me a penny rent," he said.

And by the same token, Ruby said he has never sold a single turnip from his countless gardens over the years.

"If they wanted a mess of something, or to put up something in the freezer, it was there for them. And it still is. There was never a penny of anything sold out of all them gardens," he said.

Ruby's health is failing, following a heart attack, but he is still an enthusiastic gardner. Many of the tools he uses, such as lightweight hand plows, he fashioned himself.

He grew up on a farm, and he just can't shake the urge to dig in the ground and make things grow when the "signs are right" for planting and cultivating.

Ruby has some definite ideas about other aspects of gardening, but the moon's phase is a guide he just won't ignore.

"They's a art to all of it, but you got to go by the moon if you are going to grow anything," he said.

The dark of the moon is the time to plant potatoes, he says, and he isn't suggesting that you go out on a black night and put your tuber sets in the ground by the light of a lantern.

"No sir. That's the moon's phase you're talking about, and if you follow that sign the hills will be so full the ground will crack open from 'em," he said.

"Now you want light moon to plant beans, because they grow up," Ruby said.

He has a bean patch that looks more like a sunflower garden, but the bird feed is there for a more immediate function. The beans are climbing on the tall stalks.

Ruby's beans are also free of bugs and other garden pests.

"First, after the moon sign is right, beans should be planted in rows running north and south — never east and west. This way, the beans get sun only at noon. The shade keeps the bugs off," he claims.

"After the bean plants come up, I transplant the sunflowers three feet apart in the bean rows. Beans and sunflowers grow up together," he said.

Ruby follows the same procedure with his cornfield beans — rows running north and south with the corn shading the beans except from the noonday sun.

He has an acre of corn planted in the garden at the home of one of his many nieces, and along with the corn he's raising beans.

"Old timey cornfield beans. That corn," he said, raising a hand above his head, "is this high already."

Ruby makes no claims for a reputation as an organic gardner, but his practices parallel that philosophy to an amazing degree.

The way he tells it, you'd think he invented the "soilless" method of growing some root crops. For Irish potatoes, he uses straw, and holds it in place against the wind with brush and about an inch of dirt.

"When you take that straw off, you got Irish potatoes that look like they been washed. An' you don't have to do any cultivatin'," he said.

If vegetables are planted late, they should be covered lightly, Ruby said. He said he gets lettuce "up" in three days.

The ground should be worked thoroughly for onions, then covered with peat moss, he said. Stick the onion sets into the prepared ground and cover them six inches with straw, he advises.

"The only thing you have to do is pull the weeds — and you can watch the onions grow," he said.

Ruby also had some advice about irrigation, but on that score he takes no advice from the moon watchers, who recommend watering only in certain phases of the moon.

"Don't ever water anything in the morning or when the sun is out. Wait until sundown, or half your water will be lost to the plants," he said.

"You often see fog in the early mornings. As soon as the sun comes up, the fog evaporates — fast. The same thing happens to the water you put on your plants," he said.

Walt Ruby Sr. . . . inspects a row of beets

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WALTER 'WALT' RUBY JR.

Walter "Walt" Ruby Jr., 69, of 28 Rex Drive, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996, at his residence.

A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, he was a son of the late Myrtle Case Ruby and Walt Ruby Sr. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Marion Johnson Ruby who died in 1993 and a brother, James W. "Bill" Ruby from Wilson. He retired in 1983 from the Asheville Fire Department with 29 years service. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, a member of VFW Post #891 and had served two terms on the Asheville Civil Service Board. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Edwards of Swannanoa, Colleen Greene and Cherie Martin of Gastonia, Susan Sexton of Asheville; three sons, Michael Ruby of Black Mountain, Dan Ruby of Knoxville, Tenn., Charles Blankenship of Greenville, S.C.; sister, Mary Ruth Duyck of Asheville; brother, Fred B. Ruby of Ormond Beach, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home with the Rev. Buddy Corbin officiating. Burial will be in Ashelawn Gardens of Memory. Pallbearers will be Lloyd Burnette, Eddie Case, Bobby Case, Fred Duyck, Alan Ruby and Clark Ruby. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Asheville Fire Department.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Mountain Area Hospice, P.O. Box 16, Asheville, N.C., 28802.

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Guild Officials Inspect Garments For Needy

Viewing some of hte garments collected by the West Asheville section for the annual ingathering of the Biltmore-Asheville branch of the Needlework Guild of America Thursday are Mrs. Robert Russell, president of the West Asheville section; Mrs. Charles S. Bryant, vice-president of the Biltmore-Asheville branch, who is general chairman for the ingathering, and Mrs Burnham S. Colburn, president of the branch. The garments collected by the West Asheville section were on display at the home of Mrs. Russell, 30 Majestic avenue, yesterday. These, together with garments collected by other section presidents, will be brought to the George Vanderbilt hotel for the branch ingathering Thursday. The general display for the Biltmore-Asheville branch will be held Friday at the Vanderbilt.

THE NEWS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

MRS. ROBERT RUSSELL

About 29 years ago a young "school marm" took charge of a "little red school house" over in Haywood county and during her two years there started one of the first if not the first Parent-Teacher organizations in North Carolina. The teacher was Mrs. Robert Phillips Russell of 30 Majestic avenue, West Asheville.

That was, of course, before the North Carolina P.T.A. as an organization came into official being, but Mrs. Russell had heard about the good works of the movement else where and immediately began trying out the plan in her school. But the effort rapidly passed out of the experimental stage and was soon rewarded with concrete results. The parents quickly developed a greater school conscientiousness, and as result money was raised to do several needed things, including painting the building, covering the roof and acquiring additional desks. Moreover, the school became more than a place for instruction in the three R's; it expanded into a popular community center.

The "little red school house", as it was in reality called, was situated near Turnpike, and some years ago was torn down. Would that it had been preserved, for it is entirely possible that it was there that the P.T.A. in North Carolina actually if not officially had its birth.

Mrs. Russell was born in Canton, the daughter of the late Benson P. and Julia Reno Phillips. After receiving here elementary schooling at Canton, Mrs. Russell pursued her high school studies at Brevard Institute, following which she entered Weaver college. Then she did special work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at the Greensboro College for Women before returning to her native county to become a pedagogue. In taking up teaching she followed in the footsteps of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell moved from Canton to Asheville eighteen year ago. On December 19, 1940, they celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. Russell has been in the life insurance business for the past 31 years.

Mrs. Russell's interest in school and education increased with the years. She has held numerous offices in the Vance P.T.A., including the presidency; and was president of the Hall Fletcher P.T.A. for three years, longer than any-

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one else has held the office. She jokingly says that "they revised the By-Laws to get her out." One cannot hold the office now more than two years.

She also held offices in the Lee Edwards P.T.A.

Mrs. Russell, who is one of the most school-minded women in Western North Carolina, was organizer and first president of the Buncombe P. T. A. council, and at one time was a member of the state board of the organizations, being chairman of the State Founder's day committee.

From 1936 to '39 she was a member and vice-chairman of the Asheville city school board.

More than once Mrs. Russell has gone to Raleigh in behalf of school legislation, especially in interest of the kindergartens being permitted to become a part of the public school system. She is now the North Carolina secretary of the National Kindergarten association and has been for the past six years, during which time she traveled all over the state, from Murphy to Manteo.

In 1930-40 Mrs. Russell was director for the real property survey here which led to the creation of the local housing authority. The city already would have had slum-clearance projects had it not been for the war.

Mrs. Russell is also a member of the U. D. C. and the Eastern Star, being especially active in the latter organization until she had to give up part of her outside activities when family duties began to increase.

Incidentally, Mrs. Russell was invited to enter her collection of hammered copper at the New York World's Fair, but her being out of the city so much and pressing duties prevented her complying.

Her hammered copper work, of course, is over for the duration.

Mrs. Russell has done a lot of hand painting, and a number of her portraits hang on the walls of her home.

Flowers, too, have been a hobby with Mrs. Russell, who was one of the originators of the West Asheville annual flower show which was inaugurated eleven years ago.

But a day-by-day hobby with Mrs. Russell is the keeping of a diary, which she has kept current for at least the past ten years. It is sort of a family memoranda which the children delight in reading when they return home and by which they can tell what has been going on while they have been away. Mr. Russell, too, finds the diary of value.

Mrs. Russell takes much interest in the family farm where the summer home is made. The children recalled that last summer the mother got as much pleasure in fixing up the place as would a bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell frequently go galloping off on horseback. He vows she is as good a horseman as he ever was. There is little wonder, for she was raised in a saddle, so to speak. She started riding when she had to be lifted into the leather-covered seat, and in later years when teaching school, she rode a fine saddle horse or in a buggy in going to and from home.

Mrs. Russell once taught Sunday school at the West Asheville Methodist church, instructing a class of 'teen-age girls at the same time Phil had charge of a group of 'teen-age boys. About six years ago her class sponsored a hobby show in West Asheville which proved quite a success.

The family is now affiliated with the Central Methodist church.

A versatile woman, Mrs. Russell is, indeed, a busy and interesting personality.

When asked how she managed to do so much, she wouldn't agree that she accomplishes a great deal, but did admit that she budgeted her time—every minute.

As a means of chasing the blues away, her advice to war mothers is to keep chin up and stay busy. She does.

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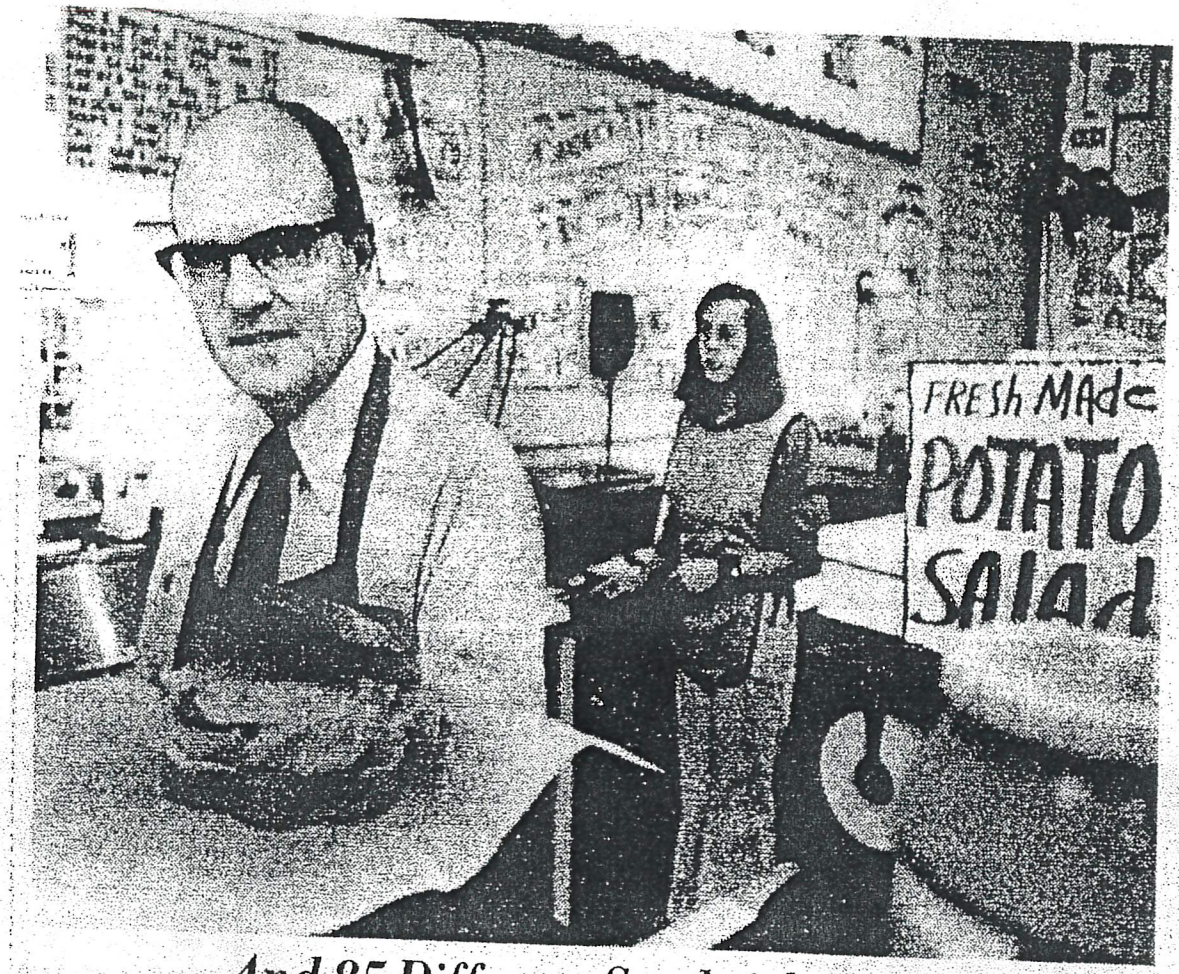

And 85 Different Sandwiches, Too

Don Russell, owner and operator of the Friendly Grocery on Haywood Road, proudly displays a "custom built" sandwich. Assistant sandwich-builder Pam Holcombe looks on. (Staff Photo by Bill Sanders)

Everything From Eggs To Watches

Here and there throughout the city, sometimes hard to find, are little businesses still thriving in the tradition of country pleasures.

Many of those pleasures are to be found at the Friendly Grocery, 503 Haywood Road in West Asheville.

A quiet little store offering everything from watches to diapers to fresh country eggs sold in paper bags, the Friendly Grocery now boasts a relatively new business in "custom-built" sandwiches.

Don Russell, who bought the grocery in 1949 and has bustled up and down its aisles six days a week for the past 27 years, says the sandwich business was "something of an accident."

"When they started tearing down the block of buildings next door to build the Shell station about six years ago, the workers would come in looking for something to eat at lunchtime," Russell says.

"One day, one of them looked at the sandwich I was eating, which I had brought from home, and said, 'how much is that?' So, I sold him mine, made another for myself and that's how all this began."

"All this" includes a bill of fare with 85 different varieties of sandwiches, most of which are big enough for two hungry people.

"These aren't ordinary sandwiches," Russell points out.

The assortment of possible ingredients is amazing — ranging from the well-known reuben to double-deck banana, pineapple and cheese sandwiches laced with lettuce.

Other choices, which are advertised on cardboard signs behind the sandwich counter, include eight varieties of "king of the roads," which appear to be half a foot thick, and a two-foot-long "family submarine," which allegedly feeds five but would probably do for 10.

Russell attributes part of the success of his small business to "that touch of friendliness missing in the big supermarkets of the day."

"We like to do a little bit extra for our customers," he says. "There's just not enough of that human element left in business anymore."

Russell says he has customers who call in orders from Mars Hill, Hendersonville, Black Mountain, "and, of course, all through the city — bankers, construction workers, neighbors, all kinds of people."

The small business, run by Russell, his wife, Marian and his mother, Mrs. Annie Green, who contributes her homemade kosher pickles and pickled beans, provides "at least one meal a day" for Russell.

"I like people," he says. "And people like my sandwiches. We'll probably be here for awhile."

He's Sandwich Engineer

When customers make their way to the back of the Friendly Grocery to order a sandwich, Don Russell overwhelms them with 150 possibilities. The array of sandwiches offered by the neighborhood grocery at the corner of Haywood Road and Burton Street in West Asheville is so unexpected, customers usually stammer out some uninspired combination like ham and cheese on rye.

Russell stands ready to make German specialties like knockwurst and winekraut with melted cheese on a roll, pineapple, banana and cheese on bran 'n honey bread, every imaginable variation of the submarine sandwich and his own specialty, the King of the Road sandwich, a towering "Dagwood" which weighs in at a pound and a half.

On the wall behind the deli case are big color portraits of sandwiches. They were made by Russell, artfully arranged on blue velvet draperies like the crown jewels, accessorized with pickles and potato chips and professionally photographed. Cheryl Tiegs has not had more glamorous treatment than Russell's subs and sandwiches.

After some years with A & P stores, Russell bought the corner grocery in 1949. He has operated it 33 years, doing a big business in cigarettes and sandwiches, selling a full line of groceries and even some sundries.

Highland Happenings By Nancy Brower

"The grocery business is getting difficult for the small businessman," Russell said. "He is having to come up with something else to help him stay in business."

For Russell, that "something else" was sandwiches. He was in the habit of making himself a deluxe sandwich of cold cuts for lunch each day. When the block of businesses across Burton Street from the store was being torn down some years ago, men from the demolition crew wandered into the grocery in search of something to eat.

"I had made myself a sandwich for lunch," Russell recalled, "and it was there on the counter. One of the workers asked, 'Where can I get a sandwich like that?' I sold him mine and, of course, it grew from there. The sandwich business has helped me stay here. The neighborhood grocery has been pretty hard hit."

The sandwich Russell had concocted for himself was a little bit of

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Staff Photo By June Glenn Jr.

DON RUSSELL holds King of the Road

He's Sandwich Engineer

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everything in the meat case that day, laced with fresh onion rings, lettuce and tomato. It became his King of the Road, now standardized as ham, cheese, corned beef, lettuce, tomato, onion and mayonnaise on a five-inch bun, topped with a wedge of Kosher dill pickle.

Equally popular are his submarine sandwiches, including a family-sized deluxe sub that weighs five pounds, sells for $12.99 and serves five or six persons. When Russell makes a BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato) sandwich, his version of this longtime favorite is "the largest one you ever saw."

Subs and Such

"Subs, heroes, hoagies, po boys, they are all basically the same sandwich," Russell said. He prefers to call his subs. He has concocted his own oil and vinegar sauce to sprinkle them with, which, he said, includes 15 ingredients.

Russell, assisted by his niece, Cindy Russell, assembles the 150 sandwiches from a deli case filled with great loaves of cheese, yards of sausages and wursts, cold cuts of every persuasion and tubs of giant pickles. He can, from this palette, make anything but a meatball sandwich, an item he refuses to add to his menu. "I never saw a meatball sandwich," he maintains, "and I've never tried to make one.".

Otherwise, he aims to please. He will make a small sandwich for a kid, lavishing on the peanut butter and jelly. He once carefully followed an order for a ham and cheese that called for leaving off the ham.

He figures he sells about 100 sandwiches a day on a busy day. The busiest days are just ahead, he said. "Spring is good eating weather. It's not too hot and it's not too cold. You can get out and get the exercise that makes you hungry. It's just an appetizing time of year."

Wife Helps, Too

With wife Marian to mind the cash register at the front of the store, Don Russell can concentrate on sandwiches. He's outgoing, wears a butcher's apron and looks the part of the proprietor of the Friendly Grocery. He has even rigged up a place for people to lean as they munch away on the man-sized sandwiches. It is only a fancied-up plank of wood, but supplements the only other eating place in the grocery, the top of a chest-type freezer.

Most sandwiches are made "to go" and Russell provides a cone-shaped paper envelope to catch the overflow from his piled-high creations.

"Many of our sandwiches were designed here and all of them are custom-built here," Russell boasts, adding with a wink, "You need a degree in engineering to make some of these sandwiches."

Russell said a grocery store and a sandwich business go together like ham and cheese. "If somebody orders a sandwich with something I don't have, I just go to the grocery shelves and get it."

Instead of letting winter shut them in, they hiked

Nancy Marlowe
Times Horizon Editor

Don Russell and his Ormond Avenue neighbor and friend, John Wilson, decided that "instead of wearing out the rocking chair and the TV set" this winter, they'd get out and get some exercise.

The retirees hiked the 16.3-mile Shut-In Trail to Mount Pisgah, logging 36 miles over eight days in the dead of January. They had a wonderful time.

The men divided the trail into eight sections and walked one each day, sometimes in snow, sometimes in freezing rain, but mostly on those bright, sunny days that have been abundant this winter.

The trail was so well-maintained, the walk so pleasant, the views so spectacular, the men were suprised that on most days they had it all to themselves.

Russell and Wilson decided more people should know about this trail, how accessible it is and how well it suits those who don't want to hike too far.

Russell, who owned and operated the Friendly Grocery on Haywood Road for years until he retired at the end of '84, describes the trail:

"The Shut-In Trail begins near the French Broad River at the entrance of the Blue Ridge Parkway, off Highway 191, just across Bent Creek.

"It winds up through the Pisgah National Forest, weaving back and forth across the parkway. It ends at the parking lot just short of the Mount Pisgah tower. You can stand in the parking lot and see the pinnacle and tower a mile and a half away."

The neighbors parked their cars at overlooks along the parkway, hiked the four miles designated for the day and then doubled back to the car. Thus they walked eight to nine miles each day, an exercise that took inches off both their waistlines.

They took along snacks (but none of those big sandwiches for which Russell was famous in his grocer days), binoculars and cameras.

In winter when the leaves are down the Shut-in Trail, so named because it is arched by trees and shrubs, affords spectacular views.

"The trail varies in width from two feet to six feet," Russell said. "Some of it must be the old original Vanderbilt wagon road, because it was constructed by George W. Vanderbilt in the 1890s to travel from Biltmore House to his Buck Springs hunting lodge at the summit of Mount Pisgah.

"Most of the trail is easily accessible and the incline is gradual; however, there are some difficult places, especially the last three miles to the Mount Pisgah parking lot. That's a toughie."

The hikers found the four original foundation blocks for a watch tower. The date 1933 was etched in some of the squares. "This is a good place to stop," Russell said. "The concrete pillars make good substitutes for tables and chairs where one can have lunch and rest for a spell."

Only disappointment for the men was the lack of animals. They startled three pheasants at close range. "It s a beautiful bird," they said.

Russell and Wilson say they want to hike the trail in September because they found "two old-timey chestnut trees" and "the trail is nearly covered in spots with blueberry bushes."

Rusell summed up the adventure with, "Instead of letting winter shut us in, we decided to experiment with the Shut-In Trail."

Don Russell, left, and John Wilson

Russell Is Promoted To Sergeant Rank

Everett R. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Russell of 15 Longview road, West Asheville, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the army air corps.

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Now stationed at the basic flying school in Greenwood, Miss., Sgt. Russell enlisted in the air corps in October, 1942. He is a graduate of Lee Edwards high school and before entering the service was employed as a flagman with the Southern Railway company.

His wife, the former Miss Dorothy Cole, is living near the base where Sgt. Russell is stationed. Mrs. Russell is also a graduate of Lee Edwards high school and was employed at Moore General hospital prior to moving to Mississippi to join her husband.

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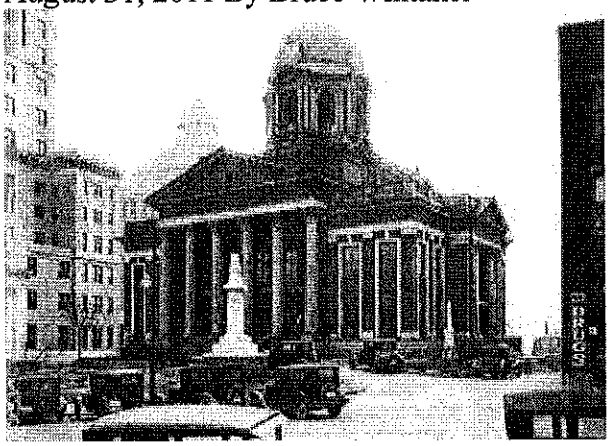
Captain Edmund Sams, Part 1

August 31, 2011 By Bruce Whitaker



The 1903 court house replaced the 1876 court house but it was moved. The new building faced College Street, near the present court house, and was on four acres donated by G.W. Pack. The 1903 court house remained until 1928 when the present County Court House was constructed and the 1903 Court House was torn down. Just above and to the left of the pediment on the building front, the top of the new City Building designed by Douglas Ellington may be seen.

Captain Edmund William Sams was born in 1750 in what was then Lundenberg County, VA. The section his parents lived in became Halifax County in 1752, Pittsylvania County in 1767 and Henry County in 1777. Sams' parent's home remained at the same site but changed counties four times in 27 years. Edmund Sams was the son of William Sams Sr. (1717–1779) and his wife Mary. Edmund Sams was believed to be the grandson of James Sams Sr. (c.1689 –1726) and Kathryn Allyn. Edmund Sams' father's farm was located on Saville Creek, a tributary of the Smith River. William Sams' farm was located approximately ten miles northwest of Martinsville, VA.

Edmund Sams married Anne "Nancy" Young in the early 1770s. Anne "Nancy" Young was born November 13, 1752 in Maryland. She was the daughter of John Young and Martha Stuart. The descendants of William Gudger (1752–1833) who married Martha "Patsy" Young (1750–1837), a sister to Sams' wife Anne "Nancy" Young, have greatly embellished the story of the Youngs and William Gudger himself. They claimed John Young was so rich that he considered George Washington just a poor low-class neighbor. John Young may have lived in the Georgetown section of what is now Washington, D.C. but there is no evidence of any great wealth. None of the Young children give any indication of having or inheriting any great wealth. They may have been modestly better off than most of their neighbors in Buncombe County. This appears to have been acquired after moving to Buncombe County and most of it appears to have come through the hard work of the people they married.

Edmund and Nancy Sams moved to Wythe County, VA in the mid 1770s. They moved to the Watauga settlements in what is now Washington County, TN by late 1778. This area was part of the state of North Carolina until 1796. Edmund Sams joined the North Carolina state militia soon after moving to the Watauga settlements and fought against the Cherokee who were allies of the British. Sams rose to the rank of captain while engaged in war against

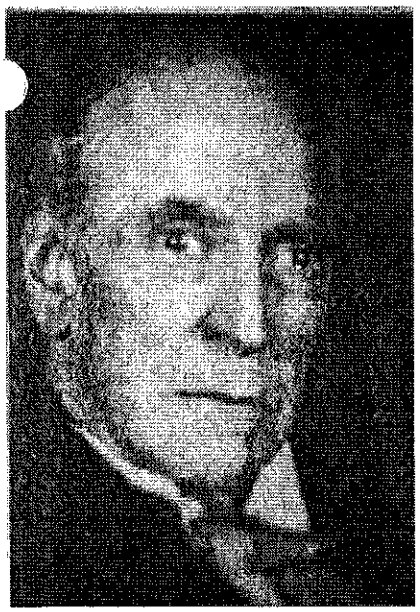
the Cherokee. The Cherokee had waged a very bloody and effective war against the American frontier settlers. This caused the Americans to devote a large force of militia against the Cherokee instead of using them against the British.

William Gudger applied for a Revolutionary War Pension in October of 1832. Gudger said he belonged to the Surry County, NC Militia under Colonel Robert Love during the Revolution. After Gudger's term of service expired under Colonel Love, he returned home. He later reenlisted and served under Captain Edmund Sams for two years in the war against the Cherokee. He stated that he had a certificate signed by Captain Edmund Sams in regard to his discharge from his two year tour under Sams. Captain Edmund Sams and Col. Robert Love both appeared on behalf of William Gudger and signed statements that Gudger had served under them in the Revolutionary War.

Foster Alexander Sondley (1857-1931) son of Harriet Alexander Ray Sondley and grandson of uncle James Mitchell Alexander and Aunt Nancy Foster.

Captain Edmund Sams moved his family to what is now Buncombe County in the late 1780s. Foster Alexander Sondley (1857–1931), the great great-grandson of Sams, wrote that Edmund Sams was one of the first persons to move from the Watauga settlement in what is now Tennessee to what is now Buncombe County. When Buncombe County was formed from Burke and Rutherford Counties in 1792, Captain Edmund Sams was chosen as the first Coroner of Buncombe County. Sams also serviced as a Justice of the Peace and Constable in Buncombe County during the 1790s.

Buncombe County was subject to occasional raids from the Cherokee for a number of years after it was settled. The Cherokee would raid the area fairly often to test Buncombe County's will to respond. If the county did not send out a party to seek revenge for their raids, the Cherokee would consider this a sign of weakness and increase



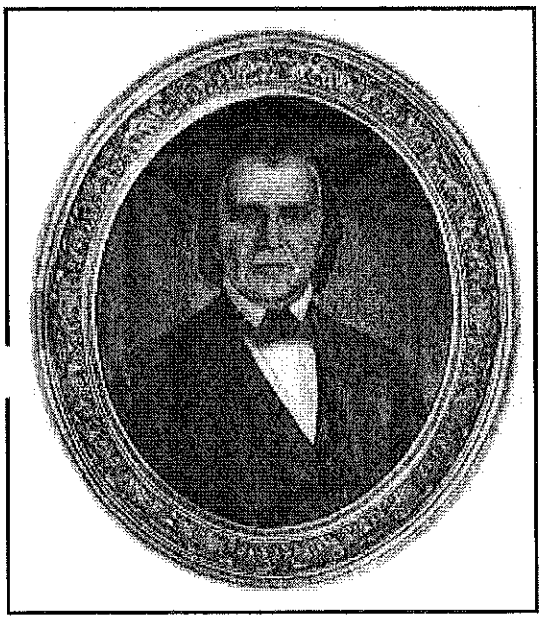
Foster Alexander Sondley later in life.

the number of raids on the area. Captain Edmund Sams was usually the man placed in charge of hunting down and punishing the raiders. Once Captain Sams and a friend of his were searching through the forest for some Cherokee raiders. Sams and his friend were going up a hill when Sams heard a gun go off. He turned around to see his friend had been shot and was dying. Captain Sams asked the man, "Where is he? Did you see him?" The man said, "Why Edmund, it was your gun." Sams own gun had accidently fired as they were climbing the hill and it killed his best friend. Captain Edmund Sams grieved over the accident the rest of his life.

Captain Edmund Sams, Part 2

September 29, 2011 By Bruce Whitaker

Captain Edmund Sams settled on North Hominy Creek when he first moved to what is now Buncombe County. He lived near his brother-in-law John Webb (1765–1825). John Webb had married Stacy Young (1748–1844) a sister to Sams wife, Ann "Nancy" Young. Sams only lived on North Hominy Creek a short time. Foster A. Sondley stated that Edmund Sams supervised the construction of North Hominy Baptist Church while living in the area now called Candler. Edmund and Nancy Sams then moved on the west side of the French Broad River across from Asheville. Their house was just south of the Smokey Park Bridge. Sams operated a ferry across the French Broad River where the current Smith Bridge is located. Later, Edmund Sams sold the ferry to John Jarrett and moved several miles up the French Broad River to a farm that later became known as the Gaston Place.

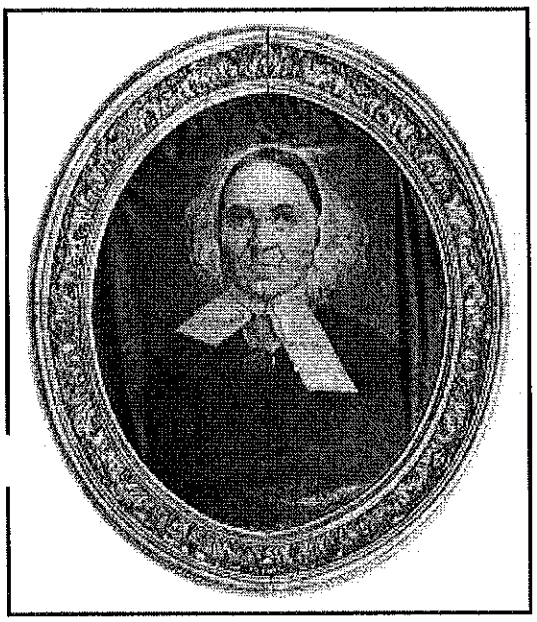


James Mitchell Alexander (1793–1858)

Captain Sams was leading a group of men that were pursuing a Cherokee raiding party west from Asheville. He caught up with them in what is now north Haywood County. A short battle took place that resulted in the death of one of Sams' men named Vincent Fine. It was winter and cold. Crystal Creek was frozen over. Sams broke the ice and placed Fines body under the ice to preserve it until he returned. Captain Sams and his men then trailed the Indians to what is now Jackson County; where they were able to kill several of the Cherokee. On their way back Sams recovered Fine's body from under the ice and brought it back home. This caused Crystal Creeks name to be changed to Fines Creek. A group of Cherokee, led by a renegade white man named Bates, were raiding area farms of cattle and other goods. Some say this took place during the Revolutionary War, others say it was after Sams moved to Buncombe County — I don't know which was true. Captain Edmund Sams led a party that consisted of himself and eight men in pursuit of Bates and his Indian bandits. They traced the raiders to Indian Creek by late afternoon. Sams and his men went four miles up Indian Creek. It was night by then and they spotted the Indians' camp fire. The men crept up on their camp which consisted of Bates and eight Cherokee. Sams pointed out a specific Indian for each of his men to shoot at and saved Bates for himself. When Sams gave the signal everyone fired their gun. All eight Indians fell over dead. Sams told his brother-in-law, William Young, "And my little son, my bullet pierced old Bates jacket." My little son was a favorite expression of Sams that he used to address both the old and the young.

Edmund Sams was brought up on charges by the church for patting for some young boys to dance. Sams said "Yes I did. I will show you how I did it." He then began to pat his knee for the jury of the church. The jury dismissed the charges against the old man.

Sams had a great-granddaughter that was a particular favorite of his. She spent a great deal of time with him. Edmund Sams was very fond of music, especially military music. When listening to a specially inspired tune he would tell his little great-granddaughter: "I tell you, my little daughter, it just puts me on top of Buncombe !" Church music was seldom very good in the early days. There were no choir directors and everyone sang on their own — which was usually not very good. Once a singing teacher came through the area and organized a church choir. Sams and his great-granddaughter attended church the first Sunday the singing teacher led the choir. The old man was astonished. He said to his little great-granddaughter in a loud voice: "Well upon my soul, my little daughter, that was a merry little jig!"



Nancy Foster Alexander (1797–1862),
grand daughter of Captain Edmund Sams.

When Edmund Sams and his wife Anne "Nancy" Young Sams got too old to live by themselves, they moved to live on the farm of their daughter, Ora Sams Foster (1778–1857). Ora's husband Captain Thomas Foster was a well to do man for that period of time. He owned almost all of what is now Biltmore, as well as other lands all over the area. Capt.Thomas "Tommy" Foster had built a small house on his farm for his wife's parents to live. Edmund Sams was in his nineties and his mind had gotten a little bad. He became fond of petting the animals on Thomas Foster's farm. He came to feed and water them so much that it was dangerous to the animals' health.

Capt. Foster told the old man that he was going to kill the farm animals if he did not stop feeding them so much; especially the cow that was Sams' favorite. Edmund Sams started going out to the barn very early in the morning to feed the animals before his son-in-law had gotten out of bed. One morning Thomas Foster got up earlier than usual and went to the barn. He found Sams giving the cow an especially large breakfast. Foster heard the old man tell the cow: "Hurry up, old lady. Tommy is coming."

Captain Edmund Sams died at the Foster farm in July 1845. His wife Anne "Nancy" Young Sams died in November 1845. Both were buried in Newton Academy Cemetery.

On Spending Spare Time

There's Fun in Working, Playing About Your Home

Article No. 2

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S. E. Sanders of 168 Brucemont circle, West Asheville, shown making some adjustments to his gas-powered model plane, is typical of many persons who during these gas-less and tire-less days are intelligently applying themselves during spare time, utilizing hours formerly spent for the most part burning up gasoline and wearing out tires on Sunday afternoons, and at other times. Mr. Sanders, recognized by the government as an expert airplane model maker, is shown at his workbench. This illustrates one of the many suggestions on how to spend the week-end without a car

By BRIGHT W. PADGITT

OUT on thousands of "home fronts" this and many more week-ends to come, the gas and tire saving programs may be turned into real fun and gain by prospecting along a number of lines of "How to Spend Week-ends Without A Car."

Your gardens, lawns and other beautification plans, as well as mendings about the home, were touched on in the first of this series of stories about simple things that take up time and return pleasure and profit. Carrying a point further than this, the "handy man about the house" can accomplish a lot while the family car sits quietly in the garage.

Games And Arts

Other members of the family, too, are considered here. This time, it is suggested that a systematic inspection of household equipment be supplemented by games, manual arts in the basement, garage or attic, model building, rifle and pistol shooting under expert guidance, collecting things, amateur competition in athletics and better cooperation with and patronage of professional sports.

This same garage in which reposes the beloved family car—now on vacation—might make an excellent workshop. The lure of the workbench is almost universal along the entire road of life. Young and old spend many a profitable and pleasant hour in manual arts, and all you need is a work bench, a wood vise, a hammer, a hand saw, a plane, a screw driver, a few punches, and other odds and-ends of tools, most of which can be obtained at the stores for from 10 to 50 cents each.

Now that civilian defense is a paramount issue in every community, the work bench and shop at home an easily form an important figure in your contributions to the cause. A portion of your time might be spent to good advantage by building facilities which would contribute to the comfort and safety of your family in time of peril. For example, you could build an air raid protection table of stout timbers under which they would be protected from flying bomb splinters, or emergency bunks for long vigils, or a set of wooden toys to amuse the children until the danger is past. This thought, however disturbing, is in line with nation-wide preparedness.

Also, with all the emphasis on conservation, you can help yourself and your country by inspecting your household appliances—the vacuum sweeper, the electric iron, the toaster, all electric outlets, cords and lighting equipment to see they do not represent fire hazards, your lawnmower, wheelbarrow and garden tools. These will have to last you for the duration.

If you are not so mechanically minded, maybe you'd like to resume or take up an absorbing hobby. The old standbys like stamps, coins and autographs of prominent persons are amusing and instructive, and they can also be made profitable. Newer fads, such as collecting match covers and bottle tops, can be less expensive.

In the finer and more delicate arts, crafts and use of hands comes model building and magic. The latter has gained great headway in some quarters. You can get pamphlets and books on amateur magic (sleight-of-hand) and soon, if you have much aptness, you will be able to stage a show of your own. There are several good amateur magicians in Asheville and vicinity and in years past they have held special meetings in magic and staged a number of shows. All children and most all grownups are entertained by magic. Most folks know a trick or two, but it is surprising how many you can learn just by clipping out the occasional ones that appear in a number of current picture magazines on the newsstands.

Course In Shooting

Rifle and pistol shooting is very much in line with world thought and action today and in Asheville a new course of instruction is beginning. The Asheville Rifle and Pistol club is sponsoring courses for

—Citizen Photo

STEPHEN SAPP, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sapp of 86 Blue Ridge Avenue, Thursday won the Asheville Optimist Club's annual oratorical contest. He received a plaque from Harold W. Haden, chairman of the contest committee, and an opportunity to participate in the state finals to be held in connection with the May 23-24 Optimist State Convention in Durham. The state winner will compete in the national finals to be held in Dallas during the June convention of Optimist International. Local runners-up were Gilbert Elliott, 11, of Vance School and Tom Stevens, 16, student at Lee H. Edwards High School. They received trophies. Judges were Mrs. Lucia Ward, S. Barry Morris and Harold Brownlee. The oratorical contest was held during the club's regular weekly meeting in George Vanderbilt Hotel. Violin selections were presented by Bobby Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Matthews of 85 Belmont Ave. The Optimist Club will sponsor "Bike Safety Week" April 21 through 26.

Stephen Sapp Wins Oratorical Contest

Stephen Sapp, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sapp of 86 Blue Ridge Ave., won an opportunity yesterday to compete in the annual oratorical contest at the Optimist Club's State Convention in Durham.

As winner of the Asheville Optimist Club's annual contest, he may participate in the state finals to be held May 23 and 24. The state winner will compete in the national finals to be held in Dallas, Tex., during the June convention of Optimist International. Stephen received a plaque from the Asheville club yesterday which designates him as the local winner.

Cpl. William Sawyer To End Furlough

Cpl. William L. Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sawyer of 181 Logan avenue, will leave tomorrow for the Greenville, S. C., municipal airport where he is stationed with the army air forces.

SAWYER

Sawyer has been in the service since August, 1942 and has attended airplane and engine mechanic's schools at Gulfport, Miss., and Detroit, Mich.

His wife, the former Miss Pansy Freeman of Asheville, will return to Greenville with him.

Asheville Times July 10, 1943

SCHOENFELD LOST TO FRANK GOTCH

Gotch Threw the New Orleans Wrestler Three Times in Less Than Thirty-Five Minutes.

GOTCH WILL ARRIVE HERE TONIGHT FOR OLSEN MATCH

Olsen Refereed the Bout Saturday Night and Says Schoenfeld Went on the Mat in a Tremble.

Charles Olsen, who wrestles Frank Gotch at the Auditorium Wednesday night, returned from New Orleans this morning where he refereed a match between Gotch and Otto Schoenfeld Saturday night. The contest between Schoenfeld and Gotch was a complete victory for Gotch. The Buffalo lad threw Schoenfeld three straight falls in less than 35 minutes and didn't use the toe-lock. Olsen said that while Gotch was a superior wrestler to Schoenfeld that the latter was by no means at his best and that Schoenfeld actually went on the mat in a tremble. Olsen said this morning that he was in the pink of condition and never felt better in his life. Gotch, said Olsen, intended leaving New Orleans a few hours [illegible] did and he will probably arrive in Asheville this afternoon or tomorrow morning. He is coming via Chattanooga and Knoxville. In a two-column write-up of the Gotch-Schoenfeld match the New Orleans Times-Democrat says:

Frank Gotch, champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of America, not only made good his promise to throw Otto P. Schoenfeld of New Orleans three times within an hour of actual wrestling last night at the Greenwall Theater, but also gave one of the cleverest exhibitions of this sport which has ever been seen in this city. It took him exactly thirty-four minutes and fifty-eight seconds to secure the three falls.

Prof. Schoenfeld in no way disappointed his friends, however, for he did some clever work defending himself against a man who outclassed him physically, and who combined with this superiority of brute strength scientific wrestling of the highest order. The consensus of opinion among those who know wrestling and who saw the match, was that "Schoeny" was up against it, although the local man declared after the bout that he would like to get at Gotch three months from now in a straight match. Gotch is undoubtedly the premier in America's wrestling world, and those who saw both the Jenkins-Schoenfeld match several years ago and the match last night, declared that America's present champion is undoubtedly worthy in every respect of the title which he now holds.

Everybody expected to see Gotch use almost exclusively his celebrated toe-hold, for it was by means of this hold that he secured the championship in his last match with Tom Jenkins. In this expectation, however, they were disappointed, for it was only occasionally that the big man would lean over and secure a vice-like grip around the ball of one of Schoenfeld's feet, and even then he never worked it to an advantage.

In all probability this was largely due to the fact that the toe-hold is even more cruel in its nature than the hammer-lock, and Gotch, no doubt, did not care to employ it unless forced to do so in order to secure the requisite three falls within an hour. There was never any doubt, however, after the men got together that Gotch would make good.

Instead of the toe-hold, the champion combined the half-Nelson with a crotch hold, and used these with wonderful effect, his big, ponderous body being brought into great advantage in turning his opponent.

Gotch said he would leave [illegible] night for Asheville, where he goes to wrestle with Olsen Wednesday night. Later he will go to Birmingham to wrestle, and from there will jump to Salt Lake City, later returning on his way to the Pacific coast.

Gotch was asked about the proposed match between him and George Hackenschmidt, better known as the "Lion of Russia," who is now wrestling in England. Gotch said he would probably go abroad, but that he would not cross the water until arrangements had been made for a match. "I would like," he said, "to wrestle Hackenschmidt in this country. America would be a better place than England for a match, I think, and I hope he will come to this country."

Asheville Gazette-News July 9, 1906

SULPHUR SPRINGS PROPERTY IS SOLD

Asheville Electric Company Agrees to Dispose of Property to O. B. Schoenfeld.

386 ACRES IN THE TRACT AND PRICE FIXEE $30,500.

Purchase by New Orleans Athlete May Mean Establishment of a Training School Here.

A handsome realty deal was concluded here today when local representatives of the Asheville Electric company agreed to sell to Prof. Otto B. Schoenfeld of New Orleans, 388 acres of land in the Sulphur Springs section of Buncombe county, five miles from this city, for a consideration of 30,500. The deal has been in process of consummation for the past several days and was handled through the real estate agency of J. M. Campbell. Prof. Schoenfeld this morning made a flat offer of $30,500 and the local representatives agreed to accept this and recommend to other officials of the Asheville Electric company that the Sulphur Springs holdings of the company be transferred to the New Orleans gentleman. It is understood that the recommendation of the local representatives will be adopted and the papers transferring the property signed and recorded within a few days.

The sale of the Sulphur Springs property, where several years ago was located the Sulphur Springs hotel that was burned will mean much for the West Asheville section. The boundary adjoins the Asheville School property and is one of the most delightful places in all this section. It contains springs of sulphur water and many admirable building sites. It is understood that Prof. Schoenfeld, who is director and owner of a large athletic club in New Orleans where annually thousands of boys and young men are given physical training, will utilize the property for physical training work and that a physical culture school will be established there. Many improvements will be made. Prof. Schoenfeld first came to Asheville more than a year ago. He came to referee the first wrestling match held in Asheville, the contest between Big Tom Frisbee of Madison county and Prof. Ono, the Jap. Prof. Schoenfeld was most favorably impressed with this city and section and declared then that he might purchase property in or near Asheville. The New Orleans athlete has been in the city for the past two weeks and is more pleased with the region than ever before.

Asheville Gazette-News August 24, 1906

PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED BY PROF. SCHOENFELD

Will Closed up His Affairs in New Orleans, Coming Here in the Autumn.

Prof. Otto Schoenfeld of New Orleans, who recently purchased the 155 acre tract of land in West Asheville on which is located the sulphur springs of Buncombe county and for which he paid $30,500, returned to New Orleans Wednesday night, where he will close up his business affairs and make ready to come to Asheville permanently to locate.

Prof. Schoenfeld told a Gazette-News man before leaving that he would shortly begin to beautify the ground of his new purchase and that he expected to remove to this section early in the fall. He will erect buildings at the spring and establish a physical training school, where it is expected hundreds of young men from New Orleans will come to spend the summer for recreation and physical training. It is expected that Prof. Schoenfeld will have charge of the physical training work at the Asheville School, situated near the property just purchased by the New Orleans gentleman.

Prof. Schoenfeld trains men physically from a scientific standpoint and has been very successful in his work. He has been director of the Young Men's Gymnastic club of New Orleans for the past seven years and also coach at the Jefferson college, an institution located from New Orleans. The Young Men's Gymnastic club has a membership of more than 1,500 and represents considerable wealth. Prof. Schoenfeld is a fine athlete and teaches all the games including [illegible]

Asheville Gazette-News August 31, 1906

PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED BY PROF. SCHOENFELD

Will Close Up His Affairs in New Orleans; Coming Here in the Autumn

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Asheville Gazette-News August 31, 1906

NOW READY TO BE SOLD!

The Celebrated 60 Acre Tract 4 1-2 Miles West of Asheville Known as Sulphur Springs

This tract adjoins the Asheville School property and is reached by an excellent Macadamized road or via Southern railway.

It would make an ideal site for a hotel. It is 2500 feet above the seal level, is densely wooded and within two miles North and South mountains rise to a height of 4000 feet. On the East can be seen Mt. Mitchell, 6700 feet in altitude, while on the West can be seen the Balsam range with Mt. Pisgah 5700 feet in altitude. The scenery in all directions is extremely beautiful.

The climate is ideal, never too warm at mid-day, while the nights are always cool.

Sulphur Springs, also Chalybeate Springs, each with a national reputation for great medicinal and curative qualities, flow on this property.

Adjoining Sulphur Springs is a tract of over 200 acres known as Sulphur Springs Farm. This property has substantially the same description as Sulphur Springs. It is now for sale as a whole or will be sold in 100 acre tracts. The terms are easy. For full particulars, address

O. B. SCHOENFELD,

1122 MAISON BLANCHE BUILDING, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Asheville Gazette-News April 25, 1910

Asheville, N. C., May 4, 1912

Messrs. Anderson & Mitchell,

Asheville School,

Asheville, N. C.

Gentlemen:

I have decided to close up the road which leads up to your property, and therefore notify you to make arrangements for your people to use the other road.

I would not like to do this, however, I am compelled to do so, as signs, etc., does not prevent the people from passing over my property. They do not seem to mind any signs, and being that the property has been lying there so long idle they seem to take their own privileges; and the only way I can stop them is to close up the drive way. I expect to begin some work on the road in the near future and then probably open the road and make some arrangements for the people to pass over it. I intend to use this drive for the main entrance to the Springs and soon or later put a little cottage there and charge for the privileges of using the Springs property. We may later on if you would like to use the road make some arrangements for traveling over it.

Respectfully yours,

C. B. Schoenfeld

AUTO SPEEDWAY WILL BE BUILT IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Site of Old Race Track Will be Utilized for Modern Speedway

POLO FIELD MAY BE INSIDE TRACK

James M. Kelley, of New Orleans and O. B. Schoenfeldt the Promoters

A three-quarter of a mile speedway for automobiles 60 feet wide will be built immediately on the site of the old race track in West Asheville. The promoters, James M. Kelley of New Orleans and Otto B. Schoenfeldt, the present owner of the property, will start rebuilding and enlarging the track within the next thirty days, and will complete it as soon as possible. They plan in addition to have polo grounds built within the track, and other amusement features as well. An automobile line will be operated from Pack square to the park.

The old track, say the promoters, was about five-eighths of a mile in circumference. They plan to increase this size with the new track, and, if the project meets with sufficient patronage from the people of Asheville, to eventually have a one mile speedway. Surveyors will be on the grounds tomorrow and contracts will be let shortly. Mr. Kelley, who is in direct charge of the track, said yesterday that he was undecided whether to have a concrete track or a dirt speedway with especially good drainage. The latter, he thought, would be the better in wet weather and lessen the danger of skidding.

If there is no opposition from within the city, weekly bicycle and automobile races will be held. It is planned to have a club for motor owners, the members of which shall have free access to the speedway, and exciting brushes between amateur drivers will be a perpetual feature.

Several years ago Mr. Schoenfeldt, who is one of the best known physical trainers in the country, purchased the old race track property with the intention of rebuilding it. His scheme failed at that time for lack of backing. Mr. Kelley stated yesterday that he would proceed with the present project, using his own capital and not asking for anything but the patronage of the public when the place is completed.

Site of Speedway.

The site of the new speedway is on the French Broad river and the old car line, and is about fifteen minutes walk south of the present West Asheville line.

If the track and amusement park receives paying patronage improvements will be made in many ways. The track will be enlarged to one mile. Polo grounds will be laid off and a polo club organized. Moving picture shows and similar attractions are proposed.

Mr. Kelley was formerly a professional ball player with the New Orleans team, and is well known in that city as a sporting man. Recently he sold considerable business interests in the Louisiana city and came to Asheville to invest.

Mr. Schoenfeldt is a retired wrestler and physical trainer who is known all over the country. Messrs. Schoenfaldt and Kelley were members of the same athletic clubs in New Orleans.

Asheville Citizen October 20, 1912

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SULPHUR SPRINGS PARK REALTY COMPANY
Sulphur Springs

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O. T. Maier
President

NEW ORLEANS, LA. Jan. 9, 1914

Judge J. D. Murphy,
Oates Bldg.,
Asheville, N. C.

My dear Judge:

Your letter 5th inst., received. I might first state that under the terms of my contract for the Sulphur Springs lands I cannot close up any of the existing roads, so that any lands I might convey to the Asheville School would be subject to such roads through or adjoining the same.

If you will refer to the blue print plan enclosed herewith you will see that College Turn, which extends from the Waynesville and Asheville Road to Sulphur Springs Boulevard will under my contract have to remain open and in addition this road has been laid out as a main entrance to the Sulphur Springs Park. Another entrance from the Waynesville and Asheville road to this Park will be by the Sulphur Springs Boulevard. The short road called Steepside Place cannot be used as an entrance on account of the steep grade.

The entrance from the Waynesville and Asheville Road to the Park that is prepared would be along the dotted red lines A. B. or A. C. both of which pass through the lands of Miss Arthurs, and after making a verbal agreement with her to purchase fuve acres of her bottom lands she refused at a later date to complete the transaction.

I have indicated by red lines on the plan, a projected route for an entrance road for the School D. to E. and this would give them a square entrance that would be much more attractive. This road would make their new East line 150 feet, from said road come to East side of lots 174 & 189 produced Southerly to their present property and their west line would be parallel to this line and 300 feet therefrom as indicated also by a red line. By the purchase of lots Numbers 172, 173, 174, 189, "G" and that part of the Summer Hotel Lot up to this red line from the Sulphur Springs Park Realty Co., and the land west of Lot "G" and College Turn to the other red line, from you would give the School what they desire as I understand from your letter.

The Summer Hotel Lot is made up of lots Numbers 167, 168, 169, 170 and 171, the lines for which were omitted in order to show the Building thereon more clearly, Lot 167 is on the East end of plot and lot 171 is at Northely end, I have indicated lot lines approximately on plan in black pencil lines.

Our Company has prior to my last visit to Asheville arranged for plans for the erecting of a Summer Hotel (Swiss Design) as indicated on

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Name Judge J. D. Murphy Page 2 Date Jan. 9 1915

Subject...

the blue print and the whole section in front of this contemplated Hotel was to be developed on the same lines of architecture as that of the Hotel. Lots 172, 173, 174, 189, 175 and 188 were to be sold for business purposes, Lots 176 177, 187, 186 reserved for the National Auto and Country Club.

You will readily see from the foregoing that to sell any part of the property to the Asheville School, would upset all our plans and unless we are amply compensated prefer not to sell any of it.

Kindly show this plan and also explain to Professor's Anderson and Mitchell the developments made and contemplated, and advise me as soon as possible in order not to delay my plans.

I have been so busy since my last visit to Asheville, that I am as yet unable to say when I will again see you.

With kindest regards, remain

Yours very truly,

(Signed) O. T. Maier

P. S. I wrote Mr. Plummer on Dec. 30th, and enclosed him a blue print similar to the one herewith enclosed.

New Orleans Southern & Grand Isle Railway Co.
State A.
New Orleans La.

(C-o-p-y)

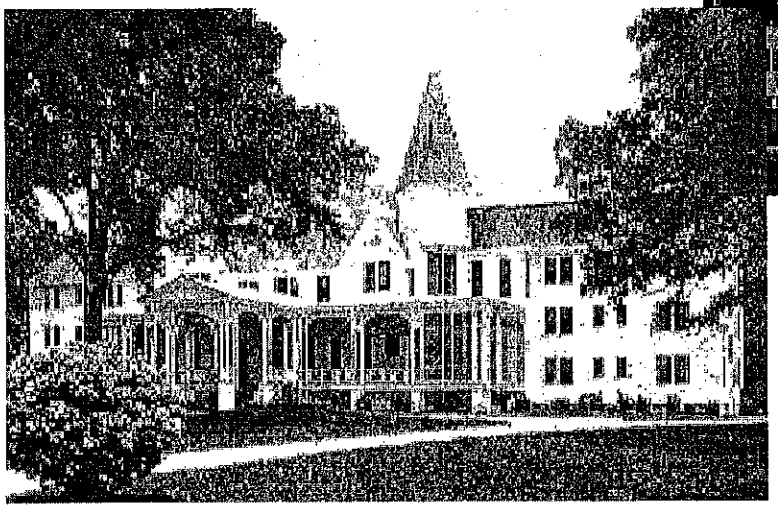
New Orleans Southern & Grand Isle Railway Co
State A.
New Orleans La

My grandfather, Otto Bruno Schoenfeld, owned the **Grey Castle Hotel** in the early 1900's, before the two side wings were added. I believe he sold it to Frank Mendoza. I have a post card somewhere in my files of it when my grandfather owned it. I still have the sofa/parlor set that was in one of the two parlors in the hotel, and my sister still owns one of the two chandeliers that hung in one of the parlors. There was a larger, chandelier that hung in the other parlor, but which my cousin sold to an antique dealer on Royal Street many years ago. My grandfather, who later owned a gymnastic academy in New Orleans, where he taught young ladies how to fence, was very closely aligned with the Catholic priests and nuns in the area, and he taught the nuns how to swim (in the Gulf of Mexico). My mother, who died in 2005 at age 98. told stories of when the family lived at Grey Castle. If I can find the post card I'll email it to you. If you have more information on the hotel I would appreciate having it. Thanks.
P.S. My mother was Clara (Schoenfeld) Watters
Hi Dan. Thank you for posting the information that I sent you on Grey Castle. I found an article about the Grey Castle in my files from the May 14, 2000 edition of The Sun Herald Newspaper, Living section, written by Murella H. Powell. According to Harrison County land records, the original structure was a one-story house built in the 1880's by Edward Buckner, who sold it to his son, James Buckner in 1884. In March 1889 James Buckner sold it to John and Fannie Menge, who added a second floor. After Menge died, the estate passed to his widow, who sold it to her 4 children in 1915. My grandmother and grandfather, Otto and Clara Schoenfeld, bought it from the Menges around that time. They lived there with their four children, Clara (my mother), Otto Jr., James and Lawrence, until May 16, 1927, when my grandfather sold it to The Grey Castle Hotel Co., which would be Bettie Mendoza Brady's grandfather, Frank Mendoza. It passed to the Jesuits in 1949 and became Xavier Hall. Heavily damaged by Hurricane Camille, it was subsequently torn down. Attached is photo of a Grey Castle post card from 1947. Thanks so much.

Pass Christian, Mississippi

The Grey Castle

This was the site of an elegant Victorian home in the 900 block of East Beach Boulevard (Scenic Drive) and Menge Avenue which was owned by New Orleans ship chandler, J.H. Menge. Menge let John L. Sullivan use the facilities to train for the Sullivan-Ryan fight that took place on February 2, 1882,on the grounds of the old Barnes Hotel in Mississippi City.



Hotel

in 1929 when its owner Edward Buckner of Jackson made the transformation. At the time there were no other operating hotels, since the others had closed or had been burned down, when his secretary persuaded him to convert his home by adding wings to each side. These changes were built by contractor Frank Wittmann in December 1929. The nucleus wa a rambling Queen Anne house with all bedrooms having an outside view, each with private baths and showers. The *Grey Castle Hotel* was promoted as a family hotel and was the last hostelry built in Pass Christian. The project included not only t hotel on the beach but a colony of cottages built around many oak and pine trees and beautiful lawns managed by Mrs. William Coutourier.

The *Grey Castle Hotel* thrived during the early 1930's but soon folded due to the Great Depression. Ralph Hicks bought the Hotel in October 1941 and operated it for 8 years. It had 49 rooms with large closets and individual tiled bathrooms.

A Conversion

In 1950, the structure was purchased by the Jesuit Catholic Order for a Seminary at which time, the name was changed to *Xavier Hall.* It was later used as a Catholic Retreat for vacationing and retiring priests.

In 1957, the Jesuit's of New Orleans occupied part of the large edifice as a temporary home for the Provincial Superior and his staff. After the Jesuits moved out, *Xavier Hall*, as it was called, continued as a Retreat Home and the Oblates from Pine Hills moved in as the result of Hurricane Camille damages to the Bay area facility at Pine Hills-DeLisle.

During the period that the Brothers were in training at Pine Hills, and the Jesuits and Fathers were in "retreat" at Xavier Hall, the Catholic churches throughout the area benefitted by the influx of so many members of the Clergy, who had to perform Mass services in meeting their holy obligations.

Xavier Hall was eventually sold and torn down which resulted in two new residences being built at that site — 915 and 919 East Scenic Drive.

SULPHUR SPRINGS PARK REALTY CO.

SULPHUR SPRINGS

O. T. MAIER
PRESIDENT

NEW ORLEANS, LA. March 10, 1916

Professors Anderson and Wisenell,
Asheville School,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Sirs,

In reference to the conference had, re the sale etc. of some of the Company's property, we will sell, as follows, viz:

"1" Part of lots 170 and 171 including the roadway alongside of said lots, which readers friends from your School line to College Turn, together with lots 172 and 173, all red pencilled marked together with a 10 year lease of the road (marked in black ink) leading across Caney Creek to the Waynesville and Asheville road, for $4000.

"2" Or will sell, in addition to the property described in "1" part of lots 169, 170 and 171, together with lots 174 and 189, for $6000.

The road, College Turn, lying between Lots 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174 and 189 and the road leading across Caney Creek to the Waynesville Asheville road to remain open for public use.

This sale will be made to the Asheville School on condition, that they will construct a concrete bridge and approaches across Caney Creek and to maintain same in a safe and passable condition at all times during the term of the lease. This bridge and approaches etc to remain open for the general public. The Asheville School assuming any and all responsibility and to sign themselves for any liability which may result from any accident caused by any unsafe or dangerous condition of this or any other bridge they may erect during the term of this lease.

We would very much appreciate, if you will promptly advise us of your decision, as our plans for the lithographing of the maps of our property are in course of preparation and cannot hold them back too long.

Yours truly,

Sulphur Springs Park Realty Company

President

Otto Schoenfeld

Town of Ulysses

Esther Northrup and Nancy Dean
Town of Ulysses Historians

Ulysses was Town No. 22 of the Military Tract. It was named for Homer's great wanderer who spent twenty years finding his way home to Ithaki from the Trojan Wars.

The Town of Ulysses was formed in 1799 as part of Seneca County, which was separated from Onondaga in 1804. The first settlers entered the area in the 1790s. In 1817 Ulysses, which had been in Seneca County, was placed by the state in Tompkins County. On March 16, 1821, the Town of Ithaca was created from Ulysses, as was the Town of Enfield, which was created at the same time. Ulysses was left with lots 1 through 33, or the northern portion of the town west of Cayuga Lake; the remainder of the lots were divided east and west between Ithaca and Enfield.

Camp Street was named for Herman Camp in 1845 when construction began on his large Greek Revival style home that sits on a large plot and takes up one entire village block. The house was completed in 1847. Camp was a noted advocate of the Sunday School movement, Abolition, and other reforms.

Congress Street recalls the election in 1813 of Dr. Oliver Comstock, the first postmaster of the village, to the United States Congress. The street on which he lived was designated Congress Street.

Town of Ulysses

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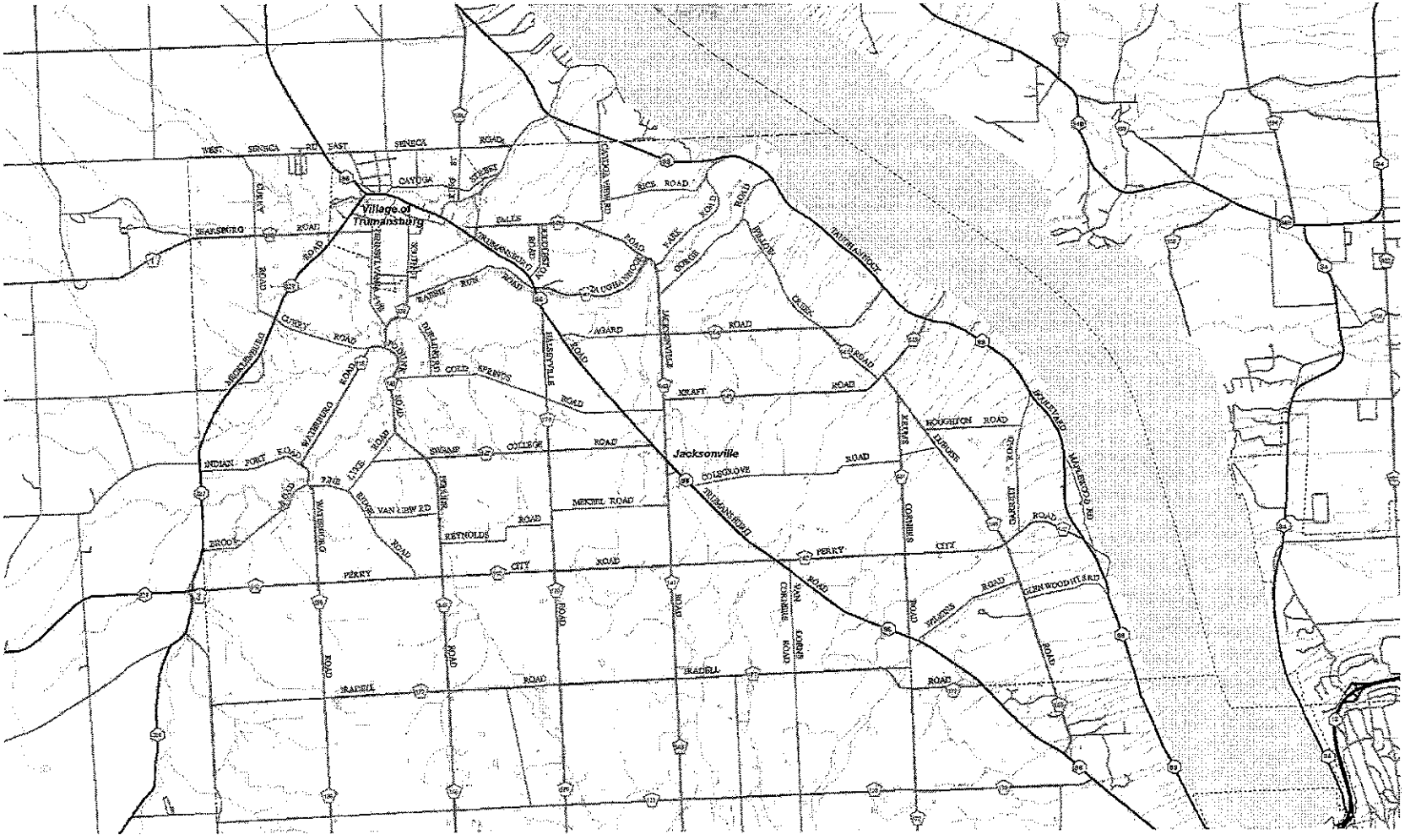


Elderado Drive was created by William Elder, a local contractor who purchased land in the village and built an apartment building in the 1960s. Several other homes have since been built on the cul-de-sac, located across from the high school. It was Elder who gave the new road his own name in a lovely play on words.

Cold Springs Road was named for the nearby spring, located a few yards south on Route 96. There, a continuous stream of water provided cool refreshment for horse and buggy travelers. Today a trickle of water is the only reminder of this former landmark, once so appreciated by man and animal.

Crowbar Point refers to birds rather than an iron tool. Crowbar Point was supposed to be where some early travelers found a gathering of crows and since 1821 an area of the bank along the west shore of Cayuga Lake has so been called. Used for a time by fishermen and hunters, Crowbar Point is today a part of the Comstock Program Center run by the Seven Valleys Girl Scout Council. The land had been donated by the Cornell family to provide a camping area for girls in the 1930s and was named to honor Anna Botsford Comstock who had pioneered nature education for children. She was a Cornell University student in 1876 and became a university professor in 1913.

DuBois Road was named for the Peter DuBois family who came from Ulster County and were early settlers in the southeast section of the town.

Frog Point was a ferry location, established in 1829 by J. M. McLallen, from which boats left for the east shore of Cayuga Lake. From 1845 to 1885 the ferryboat *Wide Awake* operated from Port Deposit, which was another name for Frog Point, as was Trumansburg Landing and Frontenac. During the steamboat era, a hotel was built for summer guests. After the decline of steamboats, activity in the area faded. In 1929 the land was purchased by the Louis A. Fuertes Boy Scout Council and

named Camp Barton. It has been used for their camping program, which continues today. This area is actually just north of the Town of Ulysses line, in Seneca County.

Glenwood was first named for early settlers John and Nathaniel Mack who gave their name to this point of land on the west shore of Cayuga Lake but Henry Garret, a later owner, built a small hotel there that flourished in the 1880s. He gave it the name Glenwood Falls, later shortened to Glenwood. This was a popular picnic spot, also known as Garret's Point. The hotel offered dancing and often people would arrive by steamboat. In 1895 a larger hotel and dance pavilion were built but they burned in the 1930s. In 1945 the land was sold to the Ithaca Yacht Club, which is now an active place for summer boating.

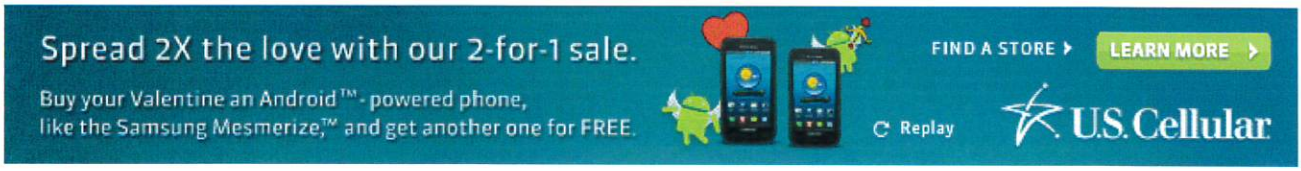
Halseyville appears on the 1829 map of Tompkins County. It is located where today's Route 96 crosses Taughannock Creek and was where Nicole Halsey had his farm and mill. Halsey's house was built in 1829 but he might, as did others, have lived in a cabin for some years before that. The road in front of Halsey's house was the major route to Trumansburg and Ithaca and was known in the 1800s as the Ithaca–Geneva Turnpike. A large covered bridge was built at this crossing in 1833 and torn down in 1926. It was replaced by a sturdier modern structure, which was rebuilt in 1993.

Hinging Post Road is a new name with an interesting twist. Hinging Post Road is a cul-de-sac off DuBois Road. This housing development was started by Otto Schoenfeld in the mid-1890s. He named it Hinging Post Estates. What is a hinging post? It is a device used to attach two other elements together, or a hinging point can also be a turning point, or a determining factor—an interesting and not inappropriate name.

Indian Fort Road recalls a Cayuga-Seneca Indian village and burial ground that were located west of Waterburg near the present Route

Otto Schoenfeld

Full name: Otto Bruno Schoenfeld
Gender: Male
Height: 5'10" (178 cm)
Weight: 183 lbs (83 kg)
Born: August 27, 1871 in Leipzig, Sachsen, Germany
Died: August 26, 1938 in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States
Affiliations: Young Men's Gymnastic Club, New Orleans (USA)
Country: United States
Sport: Fencing



Biography

Otto Schoenfeld was born in Leipzig, Germany, where he got acquainted with wrestling and fencing, as his father was, in his own words, "the most powerful athlete and swordsman in the German Army." His family emigrated to United States in 1885 and settled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In Milwaukee Schoenfeld continued his training in wrestling and fencing under Professor Robert Reuter and he became a naturalized US citizen in 1889. In the 1890s Schoenfeld worked as a physical instructor with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Woodson Ray University and Lyceum Conservatory in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1898 Schoenfeld moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he took up the physical instructor's position in the Southern Athletic Club, but soon moved over to the Young Men's Gymnastics Club in the same city. As Schoenfeld worked as a physical instructor, he was not considered an amateur by the rules of the turn of 20th century, so we don't find his name at the US amateur wrestling or fencing annals and he never took part in the US championships in those events.

In 1900, Schoenfeld had a round trip to Europe and competed in many competitions there, including in many 1900 World's Fair sporting competitions. The local newspaper, the _New Orleans Times-Picayune_, describes his participation at the World's Fair sporting competitions (of which one part was the 1900 Olympics) as following: "It is unnecessary to review his trip to Europe and his participation in the world's championship games, wherein he won three championships pitted against the world's best athletes, and several second prizes, though in a

half crippled condition. It will be recalled that the French government presented him with a magnificent bronze medallion, in tribute to his splendid swordsmanship, though he was debarred, through the unfounded pretext that his entry had arrived too late, from the sword contests. (In reality they were afraid of him.)" Colourful description, but if we look only the dry facts, his accomplishments at the World's Fair were first in the professional shot put and second in both professional high and long jumps and his only true Olympic participation came in the master's sabre tournament, where he lost in the first round. Schoenfeld probably also participated at the professional wrestling tournaments during the World's Fair, but those results have not survived to our time.

Back in the United States, Schoenfeld gained some fame as a professional wrestler, who wrestled bouts with such great turn-of-the-century professional wrestlers like Frank Gotch, Tom Jenkins and Tom Sharkey. He won several handicap bouts against Jenkins and Gotch and was always considered as a worthy opponent by them. Schoenfeld later worked as the athletic director of Young Men's Gymnastic Club in New Orleans and also operated a private academy of fencing and physical culture for young ladies.

Results

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Games	Age	City	Sport	Team	NOC	Phase	Unit	Rank	Date	Result

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Their Birthday Parties Come Once In 4 Years

More Than 30 In This Community Were Born On Feb. 29

Celebrations were reported under way yesterday for 39 Asheville and Buncombe county persons who have birthdays only every four years. James Cowan Seigler, Jr., joined this Leap Year group when he was born yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock at Biltmore hospital.

The new arrival is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cowan Seigler, of 16 Beverly road, West Asheville. So far as could be learned late last night, this was the only birth in Asheville yesterday. Robert Nelson Willis, of Woodfin, and Miss Meona Parris, of Henderson county, secured license to marry.

Several paradoxes were reported in connection with persons having Leap Year birthdays. Three of especial interest were noted. Mrs. R. J. Trammell, of Canton, was born February 29, 1896, and did not have a birthday until February 29, 1904, since February was given only 28 days at the beginning of the century, 1900. She was eight years old before she celebrated her first birthday.

J. W. Bartlett, of 14 Cowan street, was born on February 29 and his son, Jimmie, was born on March 1. Yesterday Mr. Bartlett celebrated his tenth birthday, while Jimmie is celebrating his tenth today. As far as birthdays go, Mr. Bartlett is just one day older than his son. This is the nearest their birthday ages will ever come together again, since Jimmie will grow older than his father as birthdays go.

Leap Year Folk

Asheville residents who had birthdays yesterday are: L. E. Fisher, 308 Cumberland avenue; J. W. Bartlett, 14 Cowan road, West Asheville; Mrs. S. H. Oxner, Gravelyn road, Miss Ethel Stroupe, 57 Oakwood street, West Asheville; Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, 40 Hiawassee street; Mrs. W. H. Vaughn, 26 Starnes avenue; Mrs. J. H. Grant, 237 Haywood road; J. F. Fisher, County Home road; Miss Joela Proctor, Asheville, route 4; Mrs. J. B. Bogie, 139 Brucemont Circle, [illegible]

whose birthdays came yesterday, include G. K. Morgan, Swannanoa; Miss Juanita McMahan, Swannanoa; Miss Margaret Sales, Fletcher; I. W. Sanders, Marion; Mrs. W. S. McLean, Rosman; T. L. Blalock, Hazelwood; Millard Gentry, Weaverville; Mrs. D. C. McGaha, Canton; Floyd Herbert Roberson, Marshall; Mrs. L. E. Ensley, Canton; Miss Thelma Green, Canton; Q. A. Collins, Forest City; Mrs. R. J. Trammell, Canton; Miss Helen Holmes Gentry, Stocksville; Mrs. A. J. Mason, Black Mountain; Eckols Gathey, Canton; Charles Smith, Balfour; O. C. Copeland, Marion; Mrs. L. J. Tipton, Swannanoa; and Miss Hilda Burnette, Stocksville.

Asheville Citizen March 1, 1932

SELLERS CABINET SHOP

Paul G. Sellers, owner of Sellers Cabinet Shop, began his business back in 1946 at its present location, 417 Haywood Road in West Asheville. Sellers, who is married and has four sons, is a member of the Masons, West Asheville Business Association, Western Carolina Coin Club, Wildlife Club, and the Abernathy Methodist Church.

SELLERS

The original cabinet shop has taken on a very diversified list of servcies and merchandise for the homeowner, among which are Ventless Stove Hoods, Custom Martha Washington Electric Stoves, custom-built cabinets, Kirby Cleaners, Navaco aluminum awnings and carports, Ventaire custom-made awnings, and Aristo storm windows and doors.

According to Sellers, this is one of his busiest seasons of the year . . . preparing Asheville homes for the hard winter ahead; however, his efficient crew is well prepared to give fast, expert service.

Asheville Citizen November 17, 1960

Dr. Ralph Sexton Sr. 60 years of gospel glory

In the late 1930's two young brothers were called to preach. The Sexton brothers, Ralph and Leroy were destined to be two gospel tornadoes that Western North Carolina would have to reckon with. They both preached with power and boldness that forced sinners to their knees in repentence.

Bro. Sexton

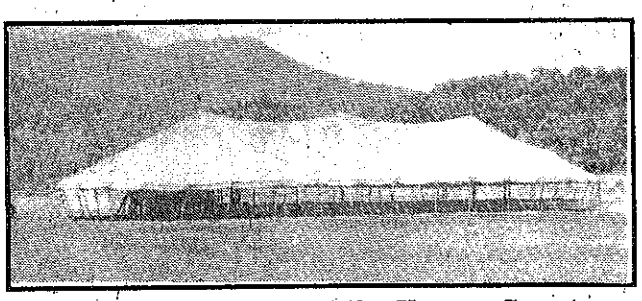
Ralph and Leroy had a camp meeting style of preaching which included dramatic illustrations of the real issues. One of Ralph's sermons inluded a real hanging noose and a dummy which was called Mr. Booze, and of course, Mr. Booze was left hanging at the end of the sermon.

These two men were a carry over of the powerful days of mighty Holy Ghost revival that made America the great nation it is.

Ralph's heart has always been in evangelism and the tent ministy. His dear wife, sister Jackie, has always said "when he dies she is going to wrap him in one of those tent flaps and bury him." In the early forties he began to erect gospel tents all over Western North Carolina and, as a result, many camp meetings were birthed from these type meetings.

The Cherokee North Carolina Camp Meeting, the Yancey County Camp Meeting and the East Tennesee Camp Meetings in Kingsport were started under tents belonging to Bro. Ralph during the Summer of 1973.

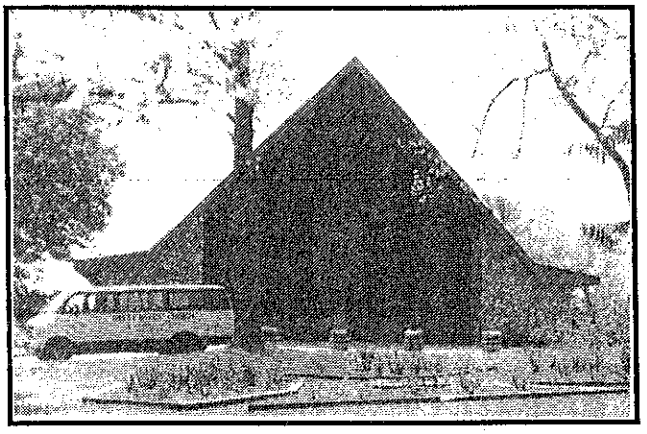
Bro. Ralph preached the first of these meetings and the tent was erected under the direction of Bro. J. Wendell Runion who is now director of Missions for International



Sexton's tent set up at the Yancey County Campmeeting near Pensacola.

Baptist Outreach which operates WKJV Radio Station in Asheville, North Carolina.

Bro. Ralph started broadcasting on WWNC Radio Station in Asheville, North Carolina in the early 1940's and is carrying that tradition forth on his weekly television program called "Send the Light." "Send the Light" telecast was started in 1960 on WLOS TV in Asheville, North Carolina.



Trinity Baptist Church on Shelburne Rd., Asheville, NC

The Ambassadors Quartet which included some well known singers like Eldridge Fox and Calvin Runion sang live for him on the first program. Appearances by groups like the Inspirations and Kingsmen on the telecast were common. Bro. Ralph was a great help to these groups during their early years.

His first church building still stands in the West End section of Asheville, North Carolina just under the east end of the Smokey Park bridge.

His last church building is Trinity Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina and is still a thriving church under the leadership of his son Ralph Sexton Jr..

Trinity Baptist Church came into existence in 1966 under Bro. Ralph Sexton Sr. and was located on State Street in West Asheville. In 1971, Bro. Ralph joined in prayer with Dr. James Stewart and others.

Trinity Baptist Church was moved to its present location, and from that time until now the church has experienced a great ministry in Asheville, North Carolina.

One can say in a final statement of Ralph Sexton Sr. that he started in a blaze of glory and is finishing as a pillar of strength.

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BOB TERRELL

columnist

Evangelists 'resurrect' Asheville

The Bible says that on Resurrection Day the trumpets will sound and the dead in Christ shall rise. There was a night in 1939 that Asheville very clearly heard the trumpets.

Ralph and Leroy Sexton, two fiery young evangelist brothers who were just beginning their ministry in Asheville, were invited to preach at a home on a bluff on the west side of the French Broad River where Westgate Shopping Center now stands.

Looking across the river, toward Asheville's east bank, they could see from that bluff the massive Riverside Cemetery on a large hill above the river.

The Sextons had bought a set of speakers at Montgomery Ward and hadn't quite learned how to control the set's tremendous amplification.

When they finally realized what they had, they discovered they were able to broadcast to an entire community over those speakers.

Equipped with "drivers" the speakers would carry all over the west end community where the brothers usually preached in the open air beside the railroad tracks, near where the Smoky Park bridges now span the river.

When atmospheric conditions were right, folks as far as Biltmore, three miles away, could distinguish the words.

Leroy set up the speakers on ther front lawn and Ralph prayed and began to preach his sermon.

Leroy had turned the speakers up full bore and directed them toward the east side of the river.

Being outdoors and turned away from the people on the lawn, the speakers did not overpower the crowd, but because atmospheric conditions were perfect, the sound from Ralph's every word carried very clearly across the river, through the cemetery, and to a great portion of the population of Asheville.

In my mind's eye, I can see people who lived around the cemetery and others in North Asheville rushing out of their homes to see what the commotion is, and they hear loud preaching and praying from the direction of the cemetery.

"Hallelujah!!!" a woman screams loudly just before she faints.

"It's Resurrection Day!" a man yells to his neighbors. the dead are rising, and they're coming out of the ground preaching and praying!"

The Asheville Police Department switchboard lit up like a Christmas tree.

All lines were jammed as scores of people attempted to report the miraculous occurrence to the police.

Soon, two city police cruisers and one silver bullet of the State Highway Patrol converged on West Asheville and began winding their way through the many streets, searching for whoever was alarming the populace.

The highway patrolman hit pay dirt first, having intercepted Ralph's "broadcast" on his cruiser's radio and followed it to the site.

Soon the two city cruisers arrived, and when the officers saw what the "resurrection" was, and how seriously Ralph was laying down the law to those people, they couldn't stem the flow of tears of laughter from their eyes.

"Boys," one of the officers said to the Sextons, "you won't have to preach no more."

"You've done scared the hell out of everybody in Asheville."

"Yeah," said another. "We know you're doing a great work, fellows, but you gotta turn them speakers down. You've got half of Asheville thinking it's the end of time."

After they learned to control their loudspeakers, the Sextons evangelized here for decades.

Asheville Citizen March 5, 2000

An event to celebrate the memory of Ralph Sexton Sr. and his 'work'

Bob Terrell
COLUMNIST

Ralph Sexton Sr., a noted evangelist and builder — first pastor of the thriving Trinity Baptist Church in West Asheville — has been gone since 2004, but his work lives on.

That "work" reference is not to Trinity, which under the pastoral guidance of Ralph Sexton Jr. is thriving in a new sanctuary, but to Asheville's First Church of the Nazarene, which was begun with an ardent prayer that God answered. The church will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a homecoming on Aug. 19 and 20.

There has been a Nazarene church — sometimes three or four of them — in Asheville from 1928 on. The present stands at 385 Hazel Mill Road. But the church that Ralph Sexton Sr. always called "the miracle church" was on Ann Street, between Haywood Road and Patton Avenue, just west of the Three Brothers Restaurant, which later wound up on Hazel Mill Road.

The story began in the Jesus Saves Mission, which Ralph Sr. and his brother Lee built on Roberts Street in the West End section, very near the railroad tracks and the French Broad River.

The Sexton brothers, both of whom preached in an independent way — that is, on street corners, along the highways and byways, in the open air, in tents, and often in private homes — reached the point where they thought they needed an anchor, a church of their own in which they could build a congregation and make a mark. So in 1942, in the early stages of World War II, they went to work on the Jesus Saves Mission on a lot in the West End, built the mission in a Quonset style, and eventually completed it.

There, indeed, they did build a congregation and reached out to all of Asheville. Ralph's heart lay largely with the Nazarene church in those days and the mission became a Church of the Nazarene.

At the end of the war, the Nazarenes were ready to move out of the mission and build a larger church of their own. Ralph pledged his help. A lot was found on Ann Street in the downtown Asheville area that could be purchased for $600, and the Nazarenes went to work to raise the money.

Ralph said he asked the Lord to help him help them by raising the money. Soon the Nazarenes began meeting in a tent on the lot on Ann Street, looking for a way to raise the money for the lot.

One day Ralph sent a telegram to someone and the thought struck him that "when people want to send a message in a hurry, they send a telegram." So he and the Nazarenes decided to send God a telegram and they wrote it out: "Dear Jesus, we need $600 to purchase the lot for the new church." They stood around a table on which the "telegram" was placed, laid hands on the message, and prayed for it to be sent to God.

Then they went to their seats and sat in silence, "letting God work among us," Ralph said. In a few minutes, a little boy slipped up beside Ralph and whispered, "My daddy says he'll give the money."

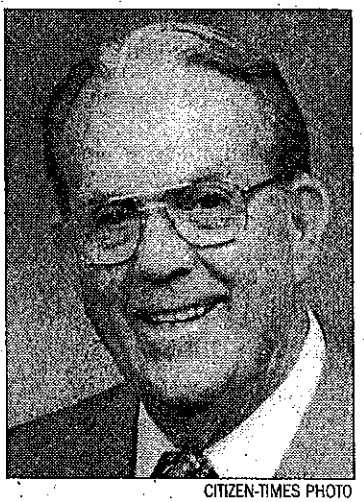
So the lot was secured in January 1947 and as it could, the congregation built the church, and it thrived. Ralph said that was one of the most thrilling parts of the ministry — when God answers prayers.

Today, the church, proud of its past, offers many programs for its old people, for the young, for men, for women, and for children. On Aug. 19-20 it will celebrate its 60th anniversary.

Carolyn Griffey, secretary to Pastor James L. Stewart, has asked that all former pastors call the church office (253-2095) and plan to participate in the homecoming celebration.

On the Saturday of the celebration, a barbecue dinner and program of music and memories is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday the General Superintendent Emeritus, Dr. John Allan Knight, will be the featured speaker at 10 a.m. and a carry-in luncheon will follow.

They intend to do the celebration right, and they should. The church represents the hard work of many, many people.



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The work of the late Ralph Sexton Sr. lives on in Asheville's close-knit Trinity Baptist Church, of which he was pastor emeritus. He died in January 2004.

Sgt. Sherlin Returns To Camp Shelby

Sgt. Allen Sherlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Sherlin of 81 Swannanoa avenue, West Asheville, has returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., after spending a 20-day furlough visiting his parents here.

He enlisted in the army in September 1941 and received his basic training at Camp Moultrie, Ga. Sgt. Sherlin later was transferred to Puerto Rico where he served with an engineer division.

SGT. SHERLIN

He is a graduate of Lee H. Edwards high school.

Asheville Times May 10, 1943

DR. G. A. SHIEDER, 75-year-old West Asheville druggist, is relaxing in his home at 60 Westwood Place after returning from his Carolina Pharmacy on Haywood Road. Dr. Shieder has been in the drug store business since he was 22 years old, and has operated his own business in West Asheville since 1915. (Citizen Photo)

Dr. G. A. Shieder Is Veteran West Asheville Druggist

By BILL LINDAU

Dr. G. A. Shieder had been learning to be or working as a druggist for 16 years when West Asheville boasted 2,000 to 3,000 people and didn't boast a single paved foot of sidewalk.

He'd had 16 years' experience behind him when he bought the West Asheville Pharmacy to go into business for himself.

It was May 1915, and the store itself was not much more than a year old when he bought it.

When Dr. Shieder looked out the door, he could see the macadam road that was West Asheville's main thoroughfare then and still is.

It was Haywood Road, and the view of it was hidden periodically to the people who came to the store by the street car whose tracks ran in front of the West Asheville Pharmacy between the entrance and the road.

Last Sunday, Dr. Shieder was 75 years old.

And the next morning he got up as usual and went to work in the pharmacy business, just as he had been doing since the spring of 1899.

Dr. Shieder operated the West Asheville Pharmacy until 1931, then bought the Carolina Pharmacy which he still operates personally.

With three-quarters of a century behind him, the pharmacist carried himself with an erect bearing and looked no more than 60 when he was interviewed in his tastefully-furnished, modest home at 60 Westwood Place yesterday.

Not only has he seen West Asheville change from a community of a few thousand to a city-within-a-city of approximately 20,000,

But he's seen the drug store business change from exactly what its name indicated to a general merchandise store with a prescription department.

He went to work in a store on the Gulf Coast of Florida when he was 22 years old.

His first employer was his brother-in-law, who was a physician by profession.

"We made many pills ourselves, then," he recalled, "and some of the other drugs which now are prepared by the wholesale pharmaceutical houses—things like spirits of ammonia and paregoric, for instance."

After five years in this first store, he went to Jacksonville to work in a wholesale drug business and another retail store.

In the 75 years that have passed since Dr. Shieder got his first glimpse of the world on a cotton plantation near St. George, S. C., he's collected some good stories.

His acquaintances say one of the pleasures of visiting with him lies in the fact that he can tell a good story—and that he's a good listener, too.

When he was asked what organizations he belonged to, he answered:

"When you read about the list of organizations a man was in, usually his church is listed last.

"Put the West Asheville Methodist Church at top of the list."

He serves on the board of stewards of his church.

He's a charter member of three other West Asheville organizations: the West Asheville Masonic Lodge 665, AF and AM; Chapter 191, Order of the Eastern Star; and the West Asheville Businessmen's Association.

Dr. Shieder is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Shrine.

Two years ago the Western North Carolina Drug Club honored him by awarding him a life membership.

He's also a member of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists.

The Habomai Islands and Shikotan consist of a half dozen islands and numerous small formations in a 60-mile chain off Northeastern Japan.

Asheville Citizen January 24, 1952

CAROL LYNN SHIPMAN, daughter of Mrs. Herbert A. Shipman of 21 Rex Drive, has won all the scholastic awards offered her class at Hall Fletcher Junior High School. The awards were presented during final exercises at the school Saturday and include: Thelmas Jones Science Memorial Award, Latin Club Award, W. C. T. U. Award (first place), 1963-64 National Educational Development Certificate (top 10 per cent in nation and one of 25 at Hall Fletcher), Rotary Club Award for Scholastic Excellence (presented recently by the club). The Rotary Club award is the highest given at the school and is based on an overall average for three years. (Staff Photo)

Asheville Citizen June 8, 1964

Mostly 54

Local High School girls pictured above will model in a 7-hour Back-To-School Fashion Show at Belk's Friday . . . L to R: (front row) Sarah Ann Livingston, St. Genevieve; Rosalind Harris, Rebecca Parris, Lee Edwards; Annette Hawkins, West Buncombe; Pat Horton, Lee Edwards; (back row) Gwen Shipman, Lee Edwards; Shirley Merrill, Sand Hill; Sarah Dillingham, Swannanoa High; Kay Mulvaney, Lee Edwards; Ann Monteath, Lee Edwards. Not present when photo was made: Joanna Huff, Lee Edwards and Ann Dillingham, Barnardsville High.

Asheville Girl Starts Study Of Navigation As She Plans Ocean Flight

Miss Uva Shipman, 21-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Shipman, 12 Twilight street, West Asheville has undertaken a course in navigation for her contemplated flight across the Atlantic ocean. Miss Shipman, now a stunt flyer at Roosevelt field, New York City, hopes to start on her adventure within the next 10 or 12 months.

In letters received by her parents here, the girl declares she is still determined to make the flight but believes that almost a year of preparation will be necessary. Recently she was granted a pilot's license at Roosevelt field. Two men who took the examination with her failed and she was warmly congratulated by officials of the field for her progress in mastering the intricacies of aviation.

For several months Miss Shipman has been specializing in parachute jumping at Roosevelt field, where she has become known as one of the most daring stunters at the field. Many of her jumps have been witnessed by crowds of thousands.

In obtaining her pilot's license, Miss Shipman had to take a plane into the air, climb 1,500 feet and descend with a "dead" motor, making a figure-eight before making a three-point landing.

Last week she was a delegate from the air field to Atlantic City where a new field was opened. Three planes from Roosevelt field made the trip to Atlantic City and the former Asheville girl was a passenger in one of these. She was applauded when introduced to the crowd at the new field.

Miss Shipman is a graduate of Asheville high school and for a time was employed in the Asheville Western Union office. She was formerly the wife of Edward Kimmey, of this city.

For several years the girl has had an ambition to fly the Atlantic ocean and since locating at Roosevelt field has determined to be the first woman to make the flight alone in a plane.

Asheville Times August 17, 1930

Asheville Citizen Aug. 26, 1931

Asheville Girl Plans Solo Flight To Europe

Miss Uva Shipman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shipman, of West Asheville, will leave here next week for Cleveland, where she will meet her manager, Russell Brinkley, of California, and begin immediate preparations for a solo flight across the Atlantic ocean, she announced yesterday.

If Miss Shipman successfully completes her flight, she will be the first girl first to run the ocean alone. Other women who have flown the Atlantic have been accompanied by men flyers.

At the present Miss Shipman is suffering from a broken ankle, the result of a parachute jump on July 11 at Roosevelt field, New York. It will be a month or more before her foot is out of the cast and she is able to fly again, but she will buy a plane in the near future, and begin preparations for the flight, she said last night.

The accident prevented Miss Shipman's taking off this summer as she had originally planned, and also prevented her participatin in the national air races now in progress.

"I was making a jump at Roosevelt field, when I saw that I was about to land on top of another plane," Miss Shipman said last night, in describing her accident. "The plane attempted to get out of my way, but the backwash of air from

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ASHEVILLE GIRL TO MAKE FLIGHT

Miss Shipman Wants To Be First Of Sex To Solo Across Ocean

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its propeller went up into my parachute, causing it to collapse. I fell about 30 or 40 feet."

Despite the accident, Miss Shipman says she still gets a big thrill out of parachute jumping, and intends to go back to it as soon as her ankle is well. She has been doing stunt flying around Long Island and New York City for the past two and a half years.

Miss Shipman graduated from the Asheville high school here in 1926, and went to work for the Western Union. In 1926 she left Asheville and went to New York, learning to fly at the Jackson Heights field. Since then she has specialized in stunt flying, and planned her transatlantic flight.

She was under contract with Paramount News to land a small plane on the new bridge connecting New York and New Jersey, over the Hudson river, but was unable to perform the stunt because of her accident.

Miss Shipman has been visiting her parents here, and recuperating from her accident, for the past week.

Asheville Citizen-Times April 24, 1930

Shock, Oldest Carrier Out For Contest Honors

Four Years Through All Weather Is Record Of Veteran

Four years ago, May 14, 1926, to be exact, The Citizen employed its first man carrier, S. H. Shock, who says he is in The Citizen's contest to determine the Best All-'Round Carrier, to win. Many people in The Citizen organization have, for years, regarded Mr. Shock as the best carrier in the entire group. Are they correct? This contest will surely tell, for a schedule of merits and demerits has been prepared that is declared by every carrier and every employe of the circulation department to be absolutely fair to every man in the organization.

During the four years Mr. Shock has been on his route he has made many friends for himself and for the newspaper. He serves the people living between Merrimon avenue and Charlotte street and between Woodfin Street and Annandale Avenue. He came to The Citizen following a brief illness, but prior to his connection with The Citizen he was employed as agent for an industrial insurance company. That connection gave him considerable experience in handling accounts to be collected on a weekly or monthly basis and proved of much value to him in new work

Likes Chickens

Shock says he has about two hundred people now receiving The Citizen to whom he has delivered a copy of the paper every morning without interruption during his four years and two months of service on the route. Something over a hundred more people have had The Citizen delivered to them every morning by him except what time they were out of the city on vacation. The remainder of his subscribers are new ones who subscribed just after he took the route or newcomers who started receiving The Citizen recently.

In making his deliveries he puts every paper right up to the screen door and where he knows the screen doors are left unhooked, he places them right behind the screen doors. He will gladly place the paper behind the screen for others, if they will tell him that they prefer this service.

He finishes his delivery about 6 o'clock each morning, about three hours after leaving The Citizen building where he reports at 3:00 o'clock. A large number of his subscribers pay him in advance—some yearly, some quarterly, quite a number pay monthly and still others weekly in advance. The habit of paying in advance proves a great help to every carrier.

Mr. Shock lives at Emma with his wife and two children. There much of his leisure time is spent in raising pure bred chickens of the buff orpington variety. This seems to be his chief diversion, while Mrs. Shock's hobby is making attractive serving trays from pine straws, milk-weed down and other wild growth. The bottom of the trays are usually of beaverboard covered with the milkweek down over which are artistically placed the wild growth with an occasional picture of a bird, dog, cat or the like and then a glass placed over the work of art. The entire tray is rimmed with pine straws. She recently presented to the Methodist church at Emma two collection trays are declared by all who have sen ethem to be real works of art.

In Contest

S. H. Shock has been delivering The Citizen every morning for four years and has the distinction of being the oldest carrier in point of service in the department.

—Citizen-Times Photo

FOUR PERFORMANCES of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be given by the Tanglewood Children's Theater at William Randolph School March 29-31. Starring in the 35-person cast is (L) Sandra Shoemaker of Hall Fletcher Junior High School who will play Snow White. Also shown is Fran Johnson as the Peddler Woman. The total cast represents 12 schools in the Asheville area. Tickets will be on sale Monday at all three Talman stores for performances at 8 p.m. the following Friday, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday. John Haber is director.

Mrs. Paul Shook, 57 Dale, West Asheville, former patient at Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, is enthusiastic in her praise of all the wonderful things done for her by everyone connected with this hospital. The March of Dimes this year will help someone else who may be stricken as was Mrs. Shook.

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Election Preparation

— Staff Photos By Malcolm Gamble

Betty Anne Shotwell (left) looks over a chalk line marking off the boundary for campaigners for Asheville City Council candidates. (Above) At Asheville Precinct No. 15 Tuesday morning were (L-R) Hoyt Smith, J.D. Howell and H. C. Hensley. They set up early to watch the action.

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Asheville Citizen
March 10, 1929

WEST ASHEVILLE POLICEMAN IS PAL TO LITTLE FOLKS

All boys and girls like policemen, especially when the object of their friendship is a reg'lar, good natured fellow like Policeman W. J. Shumate, of West Asheville, or Policeman Brannor of "Just Kids" comic feature fame.

Officer Shumate has been a member of the city police force for years, and for sometime has been "doing a beat" on Haywood road. He knows practically every boy and girl in West Asheville and among them he says are some of his closest friends.

When the enrollment of members in the Just Kids Safety Club began at The Citizen Bureau on Haywood road, many little boys and girls came to join and get their badges. Several did not know the location of the office, and so to "be careful", as all loyal and true Safety Club members are, they consulted with their pal, Officer Shumate, who at once gave such an important matter his careful consideration.

The other evening after escorting a little girl to the office where she became a member, the officer was talking with a Citizen reporter while on his way home.

"I love little children," he remarked, "and I find that they make better friends than many grown people do. You see, I know many of the youngsters around here and they know me. I have had lots of them to come to me and inquire about where they could join the Safety Club, and I just came along with them."

QUEEN OF MAY

West Asheville Girl Is Accorded High Honor At Cullowhee

CULLOWHEE, April 14. (Special)—Miss Sue Sinclair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sinclair, of 128 Aylmer avenue, West Asheville, was elected Queen of May Friday afternoon by the students of Western Carolina Teachers' college.

Miss Sinclair, who is a pretty blonde, is a graduate of Asheville high school and Biltmore Junior college.

The newly elected Western Carolina May Queen is now a senior and will receive the bachelor of science degree at the June commencement. She is popular among a large circle of friends on the Cullowhee campus and plays a prominent part in student activities. Miss Sinclair is president of the senior class, is literary editor of The Catamount, student annual, and is the student body's first choice among the girls for the best college citizen award.

Miss Mildred Painter, daughter of Mrs. K. S. Bryson, of Biltmore, received the second highest vote in the May Queen election and as a result was chosen Miss Sinclair's maid of honor at the May Festival on Friday, May 4.

Miss Painter is also an attractive blonde and is a graduate of Oakley high school. She is a sophomore and is active in music circles at the college here. She received almost as many votes in the Friday contest as Miss Sinclair.

Third honors in the Cullowhee May Queen election go to Miss Edna Patton, of Murphy. Miss Patton is a junior.

MISS SUE SINCLAIR

Asheville Citizen April 15, 1934

To Study Music

Orville Smathers, 21, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Smathers, 980 Haywood road, will leave in a few days for Ithaca, N. Y., where he will study music with his brother, Ray W. Smathers, who is a member of the famous Westminster choir. Orville graduated from Asheville senior high school in the class of 1931 and won second place in the state-wide music contest at Greensboro. He is a tenor.

Asheville Citizen Sept. 11, 1931

SGT. SMATHERS IS AWARDED PURPLE HEART

Asheville Man Was Wounded In Raid On Rumanian Oil Fields.

Technical Sergeant Oda A. Smathers, 33, radio operator and tail gunner on the "Teggie Ann," a Liberator bomber stationed "somewhere in the Middle East," has been awarded the Purple Heart, according to a message received from the war department by his brother, R. S. Smathers of Tremont park.

Sgt. Smathers was wounded recently while on a bombing mission over the Rumanian oil fields. He was injured last December in a freak accident while he was stationed in England. He had flown over hundreds of miles of enemy territory without injury, yet while on a three day pass, he was hit by a falling beam from a truck. He was in the base hospital for two weeks suffering from a fractured skull.

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He barely escaped death during a raid over Wilhelmshaven, Germany, last March when a 20 millimeter anti-aircraft shell exploded on the deck of the "Teggie Ann." He was bending over an oxygen bottle at the time but had he been at his regular post, the shell would have struck him.

In Service Two Years

Sgt. Smathers has been in service for about two and one-half years. He has been stationed in England for approximately a year. While in England, the crew of the "Teggie Ann" attracted widespread attention. King George reviewed the crew last November. Many newsreels of this event were shown in America. The ship and its crew have been the subject of many articles in "The Liberator," a newspaper for service men that is widely circulated in England. In one article, "The Liberator" described the "Teggie Ann" as a ship "that had been plenty of places and seen plenty of action."

Another brother, Patrolman Clifford S. Smathers, resides at 125 Michigan avenue here.

Asheville Times August 20, 1943

SMITH PRINTING CO. OFFERS A COMPLETE PRINTING SERVICE

The Smith Printing Company, which is located at 540 Haywood Road in West Asheville is owned and operated by G. N. Smith.

SMITH

It was in 1950 that the firm began with very limited facilities, at its present location.

Since that time, however, the company has added new and completely automatic presses.

They are prepared to turn out faster yet professional work. The Smith Printing Company specializes in printing, both letterpress and offset. Mr. Cameron Osborne is affiliated with the firm.

According to Mr. Smith, he is equipped to originate and produce any type of printing that an office would normally need. "If it's friendly, fast and conscientious service you want in printing, the number to call is AL 4-1000," says Mr. Smith.

Asheville Citizen December 8, 1960

Verse Choir Officers At Lee Edwards

Buddy Trueblood, above, was elected president of the Verse Choir of Lee Edwards Senior High school at a meeting of the group yesterday, and Miss Frances Smith was elected secretary. Trueblood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Trueblood of 1 Normandy road. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith of 253 Riverview drive. The Verse Choir was organized last year for students who were interested in learning to appear in public, and for those who wanted speech work. Faculty advisor for the group is Miss Elizabeth C. Welch, dramatics director.

Asheville Citizen October 12, 1940

Fashionable Asheville

David Coleman Bailey

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AN ADMIRABLE VANTAGE POINT

While the Charlestonians stopped along the Swannanoa, the taproot from which the city's social oak tree grew was planted just above it on a majestic knoll with a circumferential view that included the town itself.

Where Main Street terminated at the river, migration of South Carolinians from the south and Scotch-Irish from the east reached a common ground. The choice part was a tract of 640 acres, a grant under date of August 7, 1797, from the state to William Stewart. Among these veterans of the war and the 436-mile Great Wagon Road to the Yadkin, Daniel Smith had married Mary Davidson of the original settler's family.

Their first child was a healthy boy who arrived on June 14, 1787, the first white child born west of the Blue Ridge. This infant was named James and he grew up in a sturdy manner. He married Polly Patton, whose family was starting to play a leading role in development of the town, now beginning to emerge by stretching north to the top of the hill and beyond. And they were the parents of nine children who lived to maturity and married, except for one who died a bachelor.

Thus began the career of James McConnell Smith, a natural entrepreneur. At this time, there was need of competent merchants who could bring in a broader supply of well made goods from producers in other states. Properly managed, a general store should prove successful. Smith filled that need with a shrewd eye of prices and values. He also understood the value of land. On July 24, 1817, now passed his 30th birthday, he purchased 8½ acres on Main Street near the three-year-old Eagle and added an acre the following year by purchase from the proprietor.

On February 16, 1821, he acquired nearly 30,000 acres in the county at favorable prices and now he began seeing the Eagle as a possible competitor. Over the next couple of years, he was making plans for another hotel on the other side of the square. Work began in late 1824, ten years after the Eagle had opened its doors, and the following year, the Buck was in business as well. Together, they became a center of conversation and information about the turnpike project. The next year, word came there from Raleigh that a charter had been granted for that purpose.

On November 13, Smith acquired 123 acres of the noble knoll from his father, a tract to which 465 acres were added on March 31, 1830. As soon as the turnpike was seen approaching on its route to this site, the point at which it would connect with Main, he invested heavily in the turnpike company. Traffic began increasing but it soon became apparent that there was a serious drawback. At river crossings, travelers found themselves coping with perils of ferries only moderately changed from those described by Bishop Asbury.

Bridge building was an art not yet acquired in the mountains and years passed with fervent complaints and no results. Finally, Smith decided to act himself. Where Sams Ferry had been in operation, he had the first mountain bridge constructed late in 1833. Like the turnpike, it was

chartered as a monopoly, with the county fixing toll rates, and like the ferry operation it replaced, they were exactly the same as those authorized and charged in 1801. It continued in operation until damaged by flood in 1852 when it had to be repaired.

By then, James M. Smith had become a wealthy man...and a man of many parts. In time, he would be referred to as "the merchant prince of Buncombe."

The time of the new bridge marked the beginning of social aspirations. James Silk Buckingham, an English visitor of the 1840s, described the town as "encircled by ranges of mountains of varied heights and distances, with swelling slopes and delicious valleys, such as one might travel a thousand miles without finding surpassed in beauty." On August 16, 1852, shortly before the flood, Zeb Vance wrote to his fiancee: "Our village is very gay at this time. The South Carolinians are crowding both our hotels to overflowing. The streets sound with the noise of carriage wheels from morning until night." Mollie Carrie Gudger was writing to her niece that she had observed "a good many people riding out" from the town "some in buggies and some on horseback in riding costumes looking quite like *city folks* and *city life*."

Around 1848, Mr. Smith decided to build a substantial town house on the knoll. Smith & McDowell, his big store, was prospering in partnership with his son-in-law, William Wallace McDowell. Among other things, they were catering to the female interests with somewhat fashionable clothing and accessories, along with fancy foods and delicacies and other specialty items for the growing carriage trade.

In town, the Smith residence was a comfortable place. Rooms were spacious and well appointed. It had a nice garden, both flower and vegetable with attractive accoutrements, an orchard, and several outbuildings. Now he wanted a place more "in the country" where he would have plenty of elbow room. Here he built a rectangular structure of solid brick with interior woodwork in Greek Revival style. Its double-pile, five-bay plan featured a double-tier porch semi-engaged beneath an extension of its main gable roof. Walls were laid in Flemish bond.

Times were good. The Revolutionary War and its naval subsidiary, the War of 1812, were over and great civil strife was still on the horizon. When Smith died on May 18, 1856, he had already completed his various commercial enterprises. He was the owner of a large and thriving barn along with herds of horses and other livestock. He had a prosperous tannery and a profitable slaughterhouse whose business was expanding. He also owned a number of large lots in various parts of town.

And there was another measure of his wealth. At the century's halfway mark, his property accounting listed 44 slaves, a remarkable number for the mountain economy, and this figure may have grown somewhat prior to his demise.

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NEW BAND UNIFORMS—First of the 100 new uniforms ordered for Lee Edwards High School Band by the Dad's Club are modeled here by Lois Smith and Bill Melton. The musicians' uniforms are red and the majorettes' outfits are white. Jan 5 - 54

The Music Men

The Story of Professional Gospel Quartet Singing

By BOB TERRELL

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

Small Town Doings

All promoters of gospel music during the postwar heyday of quartet singing were not giants like W. B. Nowlin, J. G. Whitfield, Lloyd Orrell, and Wally Fowler, who promoted multiple cities. Some were local men who were satisfied to bring great singing to their hometowns every month or two—with the additional hope of turning a dollar or two.

Typical of these was an automobile salesman named Riley Smith, who promoted City Auditorium in Asheville, North Carolina.

Asheville was a town of about 50,000 people located in the heart of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. It was a tourist mecca where folks came to soak up the beauty and quietness of the hills.

In the early 1930s when he was a young man, Riley Smith had a gasoline station in Leicester, outside Asheville. Through the late 1930s and the 1940s, Riley, a baritone, sang in local quartets, including the Sebren Quartet, organized and operated by George W. Sebren, who owned a local bookstore which handled the latest songbooks of Stamps-Baxter, Vaughan, Tennessee, and other publishers. Sebren's largest claim to fame, however, was that he had trained and sung in the very first professional male quartet ever formed in 1910.

Riley headed the rationing board in Asheville during World War II, a thankless job, of course, but Riley Smith was a popular man because he was so thoroughly honest.

And that trait of character was in his favor when, in 1951, he decided to promote monthly gospel music shows in the Asheville City Auditorium.

paid them $1,100 to sing, and he still has the cancelled check, endorsed by R. W. Blackwood two months before his death in the airplane crash in Clanton, Alabama.

The weather was as bad that night as it ever had been for one of Riley's singings. It rained tremendously hard, and a cold wind blew, turning some of the rain to icy slush, even though it was late May. But late in the afternoon people began arriving in droves for the singing. The front seats went quickly, and then the rest of the auditorium filled up until the Asheville Fire Department said "No more." There were still hundreds of people lined up at the ticket windows, a line stretching more than a block from the auditorium.

The Statesmen and Blackwood Brothers were at their best that night. They entertained royally, and it was after midnight that people began to leave. Amazingly, there were still people waiting outside, and as six people left, the fire department let six come in.

Riley always ended his All-Night Singings by 3 o'clock in the morning, but this night they sang longer, and the crowd stayed. It was the last time Asheville ever saw R. W. Blackwood and Bill Lyles, except on television a month later when the Blackwood Brothers won Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts.

Acoustics were great in the Asheville City Auditorium. J. D. Sumner and Big Chief Wetherington could actually shake the house with their low bass notes, magnified by an exceptional amplifying system.

"I loved working with those groups," Riley said. "I didn't go into promotions to make money, and to tell the honest truth, I didn't know I was going to make a nickel, because I had made very little money singing. But I could see this thing was something people wanted, and in order to do what they wanted, I had to have money. I had to charge admission, but I kept it as low as possible."

After less than a year, Riley realized the promotions were getting too large for him to handle alone; so he asked a lifelong friend, Dan Foster, to help him. From then on, Foster ran the front of the building—the ticket sellers and door men—and Riley ran the back end—the singing itself, the talent, the problems with the singers. The two split any profits, and on the average they made $250 to $300 per singing.

Riley continued to sell automobiles the whole time he was promoting.

"I had no real problems with any of the singers until the very last," he said. "The easiest people to work with were the Goodman Family, Bobby Strickland and the Crusaders, the Harmoneers, people like that.

James Blackwood was good to work with. Urias LeFevre was a bit fiery at times, but I didn't have deep-down problems with him. I'd tell him what I felt and he'd say, 'Well, you talk pretty straight, don't you?' and I'd say, 'That's the only way I know to do it.' Hovie and I would laugh at each other and still argue. All of this was a wonderful experience for me."

Riley ran his singings on a sound business basis. "When I made a deal with any of the quartets," he said, "I promised them so much money, and they knew they would get that money. The whole secret of the thing was that I kept it on a straight basis. Then it worked out fine with all groups. I didn't deal under the table with anybody.

"Some," he said, "were harder to work with, due to the fact that they got to the point that they wanted to put on a show instead of singing. Hovie and the Statesmen started it.

"They also started another problem," Riley said. "My people came to hear the singing, but some of the groups wanted to preach instead of sing. Hovie started that, too, and I couldn't stand it because I knew my people came to hear the singing. They could go to church the next morning—Sunday—and hear the finest preaching in the land for free. They didn't pay $1.20 to come to a singing and be preached to."

Riley finally reached the end of his rope, and it was the team that brought about the end.

"They framed up on me," Riley said. "The Statesmen and the Blackwood Brothers reached the point that they didn't want to come to Asheville unless they came together, and I couldn't afford that. Their prices were too high for our town, and I didn't want to go up on my ticket prices.

"I told Hovie and James that I would not continue to promote them," Riley said, "if that was the way they were going to do."

The three, along with Urias LeFevre, sat in City Auditorium until 4:30 one Sunday morning trying to hash out this problem.

"We couldn't get straightened out," Riley said. "They were bent on doing it the way they wanted to, and I couldn't do it that way. Finally, Hovie said, 'Well, we'll just come in here with another promoter.' And that's what happened."

The next time the Statesmen and Blackwood Brothers came to Asheville, Wally Fowler promoted the singing. He rented the City Auditorium and went head-to-head with Riley Smith.

Asheville had been a good town for gospel music, but it was not large enough to support two promoters. Something had to give.

Riley went to Ralph James, manager of the auditorium. "I don't

He tried his hand at promotion once in 1949, paying Hovie Lister and the Statesmen Quartet $75 to sing at Vance School in West Asheville. He had known Hovie Lister since Hovie was a pup. Riley remembered Hovie's dad, W. Hermon Lister, picking Hovie up and putting him on the piano bench to play for the Lister Brothers Quartet in Greenville, South Carolina. Greenville was just down the mountain, sixty miles from Asheville.

Riley attended all the local singings: the big ones at Alexander Baptist Church outside Asheville where London Parris, Rex Nelon, Kermit Jamerson, Eldridge Fox, and other good singers learned to perform. He had attended singings in a large room above Liggett's Drug Store in downtown Asheville, and had sung in the Superior Courtroom of the Buncombe County Courthouse.

No one had ever tried to promote in the 2,500-seat Asheville City Auditorium, but Riley had a notion he could make it if he followed Wally Fowler's All-Night Singing format.

Riley had his own quartet by this time, called the Tonemasters, and his piano player was Bob Robinson, who went on to a measure of fame with the LeFevres and the Sons of Song.

The first two times Riley promoted City Auditorium in 1951, he didn't have enough people to sing to; so he gathered everyone in front of the auditorium and told them his problem. "I can save the price of the auditorium," he said, "by not opening the doors." The people understood, got their money back and seemed to be satisfied. Riley paid the talent out of his own pocket.

On the third program, he drew enough people to break even, and told his friends, "Thank the Good Lord, this things's going to go."

In 1951 he contracted top talent for $125 to $175 per quartet. He charged $1.20 for adult admission, and while he promoted for eight years, through 1958, and the price of talent increased several times, he never increased the price of his tickets.

Riley always used his own quartet, the Tonemasters, on the program, and usually split $75 among the members, excluding himself. Then he tried to have two or three top drawing cards. The Statesmen, the Speer Family, and the Harmoneers were top draws in Asheville, and if he could get the three for one program, he knew he could fill the house—almost, anyway.

The Sunshine Boys were dynamite, and they combined well with the Foggy River Boys, the LeFevres, and the Tonemasters. The Swanee River Boys, Bobby Strickland and the Crusaders, the Goodman Family, and the Homeland Harmony were good draws in Asheville.

The Swanee River Boys were different. They sang a soft and perfect harmony. There were other different groups, too, that Riley used occasionally, like the Jordanaires, the Crossroads Quartet of Arthur Smith, and the Chuck Wagon Gang.

"The Statesmen were the biggest drawing group I had," Riley said, "but I liked the Sunshine Boys and the Rangers Quartet. The Rangers were wonderful. Vernon and Arnold Hyles were terrific. They were singers, just like the Sunshine Boys. They knew what singing was all about. They'd come on stage singing and go off singing.

"The Swanee River Boys were solid singers, no question. You could hear a pin drop when they sang. They didn't waste their time talking; they sang. If they tried to talk, they fell flat; they had to sing—and everybody listened. They sang that soft harmony that lulled a crowd—and then the Statesmen would come out and knock the people right out of their seats. The Statesmen could do anything they pleased on stage and pull it off. They were great showmen; they knew exactly what a crowd wanted—and they gave it.

"And I'll tell you something else," Riley said, "Ace Richman and Eddie Wallace of the Sunshine Boys were great talent. They knew how to entertain a crowd."

Asheville's All-Night Singings drew people from all over the region. Coal miners came from West Virginia and Kentucky. People came from all over the Carolinas, from Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. They came for the singing and for sightseeing. During the day they drove around the mountains and looked at the scenery and enjoyed the coolness, and at night they thrilled to the singing.

By 1953, City Auditorium filled almost every month for Riley Smith's All-Night Singings. He paid quartets top dollar. He has cancelled checks that show that he paid these amounts for some of his singings in 1953:

February 28—Revelaires (with Big Jim Waits and Dan Huskey) $350; Blue Ridge Quartet, $350; Speer Family, $300; Foggy River Boys, $325.

March 29—Blackwood Brothers, $450; Sunshine Boys, $350; Blue Ridge, $300. The Blue Ridge Quartet, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, didn't have as far to come as the Sunshine Boys (from Atlanta) and the Blackwood Brothers (from Memphis).

April 25—Crusaders, $325; Homeland Harmony, $350; Sunshine Boys, $375.

His biggest night came on May 29, 1954, when he finally brought in the team, the Blackwood Brothers and the Statesmen together. He

think what's happening is fair to me," Riley said. "I've been promoting this building every month for eight years, and suddenly you let another promoter come in against me. It isn't fair. No two programs—the same program—can operate successfully here in the same month every month."

"I realize that," Ralph said, "but I don't know what we can do about it. Under the law, I can't deny the auditorium to the other people. If I were you, I'd talk to Weldon Weir."

Weir was the Asheville city manager, a man who could get things done, but in this case his hands were tied.

"I live here," Riley told Weldon. "I'm a taxpayer. I've promoted this building every month for eight years, and I've never been late with a payment to the city. I can't see why you can't give me some protection, and I certainly can't see why you can't prevent putting him on in front of me."

"Well, you know what the story is," Weldon said.

"No, I don't," Riley said. "Tell me what it is."

"By law," Weldon said, "there's only one thing you can do: put on better programs."

The double promotions damaged Asheville greatly as a gospel music town. Neither promotion drew well. After a few promotions, the Statesmen and Blackwood Brothers were singing to half houses, and soon they were not coming to Asheville anymore. Riley's crowds went down, too, and he had to give up his promotions.

J. Bazzel Mull, the blind Knoxville preacher-promoter, took Asheville over and promoted for a while. Then the Kingsmen Quartet promoted for a few years.

But no one matched the promotional success of Riley Smith in the heyday of his promotions.

In retrospect, Riley said, recently, "I don't know why my singings were so successful. Nobody could understand how I could fill the auditorium when nothing else would. I don't know, either, unless it was the way I handled it, the way I felt in my heart about it. I was sincere, and the Good Lord was just good enough to me to let me do it. When I advertised groups, they came, and they were the best in the business."

For a while, Asheville was a great singing town. Then, like so many others, it died. And today it's hard to gather a crowd there for a gospel show.

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Friday, October 26, 1951

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THE HI-NEIGHBOR QUARTET
of WAIM, Anderson, S. C.

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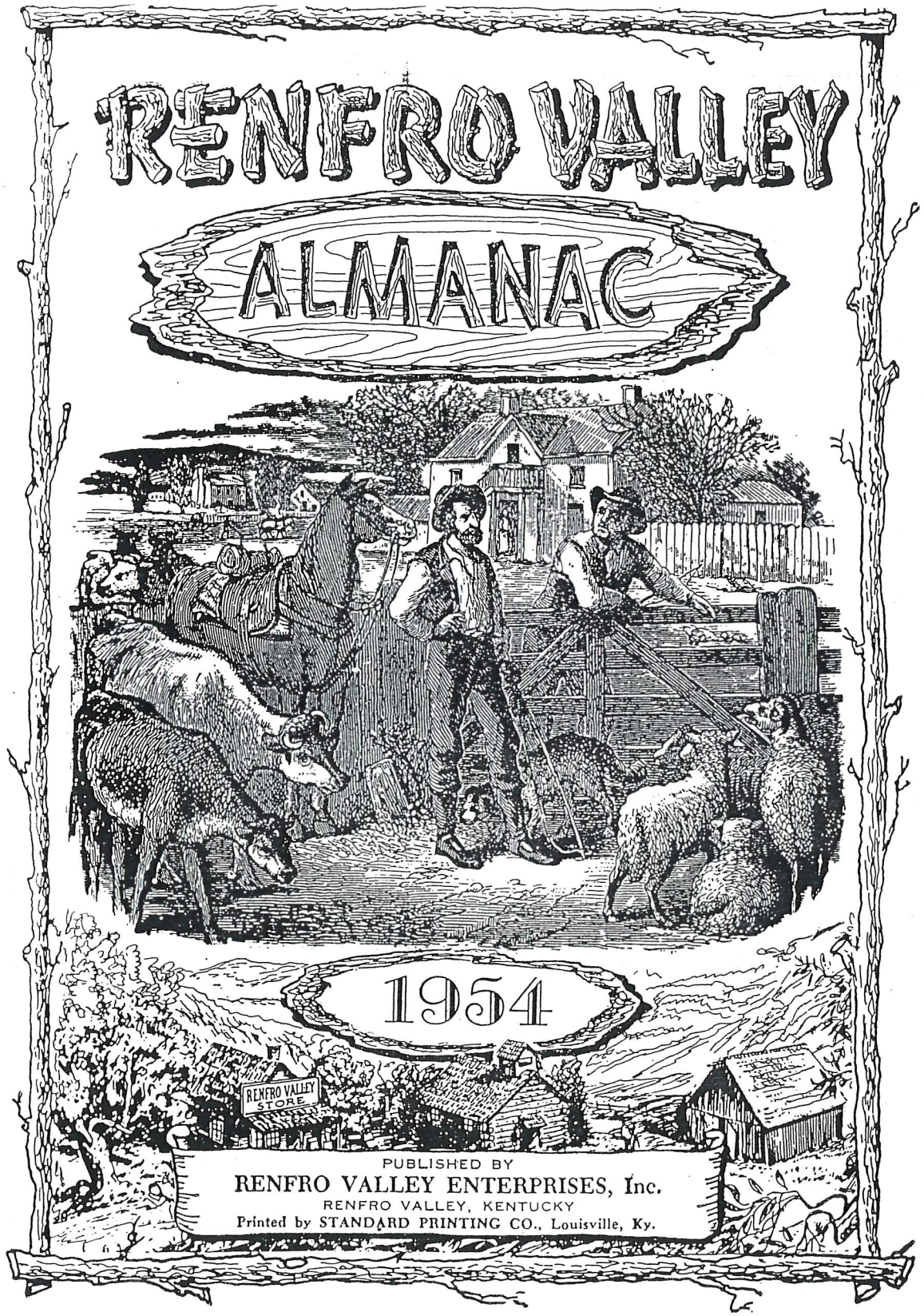

At the annual All-Day Sing for 1953 the Gospel Quartet Contest was re-instated and the winners of the Championship title and first place money were the Tonemasters, of Ashville, North Carolina, pictured above. Ruel Thomas, Director of the Sing is handing them their check while two of the judges, Keifer Vaughn, left, and Vep Ellis, right, look on approvingly.

The all-day-singin'-and-dinner-on-the-grounds held each year in Renfro Valley on the first Sunday in August carries on a tradition of long standing in Rural America, dating back to the publication of the first book, The Bay Psalm Book, in 1640. A part of one of the psalms it contains is given below and is from the copy of this rare old book in our Pioneer Museum.

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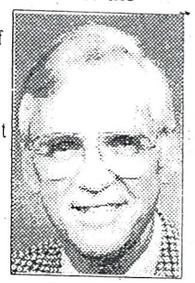
Sunday, Feb. 3, 1991

Gospel Quartets Used To Take To The Road To Spread The Word Of Music

The first professional gospel quartet was the James W. Vaughan Quartet of 1910, organized and trained by a Texan named George W. Sebren for the Vaughan Music Co. in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. It consisted of Sebren, Charles W. Vaughan, Ira T. Foust and Joe M. Allen. They were paid by the Vaughan company and traveled around the South, singing at conventions and peddling James W. Vaughan songbooks.



BOB TERRELL

The venture was so successful that in the 1920s there were at one time 16 Vaughan quartets on the road — and an equal number of Stamps quartets selling Stamps-Baxter songbooks. The original Vaughan quartet broke up after a few years, and in the late 1920s George W. Sebren moved to Asheville and opened the George W. Sebren Music Co. on Rankin Avenue.

He sold songbooks, regular books and magazines, and he dealt in used books and magazines. He'd trade with you. Folks had to scratch for a living in those days. Sebren taught a lot of local people to sing in the singing schools he ran in a building across Broadway from the Langren Hotel. The Sebren Quartet, which he formed sometime in the 1930s, always rehearsed in the music store on Rankin.

Riley Smith of Leicester met George Sebren in 1937 at one of the monthly singings in a big room above Liggett's Drug Store on Pack Square. He recalls Sebren as a good-sized man, maybe 6-feet tall, not heavy, blond-haired, well-dressed and a good singer. Sebren heard Riley sing that night and asked him to join the Sebren Quartet, replacing Bill McKinney at baritone.

"Once a month we'd have a singing over Liggett's Drug Store," Riley Smith said the other day. "It was a big room filled with chairs, and usually there would be 50 or so people for the singing. Sometimes we would hold singings in the courtroom of the Buncombe County Courthouse. I've seen the courtroom full of people for these singings.

"Nobody made any money singing. They'd usually take up a love offering for us and sometimes we'd make enough for gas and something to eat. I never thought about making money singing, not even when I promoted singing in the Asheville City Auditorium."

Riley Smith's All-Night Singings in City Auditorium were monthly attractions from 1951 to 1958 that often filled the building and brought the best quartets of the day to town. By then, Sebren was dead and Riley had his own quartet, the Tonemasters.

Things were different at those later singings. Voices were amplified until they filled the building, and the booming bass voices of J.D. Sumner and Big Chief Wetherington rattled the rafters.

When Clyde Williams and Riley Smith were with the Sebren Quartet, they sang a song called "The Walking Song" in which the quartet got down in the audience and walked over the building singing, each man going in a different direction. "As long as we could hear the piano," Riley said, "We sang the song."

The Sebren Quartet became so good and so popular it sang all over the Carolinas, Tennessee and Georgia, usually riding in Sebren's car. He had a Chevrolet during the mid-'30s, but Riley Smith, a car salesman by trade, sold him a new 1938 Nash Lafayette in which the quartet traveled for years.

"Sebren was the world's worst driver," Riley recalled. "It's a wonder he didn't kill us all. He zig-zagged all over the road, and usually drove on the wrong side."

Sebren drove the quartet to Statesville one Sunday morning to sing that afternoon, and on the way down a Highway Patrolman pulled him over for erratic driving.

"Wonder what that feller wants?" Sebren said when he heard the siren.

"Where you fellows from?" the officer asked when Sebren pulled over.

"I'm from Asheville, North Carolina," Sebren said. "This is the Sebren Quartet. We're going to sing in Statesville this afternoon."

"I'll tell you right now," the patrolman said, "you're not going to sing anywhere this afternoon if you keep driving like this. You're going to kill yourself and all of these other men."

Sebren pointed to a gold star on his windshield. "See that gold star? I got that for never having an accident."

"Well, there's a first time for everything, and you're gonna have one down here if you don't shape up," the officer said. "I'm going to let you go, but I want you to drive on the right side of the road. I'm going to follow you and make sure you do."

Later, on a trip to South Carolina, Sebren passed a car, cut in too quick and hooked the other man's front bumper.

"Wonder what in the world he means!" Sebren exclaimed, fighting for control of his car.

"You hit his bumper," one of the singers said.

"Well, he shouldn't'a been over where he was!" Sebren exclaimed.

"It's a wonder any of the quartets survived those early days — but they did," Riley said.

Riley Smith All-Night Singing Will Feature Tobacco Market Opening

A Riley Smith all-night singing will be held in the City Auditorium Saturday night with no admission charges.

This special program has been arranged by Smith in cooperation with officials of the Asheville Tobacco Market as a feature of the opening of the tobacco season and the festival to be held on Friday.

RILEY SMITH

The market opens at 9 a. m. Monday, Nov. 30, with the opening of the warehouse and the schedule of sales to be decided by a drawing Friday or Saturday.

According to Smith, all quartets in Western North Carolina are invited to enter the singing.

A contest will be held, with silver cups being awarded to the first and second place quarters.

Mayor Earl Eller will welcome the group Saturday. The program Saturday night is planned especially for tobacco farmers and their families and friends, although the general public is invited, also.

Smith pointed out that quartets may take part in the singing without entering the contest if they wish to do so.

He asks that all groups planning to take part write him at Matthew Motor Sales or Radio Station WWNC.

All warehouse managers will also attend the all-night singing.

They will be introduced at the time Mayor Eller welcomes the group.

Managers are James E. Walker, Walter Walker and Bernard Walker, all of Bernard Walker Warehouses; Fred Cockfield and James Stewart of Planters Warehouses; Carley J. Adams and L. J. Hill of Dixie and Big Burley Warehouses, and Max Roberts of Carolina Warehouse.

The tobacco season in Asheville will be officially opened with a parade through downtown Asheville on Friday.

This parade will also open the merchants' Christmas season.

Save these!!

YOU TELL ON YOURSELF

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,
By the manner in which you speak,
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the use you make of dollars and dimes;
You tell what you are by the things you wear,
By the spirit in which you burdens bear,
By the kind of things at which you laugh,
By the records you play on the phonograph.

You tell what you are by the way you walk,
By the things of which you delight to talk,
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you eat.
By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf;
In these ways and more, you tell on yourself;
So there's really no particle of sense
In an effort to keep up false pretense.

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A Poem to Read

God loves you and God loves me,
He loves the ones across the sea.
Around the world does God's love go,
But all the people do not know.
What can I do? Why I can tell
My nearest friends I know quite well!
And I can give and I can pray
That all the others far away
May know that God has sent his Son
To bring his love to every one.

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EN. HE IS WAIT - ING AND WILL SET CAPT - IVE FREE.
ERS. THAT WILL BE THE LAST GREAT ROUND-UP IN THE SKY. THERE'S A GREAT AND FIN-

AL ROUND-UP DAY A-COM-ING. WHY NOT COME AND LET THE SAV-IOR MAKE YOU WHOLE?

THERE WE'LL JOIN THE SAINTS AND PRAISE THE LAMB FOR-EV-ER. SAFE FROM DANG-ER

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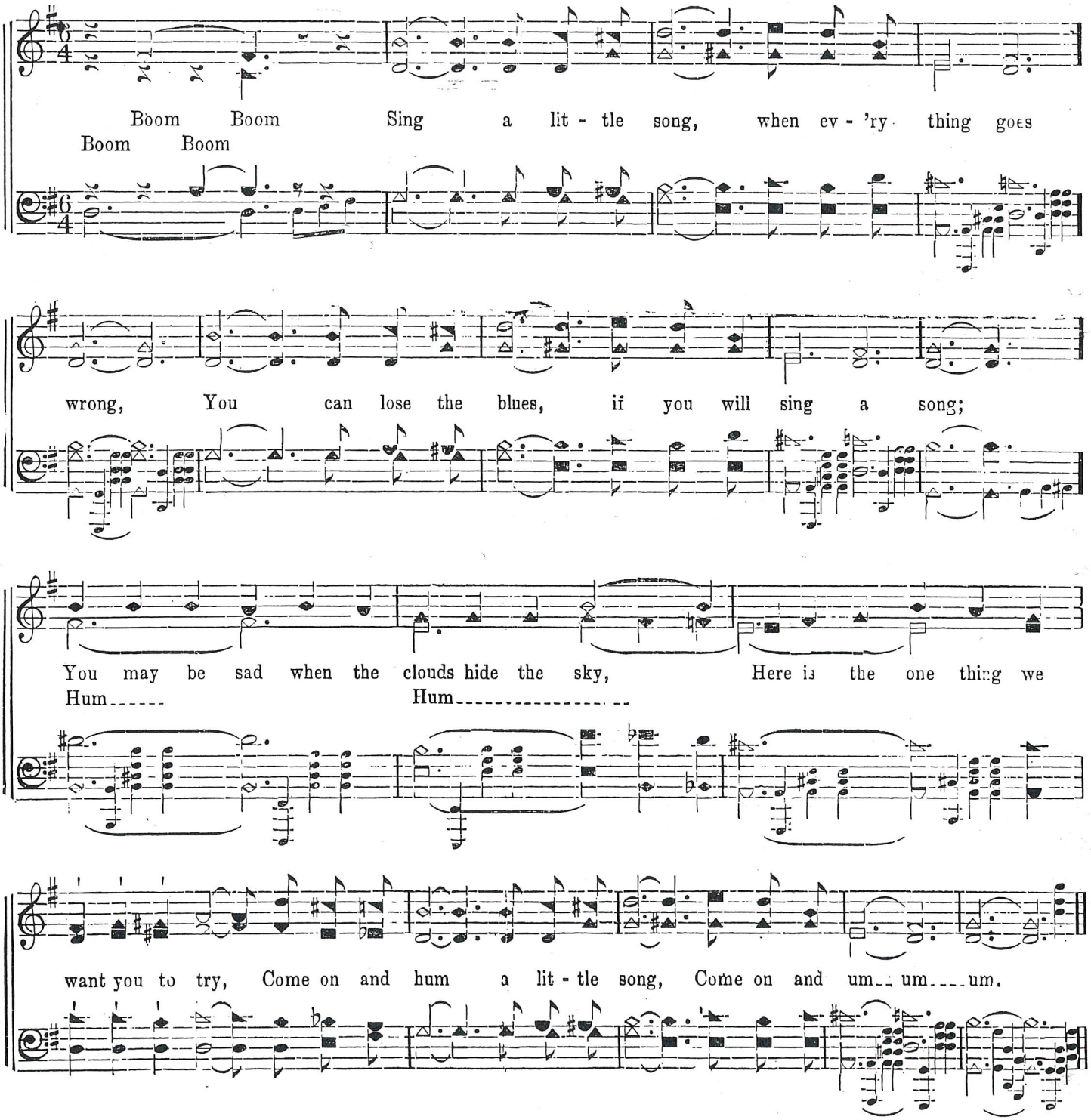

Riley Smith: All-Night Sings

In almost every family, you'll find a trade or trait that is dominant throughout. A certain sector of the Smiths brought that glorious sound of Gospel music to one of the highest peaks.

A local automobile salesman who had a gasoline station in Leicester had been a part of local quartets in the 1930's and 1940's and also headed the rationing board in Asheville during WWII.

Riley Smith was a man who enjoyed Gospel music to the fullest extent; his favorite program format was that of Walley Fowler.

Riley organized his own quartet, the Tonemasters and promoted them big-time when he started the Riley Smith All-Night Gospel Sing inside Asheville's City Auditorium.

In 1951, top talent was contracted for $125.00 - $175.00 with adult admission set at $1.20. There were great groups such as the Speers, the Sunshine Boys and the Harmoneers who were favorites, but Riley Smith said the Statesmen Quartet was "the biggest draw".

Residents of Western North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama fell in love with Riley Smith's All-Night Singings.

They were loved so well, the coal miners from West Virginia and Kentucky drove for miles to get their ears full. The biggest night of all was May 29, 1954 when the big team came, the Statesmen and the Blackwood Brothers.

The weather was bad midday, but around starting-time the auditorium was filled to capacity. Top talent was paid $1,100 to sing.

Riley Smith was a man who lived to please his crowds and while the singings got too large for one man alone, Riley got Dan Foster to run the ticket sales while he took care of the front stage.

Smith (behind microphone) with the Friendly Five.

Riley Smith was a local man and knew what Western North Carolina loved and desired to hear; that's why he did so well in his promotions of the All-Night Gospel Sings which lasted until 3:00 AM in the great city of Asheville, NC.

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RILEY W. SMITH of Asheville proudly holds the rainbow trout he enticed out of Lake Lure last Wednesday. It went well over 17 inches and weighed two pounds. Guy Silvers, also of this city, aided in the landing by slipping the net under it. Smith was using a fly rod and fishing with red worms.

(61 Dunwell Ave.)

IN PACIFIC

RUPERT BAIRD SMITH

Smith of Asheville, a fireman third class aboard the survey ship USS Sumter, is shown as he looked out of the porthole of his ship during more peaceful times for the fleet than now. The young sailor who enlisted in the navy at the recruiting station here about two years ago, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith of 70 Nevada avenue. Another son is in the navy, attached to a unit in waters around Iceland.

Asheville Times December 8, 1941

Smith Uses Wit And Skill In Carving Little Figures

For some 20 years, W. P. Smith, who lives just off the Deaverview Road, has been making little gadgets with his pocket knife.

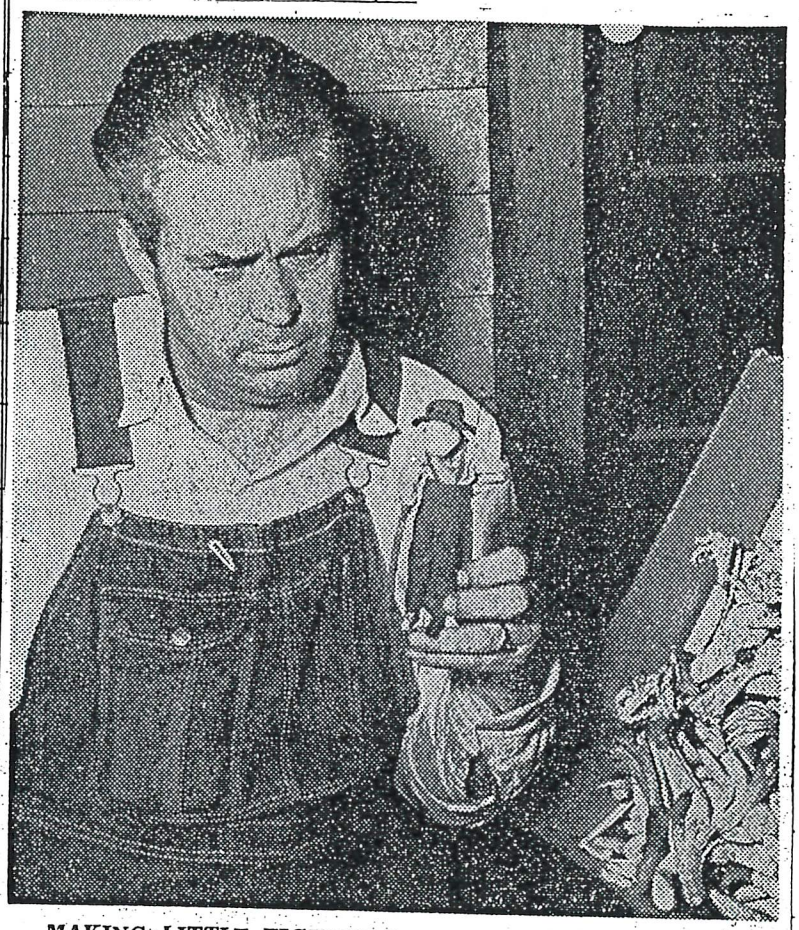
Handicapped by the loss of his legs, Smith has depended upon his skill in carving and his wit in designing curious little figures for a major part of his living. He does most of the work with his pocket knife, a large white-handled job with blades of first class metal, but he does have a band saw and drill press to aid him in speeding up some of the work.

His most successful figures are a bearded old man in a slouch hat and blue shirt with dark trousers. The figure itself is carved from balsa wood and sometimes, but not always the clothing is made by Mrs. Smith. The old man has a companion figure of an old woman in a sunbonnet. Both are extremely lifelike in appearance even to the carved faces with latern jaws.

Among the most popular of the smaller objects Smith makes is a high standing rooser fashioned from a twig with intersecting limbs. The tail feathers are cleverly split from the twig and the legs and feet are fashioned from forking limbs. The result is an amazingly perky little rooster, with his feathers ruffled and his head high. A bit of red on the comb helps the illusion.

Smith says he gets a lot of fun out of his carving and makes it pay as well. He has found through long years of work that the best way to handle the business is to get the orders in advance. He does this by showing samples and actually booking the orders.

"In the past I have made up a stock of some of the things I thought would go good and when they did not sell I was stuck with them," he said. "Now I have all I can do keeping up with my orders."



MAKING LITTLE FIGURES from his own designs, W. P. Smith, of the Deaverview Road section, a cripple for many years, manages to make a pretty good living. He is holding one of his favorite designs, a bearded old man. (Citizen-Times photo.)

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He Carves a Way of Life

Mountain Life and Work No. 3, 1958

CHAD DRAKE

THE "INDEPENDENT MOUNTAIN MAN" is a proverbial type, but if you want to meet him in person, go visit W. P. Smith in West Asheville, North Carolina.

Smith's hand-carved roosters, turkeys, and character dolls have been sold by the thousands to people living in all parts of the country. He comes as close to being an "old-time whittler" as anyone you'll find in the mountains today.

As you watch Smith work, you are aware of what "craftsmanship" means, for there is never a false stroke with the knife, nor is there any delay in trying to "figure out the pattern." It takes surprisingly few deft cuts to turn a peach tree limb into as perky a rooster as ever crowed.

With his knife Smith has carved himself a way of life that has left him proud and independent, rather than the welfare case he might have been.

You see, Smith lost both legs under the wheels of a train when he was a young man. Shut off from the normal active occupations that a strapping mountain youth might have entered, Smith faced the prospect of selling pencils on a street corner—or of turning his pocket knife into an instrument of freedom. He chose to use his knife.

Smith developed his carving slowly. Entirely self-taught, he whittled toys and trinkets for the neighborhood children. Word of his skill spread, and someone brought him a small rooster carved from wood in Scandinavia and asked him to reproduce something like it.

The carver tried. Over and over he sought to duplicate the rooster, but he could never get it right. Finally, he threw away the copies in disgust, and fumed his way out to the garden by his home. Later, on his way back to the house, he looked up and saw a rooster from his own flock perched on top of a brush pile and clearly outlined against the sky.

Grabbing a dried limb from the brush pile, he rushed back to his shop and began to carve. The finished model satisfied him completely, and apparently it is appreciated by craft lovers as well, for he has sold thousands of similar carvings since.

Mr. Smith has developed a wide variety of carvings. There are hens to go with the proud roosters, and turkeys made from pine cones, to go with the other barnyard citizens.

W. P. SMITH SHOWS HIS GRANDSON HOW TO CARVE

He also carves an old mountain couple, clever dolls which are clothed by his wife.

"I patterned them after real people, the woman after my grandmother and the man after a friend of mine who lived near here," he says. Both figures are authentically garbed.

Mr. Smith is all business when it comes to carving. He goes down to the basement of his house every morning, just as regularly as a man going to his office, and he works steadily through the day. He carves models according to orders and his mood.

Every step in the production of his carvings is carried through by Smith except the gathering of the raw materials. Youngsters in the neighborhood do that for him. He uses a wide variety of woods that grow around his home on the outskirts of Asheville.

In the shop all the tools are placed at a low level that will be convenient for Mr. Smith. Fortunately his accident left him enough of his legs so that he can still get around without help.

Thousands of people have seen Mr. Smith carving in his booth at the Craftsman's Fair each year. There is about his carvings a

simplicity and sprightliness that mark them as being part of the universal folk culture of our age.

To Mr. Smith they represent far more than bits of folk art, however. In his shop, surrounded by his carvings, he says:

"Folks sometimes say I'm crazy for not going on welfare because of my legs. But I can't see it that way at all. As long as I can carve I'm free as this fellow."

And he holds up a carved rooster whose proud gaze looks the world straight in the eye. #####

Asheville teacher of year

John Courtlakis/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hall Fletcher first-grade teacher Rocko Smucker is named Asheville City Schools Teacher of the Year at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel on Thursday.

Rocko Smucker has this simple question for his colleagues: "Are we producing kids that can/will be participants in a democratic society or are we simply producing a worker mentality?"

The first-grade Hall Fletcher Elementary School teacher had a good enough answer to his own question to win Asheville City Schools' teacher of the year for 2005-06.

Smucker has been in education for 32 years.

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John Coutlakis/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rocko Smucker, a Hall Fletcher Elementary first-grade educator and Asheville's 2005-06 teacher of the year, makes a few remarks Thursday at a banquet at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel, where he was presented with cash and gifts by Robby Russell, back, of Wachovia Bank.

Smucker's technological innovations earns him Asheville teacher of the year

Hall Fletcher educator aims to prepare young students for information age

By Clarke Morrison
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — Rocko Smucker, a first-grade teacher at Hall Fletcher Elementary School known for his innovative use of technology in the classroom, was named Thursday night the Asheville City Schools 2005-06 teacher of the year.

Smucker, who has taught in the city school system for 26 years, was chosen from among the nine teachers of the year at the district's individual schools. He and the other contenders were honored at a banquet at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel.

"We're in the information age," Smucker said. "Students who don't have the technology at home or school will be on the periphery of society." He added that schools must create producers of technology and not just consumers.

Other finalists were **Mike Davis** of Asheville High School, **Melody Markert** of Asheville Middle School, **Kathy Blossfield** of Asheville City Schools Preschool, **Cindy Srijayanta** of Claxton Elementary, **Martha Hayes** of Dickson Elementary, **Vicki Hall** of Jones Elementary, **Larry Hardin** of Randolph Learning Center and **Jerri Lutz** of Vance Elementary.

> **"(Rocko Smucker) is leading the way for total integration of technology, literacy and math in primary grades. His goal is to bring the system, region, state and nation into the 21st century with technological integration for the very young."**
>
> VICKI DINEEN, Asheville City Schools' executive director of elementary education

"Rocko has implemented amazing things with primary grade-level technology," said **Vicki Dineen**, the district's executive director of elementary education. "He is leading the way for total integration of technology, literacy and math in the primary grades. His goal is to bring the system, region, state and nation into the 21st century with technological integration for the very young."

The selection committee used the following criteria in choosing the district's top teacher: experience, continuing education, participation in school-based and community activities, innovative approaches to curriculum, an extensive portfolio and a 20-minute interview.

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Smucker asked the selection committee, "Are we producing kids that can/will be participants in a democratic society, or are we simply producing a worker mentality? Will our students be capable of producing technology, not just consuming it?"

Smucker brings 32 years of experience to his classroom, including a number of innovative ventures like a first-/fourth-grade combination classroom in the mid-'90s and his current quest to have each fifth-grader at Hall Fletcher graduate with a certification in technology.

"We must have a really serious discussion about what we want to do in education over the next 10 years," he said. "Students without access to integrated technology at home and at school may find themselves on the periphery of 21st-century society."

A certificate for a glass apple and a $1,000 award by program sponsor Wachovia Bank were presented to Smucker. Asheville City Schools also will award him a laptop computer, a professional development conference of his choice and tuition for enrollment in Leadership Asheville's 2006-07 class.

Smucker will now compete in the state's Western Region as part of North Carolina's Teacher of the Year program.

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■ EDITORIALS

A pair of veteran teachers show how to properly invest in our children's future

Public education is not perfect. But it gets many knocks it does not deserve. One of those knocks is the caricature of the lazy teacher, granted tenure and doing little but punching the clock as retirement comes around.

While that caricature may be true in isolated cases, it can be ripped to shreds rather easily.

Case in point: The Buncombe County and Asheville City Teacher of the Year winners.

Kevin Baxter

Rocko Smucker

Kevin Baxter, a 25-year teaching veteran, was named Buncombe's teacher of the year last week. He has taught on four continents, and came to the Buncombe system after teaching a course at the University of San Diego called "Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children."

The third-grade teacher has a depth of knowledge about his profession and brings with it insights about his charges.

During his awards banquet, he noted, "Kids can smell a rat. They know when you're not being sincere in your pursuit of knowledge."

Fairview Elementary Principal Sheila Gibbs said, "I believe Mr. Baxter exemplifies the ideal teacher. He makes learning activities very interactive and thought-provoking."

Rocko Smucker, who teaches first grade at Hall Fletcher Elementary, was named the Asheville City Schools teacher of the year last week. A 26-year veteran of the city schools, he asks tough questions: "Are we producing kids who can/will be participants in a democratic society, or are we simply producing a worker mentality? Will our students be capable of producing technology, not just consuming it?"

He emphasizes the importance of technology, saying, "We must have a really serious discussion about what we want to do in education over the next 10 years. Students without access to integrated technology at home and at school may find themselves on the periphery of 21st-century society."

We're not surprised to hear tough questions and smart observations from Rocko; in the interest of full disclosure, we point out that he is a community member of this newspaper's editorial board. We can attest to having witnessed a teacher who cares about children and the hurdles they face in and out of school.

We're lucky to have teachers like Rocko Smucker and Kevin Baxter. And though they are exceptional, we would add that they aren't the exception. Teachers with this level of expertise and dedication are the rule, not the exception, and are still pulling through with their difficult task made more difficult by our rapidly changing society.

Asheville Citizen September 21, 2005

SECTION TWO
SAT., JUNE 12, 1971

Fire Stations Get Flags

The American flag will be flying from a new flagpole Saturday morning at the West Asheville Fire Station, in response to public requests that all nine stations display the flag. Final work on the West Asheville installation was done Friday by Fireman Philip Snelson, on ladder, Capt. C. E. Jones, left, and Fire Chief P. N. Ball. Chief Ball said headquarters and all stations now have flag displays except the Bartlette Street station, which is scheduled to be replaced. He said some kind of portable flag arrangement probably would be installed there. The flags are donated to the Fire Department. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

FIRE
STATION NO. 6
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Fixture at West Asheville Community Center set to retire today

Malvern Hills playground to be named after Snelson

By Eden Foster
CITIZEN-TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEST ASHEVILLE — According to Bill Cook, Philip Snelson has volunteered more hours than he has been paid for in his 34 years as a part-time recreation leader for the Asheville Parks and Recreation Department.

"I can't imagine how we are going to replace him. He knows everything about everything," said Cook, Snelson's supervisor. "He would do anything for anyone, and that's not just a cliché."

Today is Snelson's last day at the West Asheville Community Center, and a lot of people are going to miss him. "I've been trying to show him (Cook) stuff that needs to be done. But I'll probably end up leaving him a note, too," said Snelson, laughing.

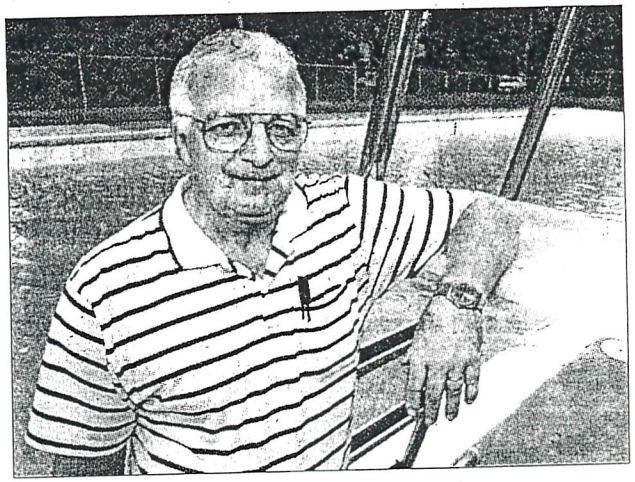
His co-workers and friends are throwing a party for him, and they'll present him with a prestigious dedicated service award. But Cook and his other friends didn't believe a plaque on the wall was enough recognition, so they plan to surprise him with the fact that the new Malvern Hills playground will be named for him.

"Everybody loves him because of his dedicated service to the community," said Karen Lockmiller who works at the West Asheville Library, which used to be next door to the community center. "He's an extremely self-effacing person. He's going to be sorely missed, especially now that there are so many budget cuts. We love him out here. Anybody would," she said.

In addition to his work at the community center, Snelson is an active volunteer for many youth sports programs. He was a founding member of the West Asheville Girl's Softball Program in 1997. He's taught children how to play basketball. He's also worked to get older residents hot meals. And for more than a decade, he's organized West Fest events in West Asheville.

This is not Snelson's first retirement. He was a firefighter for more than 31 years before he retired about five years ago, working part time at the West Asheville Community Center and volunteering about two dozen hours a week the entire time.

"I've worked all my life," said Snelson. "You might say I'm a workaholic." When asked what he would do when he retires, he said, "My grandson wants to go fishing real bad. And my wife has a list of things for me to do around the house."



Steve Dixon/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Philip Snelson, a fixture in West Asheville, who has volunteered for years at the West Asheville Community Center, is retiring today. The new Malvern Hills playground will be named in Snelson's honor.

Asheville Citizen May 31, 2002

SNELSON

By Bill & Joyce Hamilton

May 31, 2002

There once was a fellow named Snelson
Who hailed from West Asheville.
In spite of the likes
Of Mike, Irby, Jeff, Bill, and yet another Bill
Snelson remained....in West Asheville.

Though those guys got occupied
With Basketball Leagues and Little League
And of course, playgrounds and the pool
SNELSON would say, "That's cool...
but the Center must be open!!!"

Every day the piano plays
Folks come by to chat and sing
Ok, they're waiting on the hot lunch
But listen guys, I've got a hunch
We need to beat City Hall to the punch!

You've been spread so thin
I think I will fit in
Opening the door, answering the phone,
Setting up chairs and locking up
After everyone is gone.

What??? You have no funds to pay
Listen guys, There's too much to be done.
I'll work without pay
If that's the only way
You see, West Asheville is my home.

STUFFED SHIRTS—Three West Asheville youths have a trick to play with passing motorists, who from the road below might be inclined to think the stuffed gentlemen above are the real thing. "We just wanted to watch the expressions on the people's faces when they passed by," was the explanation of Stacy Morgan, 13, who along with brother Roger Morgan, 16, and Jimmy Snipes, 13, placed the dummies in the treetops above Trotter place in West Asheville near their homes. To the sports minded passer-by recalling the dismal record compiled last year by the coach of his favorite football team, such a sight might remind him the football season is rapidly approaching. (Times Photo by Malcolm Gamble.)

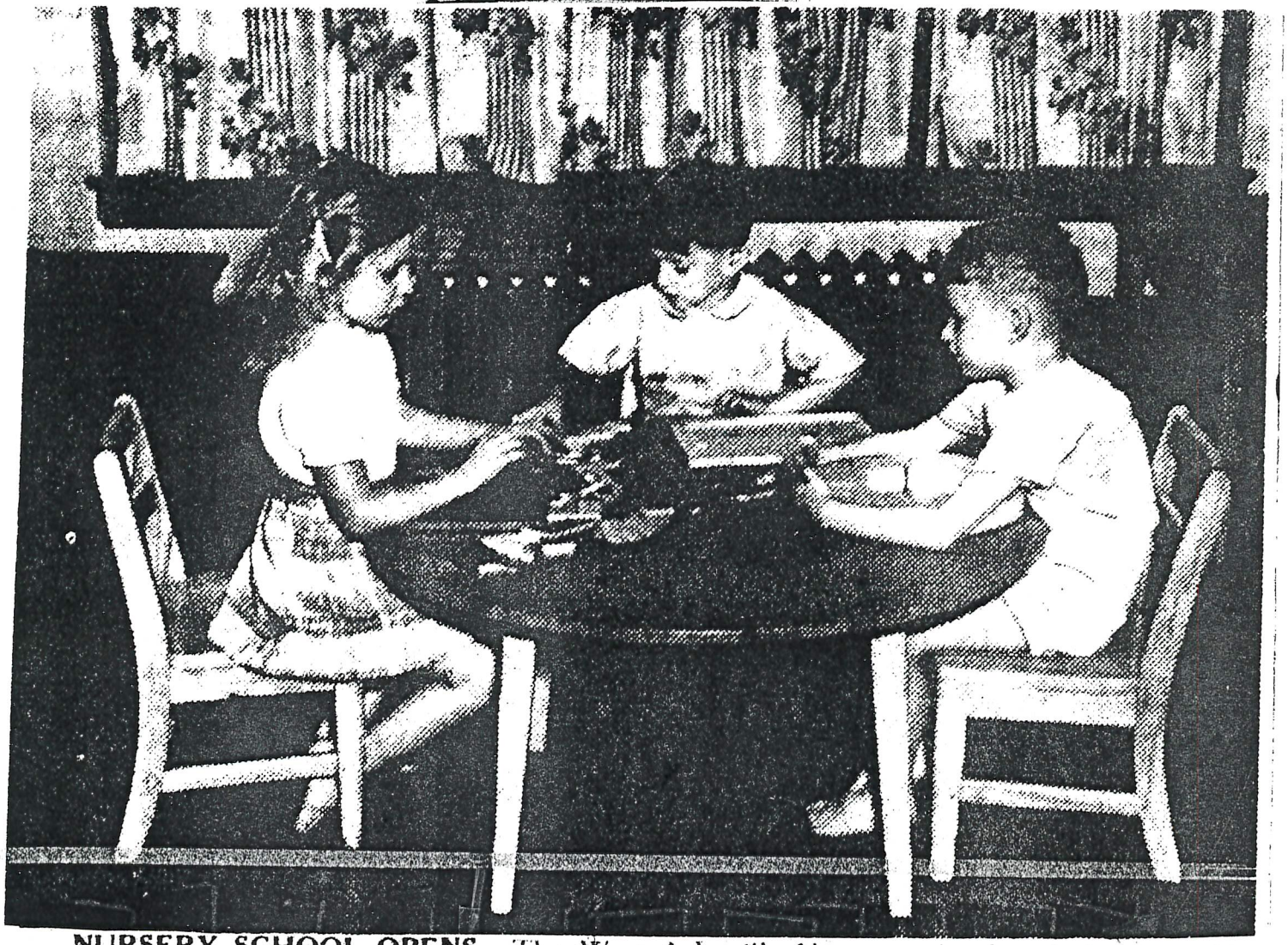
MARCIE SNIPES, Susan Bradley and Mrs. Ralph Snipes (L-R), leader of Brownie Troop No. 101, Girl Scouts of America, are getting stocked up at Vance School for the G. S. cookie sale which starts today and will continue through March 22. Pisgah G. S. Council is sponsoring the sale of 32,000 boxes of half-vanilla and half chocolate sandwich - type cookies, thin chocolate mint cookies and plain butter wafers to finance more camping facilities for more girls.

PETERSON '55 HUNT '55

SOESBEE '54 October 23-1953 POLLITT must be '56

SPONSORS—Barbara Pollitt and Virginia (Ginger) Soesbee have been named band sponsors for the Lee Edwards-Salisbury High School game today at 8 p. m. in Memorial Stadium. June Peterson and Nancy Hunt were named team sponsors.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1944



NURSERY SCHOOL OPENS—The West Asheville Nursery school and the second extended school service unit opened at the bank building on the corner of Haywood road and Richmond street in West Asheville this morning. In the above picture are, left to right, Ann Elizabeth Ingle of 82 Herron avenue, Joseph Williams of 602 Haywood road, and Russell Soesbee of 41 Branning street. These children are in one of the rooms of the nursery school, which occupies the top floor of the building.

Bruce Emory Research

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1931

GIRL IS WINNER OF ESSAY AWARD

Henny Spaanbroek Gets Junior Red Cross Loving Cup

Henny Spaanbroek, of the fifth grade at Vance School, was presented yesterday afternoon with the silver loving cup given each year for the best essay on "The Spirit of the Junior Red Cross" written by an Asheville student.

Miss Spaanbroek has been in this country only twenty-two months, coming with her family to Enka, where her father is connected with the American Enka Corporation. She has learned to speak English since entering school here.

Given by Violet Henry

The loving cup is given each year by Miss Violet Henry, former chairman of the Junior Red Cross Committee, and has been won three previous times by 'ark Avenue School, Biltmore, and Haw Creek. The cup will be held by Vance School until next year.

A. ,.. Allen presented the cup to Miss Spaanbroek t the annual meeting of the Junior Council of the Buncombe Chapter yesterday afternoon at David Millard High school. Honorable mention was given to Virginia Bright, of Biltmore School, and Helen Teague of Vance. Judges for the contest were M Mary Reade Smith, teacher of English at the Senior High school; Miss Mary Parr, executive secretary, Buncombe County Chapter; and Miss Ruth Wadman, director of war service, National Red Cross, Wash igton, D. C.

Reports Made

Reports were given from all of the schools on their work during the year which included candy and souvenirs sent to the wards they have adopted at Oteen; potted Lilies of the Valley sent to several en at Oteen; donations to the Orange Barrels; safety committees at the schools for small children at street crossings; food for undernourished children through the school lunch-rooms; motor service, and office service in the county headquarters.

Orange street school was presented with an exhibit of several letters from Germany many in return for a bird book sent from the Asheville school several months ago.

Trophy Winner

Henny Spaanbroek, student at Vance school, was the winner of the cup offered by the Junior Red Cross for the best essay written by an Asheville student on the "Spirit of the Junior Red Cross."

Awards Are Made

Graduation Ceremonies Held At Lee Edwards

Miss Dorothy Wilson and William Spake were given the annual good citizenship awards at graduation ceremonies for 324 Lee Edwards High School seniors last night in City Auditorium.

W. P. Griffin, school principal, presented the award to Miss Wilson on behalf of the Lee Edwards faculty. Richard Wood, president of the Asheville Rotary Club made the presentation to Spake.

Speakers for the graduation were James H. Miller, president of the senior class; John Fox, president of the National Honor Society; and William Spake, president of the student body.

The three talked on the subject, "Now Abideth Faith, Hope and Charity." Miller spoke on "Faith," Fox, on "Hope," and Spake, on "Charity."

Prior to the ceremonies, a half-hour concert was presented by the Lee Edwards Concert Band under the direction of Joseph DeNardo, director, and Frank Glenn, student director. The class was presented to Earl C. Funderburk, superintendent of city schools, by Griffin. Diplomas were awarded by Mrs. L. R. Hoffman, dean of girls and Donald D. Jones, dean of boys.

Invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Rev. A. J. Cox, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

Asheville Citizen-Times June 2, 1957

Chaplain Shipped Out

CAMP EVANS, South Vietnam — Chaplain William M. Spake humped the jungle with the line doggies in some of I Corps' roughest Indian country.

The penciled sign on his steel pot read "Gambler."

And he talked a trooper's language. No GI had to clean up his conversation or keep quiet about the girls he met in Taipeh on R&R when the 30-year-old clergyman was around.

To many of the paratroopers of the 1st Bn, 506th Inf, he lived and worked with, Captain Spake was exactly what an infantryman's chaplain should be.

To other men, apparently including some of the top 101st Abn Div and Pentagon brass, the mod padre went too far.

As a result, the Methodist minister is now a civilian, eased out of the Army because the United Methodist Church yanked their endorsement of Spake after Army officials in the Pentagon told the church about "alleged misconduct" on the chaplain's part.

Chaplain Spake, from Asheville, N. C., and a graduate of Duke University's divinity school, arrived in 'Nam last July and was assigned to the 1st of the 506th as battalion chaplain.

The padre said his first hint of trouble came in November when the brigade chaplain, Maj James E. Wright, "told me I'd have to get straightened out spiritually."

Chaplain Spake said he played cards with the troops and talked their language.

"I called myself 'the gambler' on the radio and he (Chaplain Wright) couldn't condone things like that," said the young minister.

CO Bauer
. . . "wasn't conventional"

But the Army obviously had decided it had had enough of the unconventional clergyman.

Article 32 investigation was launched.

A week after investigators said they couldn't find enough evidence to press charges against him, Chaplain Spake was nevertheless on his way Stateside to trade his green suit for civvies.

Many of the line doggies in his old battalion still don't know what happened to their chaplain.

One trooper who does know said he was sorry to see the padre go.

"Most people in the battalion thought a lot of Chaplain Spake," said the GI. "He'd go to the field with them and he was good at services. He was always on hand when he was needed for counseling."

Lt Col Charles Bauer, honcho of Chaplain Spake's battalion, said the young padre was good with the troops, "particularly the younger men.

"He wasn't reluctant to go in the field," added Bauer. "When it came time for an operation he was right there. You didn't have to go looking in the barracks for him."

He was different from the average chaplain, not the pious type. And he had a good rapport with the troops.

"The men who were looking for an establishment chaplain, the preacher type, probably got a little upset with him. His language was colorful," said the light colonel.

In January, said Chaplain Spake, he traded with another officer for a shotgun. "I stopped by the MP dayroom and asked if it was worth anything but nobody was interested." The padre said he later got rid of the shotgun.

About a month later, on Feb. 18, charges of illegal possession of a weapon and "misconduct while acting as a chaplain" were read to the clergyman. The misconduct charge said the chaplain "wrongfully and dishonorably" traded with, sold to and bought from enlisted men "for personal gain."

The chaplain admitted he traded with GIs, adding, "I was doing this as a means of fraternizing with the troops. I ran errands, bought things for scores of people and now and then I had something to sell.

Chaplain Spake said he was advised to resign from the Army "for the good of the service" but he refused. Instead, he put in a Mars call to the headquarters of his church and asked that they pull his ecclesiastical endorsement.

A chaplain must have the backing — or "ecclesiastical endorsement" — of his church in order to stay in uniform.

Church officials asked for a copy of the charges and after they saw them told the chaplain, "they couldn't help me because I got myself into this."

In a brief official statement to **OW** recently, a 101st Div spokesman would say only that "certain matters of alleged misconduct by Chaplain William M. Spake were brought to the attention of the commanding general. As a result of this information a fact-finding investigation was instigated."

What the cold statement didn't mention is that the Article 32 probe failed to produce enough evidence to back up the charges against Chaplain Spake.

But Chaplain Spake is convinced his mod approach to religion is at the root of his troubles.

"I think conventional religion is phony and ridiculous," he said. "Pietistic preaching is worthless. I was good with troops because I was no different from the rest of them and they knew it. I had a genuine communication with them. It wasn't just a slap on the back and see you on Sunday.

"The real job is done by living with them in the field, that's worth more to them," he added.

In his sermons, said Chaplain Spake, "I used modern language and symbols to get across the mythology of the Bible."

When Chaplain Spake left 'Nam he still hoped he'd be able to stay in the Army till the end of his enlistment, a year from now. Just before he left, officials at the division's rear base camp in Bien Hoa gave him an Air Medal he made with his battalion, as well as a Bronze Star for merit.

Chaplain Hoppy, acting like John Wayne and posing for the camera.

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY TO MEET HERE NEXT YEAR

Dr. Jennie L. Spaulding, West Asheville osteopathic physician, has returned from Charlotte where she attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Osteopathic Society which convened at the Charlotte hotel Sunday. The meeting which was attended by the South Carolina Society, was very interesting and largely attended, Dr. Spaulding stated yesterday.

Dr. Spaulding, who has offices at 779-A Haywood road, is one of the few women physicians in the state. She plans to attend the meeting of the Middle Atlantic Osteopathic Association which is to be held in Washington next September. This association is composed of osteopathists in North and South Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

It was decided at the Charlotte gathering to hold the next meeting in Asheville in May, 1930. Many Asheville members of the society were present at the meeting, Dr. Spaulding stated.

Asheville Citizen May 13, 1929

West Asheville Lady Doctor Attends Meet

Dr. Jennie L. Spaulding, West Asheville osteopathic physician, who has offices at 779-A Haywood road, is attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Osteopathic Society which convened at the Charlotte hotel, Charlotte, yesterday. The South Carolina Society is also attending the meeting, it has been announced.

Asheville Citizen May 26, 1929

THE SUNDAY CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

~~LADY~~ DOCTOR TO BEGIN 15TH. YEAR OF PRACTICE SOON

Dr. Jennie L. Spalding, West Asheville's only lady physician will begin her 15th year of practice in the city early this autumn. An osteopathic physician by profession, Dr. Spalding came to Asheville in 1915 shortly after completing a course of study at the Kirksville school of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo. She passed the Missouri and North Carolina state board examinations in June, 1915, and for several years after coming here was associated with Dr. Rockwell, the mother of the late Kiffin Rockwell, who was killed in action during the World War, while a member of the Lafayette Flying organization.

Later she opened offices at 779-A Haywood road. She also is one of the few lady osteopaths in the city, and attended the recent meeting of the North Carolina Osteopathic association held in Charlotte.

The 1930 meeting of the organization will be held in Asheville at the invitation of local members, including Dr. Spalding

Asheville Citizen June 30, 1929

Dr. Jennie L. Spalding

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Asheville Citizen June 30, 1930

The Spencer trio, shown above, will play Monday evening in the initial concert of the annual Mozart festival here. Those in the trio are May Jo DeNardo, violin; Josephine Rhobein Spencer, piano; and Clyde Spencer, 'cello.

Asheville Citizen August 28, 1938

The Manor

ASHEVILLE, N.C.

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1926

THE CLYDE SPENCER ORCHESTRA

Program

1. Overture	"Norma"	*Bellini*
2. Concert Waltz	"Christmas Dreams"	*Bach*
3. Operatic Selection	"Cavalleria Rusticana"	*Mascagni*
4. Violin Solo	"Cavatina"	*Raff*
	MR. JOHN EVERSMAN	
5. Trio	(*a*) "Beceuse de Jocelyn"	*Godard*
	(*b*) "Hungarian Dance"	*Brahms*
6.	"Andante Cantabile"	*Berge*
7.	"Slavische Rhapsody"	*Friedman*

Quiet is requested in the Music Room during the Evening Concert

The Manor

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1928

THE SPENCER ORCHESTRA

CLYDE SPENCER, *Musical Director*

Program

1. Overture "Egmont" ..... *Beethoven*
2. "Adagio Pathetique" ..... *Godard*
3. "Poupee Valsante" ..... *Poldini*
4. Ballet Music from "Faust" ..... *Gounod*
5. (*a*) "At Evening" ..... *Debussey*
   (*b*) "Le Nil" ..... *Leroux*
6. Operatic Selection "The Pearl Fishers" ..... *Bizet*
7. Suite "A Day in Venice" ..... *Nevin*
   (*a*) Dawn
   (*b*) The Gondoliers
   (*c*) Venetian Love Song
   (*d*) Goodnight

Quiet is requested in the Music Room during the Evening Concert

The Manor

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1929

THE SPENCER TRIO

Soloist

GEORGE HARTRICK, *Baritone*

Musical Program

1. Overture — Pique Dame ..... *Suppe*
2. *a.* My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice, *Saint-Saens*
   b. Cossack's Revels ..... *Tschakoff*
3. Operatic Selection — Manon ..... *Massenet*
4. Vocal Solos — Selected
5. To Spring ..... *Grieg*
6. Selection of Scotch Folk Songs
7. Suite — From India ..... *Popy*
   a. The Bayaderes
   b. By The Ganges
   c. The Almas
   d. Patrol

Quiet is requested in the Music Room during the Evening Concert

Announcing Winners In

SHOP-IN-ASHEVILLE DAYS

WINDOW SHOPPING CONTEST

FIRST PRIZE —	Robert Spiro, 81 Westwood Place	$20.00
SECOND PRIZE —	Miss Molly Spears, 150 Ashland Ave.	$15.00
THIRD PRIZE —	Miss Katherine Sevier, 524 Biltmore Ave.	$10.00
FOURTH PRIZE —	Mrs. E. T. Ebert, 19 Irving St.	$5.00

Members of the Asheville Merchants Association, participating in the Shop-In-Asheville Days Window Shopping Contest, congratulate the winners and thank them for their interest.

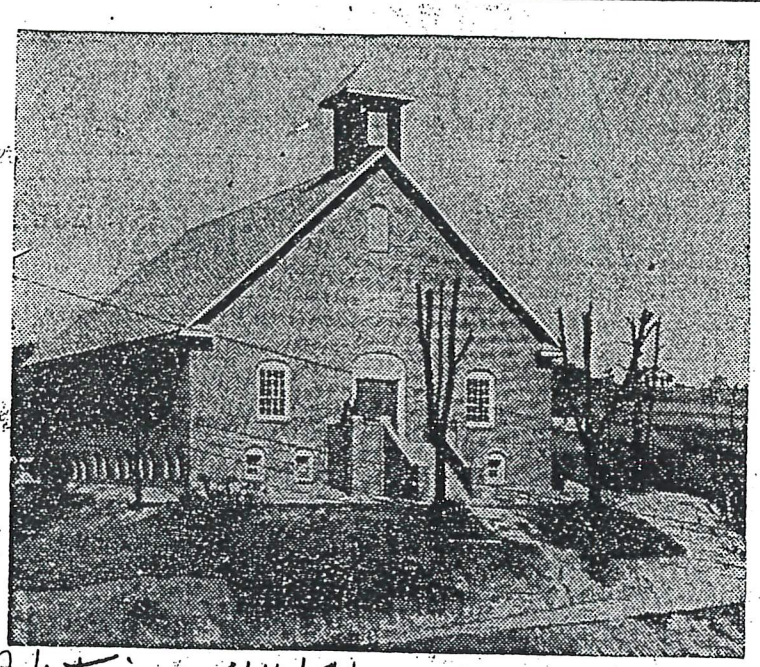
Hundreds of entries were received and the judges had a very difficult time selecting the winners. Awards were made on a basis of accuracy and neatness.

The great interest in the contest that was shown by visitors and people of Asheville and Western North Carolina was greatly appreciated by participating merchants.

Checks For Prize Winners Will Be Mailed Monday, Sept. 2

Asheville Citizen September 1, 1940

Church Will Be Dedicated Sunday



Ash. Times 4/12/41

The Craven Street Baptist church, shown above, will be dedicated in special services Sunday. Following the Sunday school session at 9:30 o'clock, the cornerstone will be laid at 10:00 by the pastor, Mr. Sprinkle and he will preach the dedication sermon at 11 o'clock. The Rev. G. C. Cox, pastor of the Merrimon Avenue Baptist church, will deliver a sermon in a service starting at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Another visiting minister, the Rev. Bascombe Hensley, of Barnardsville, will be heard at the night sermon hour. Special music will be featured. Craven street church is occupying the third building since its organization in 1921. The present building, valued at $12,000, was started in October 1938 and the first service was held in the building Easter Sunday two years ago. Indebtedness on the church was paid off at a special rally day March 23.

REV. A. P. SPRINKLE

Asheville Times April 12, 1941

Craven Street Church Will Honor Sprinkle

Ash. Times 7-23-49

The 25th anniversary of the Rev. A. P. Sprinkle as pastor of Craven Street Baptist Church and the birthday anniversary of Mr. Sprinkle will be observed with services tomorrow in the church.

The day will begin with a brief Sunday school period at 9:45 a. m. At 10:30 a. m. there will be open discussion during which time members and friends will have an opportunity to give personal expressions of appreciation of their pastor.

Special Music

Special music for the services will be provided by several visiting groups. The morning sermon will be delivered by the Rev. H. M. Hocutt, missionary of the Buncombe Baptist Association.

At 2:30 p. m. there will be a service during which talks will be made by two ministers who have gone out from the Craven Street Church. One of these, the Rev. Joe Sprinkle, pastor of Old Little Ivy and Calvary Baptist Churches in Madison County, is a son of the Rev. A. P. Sprinkle, the other, the Rev. Jack Buckner, pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church near Candler, is a nephew of Mr. Sprinkle.

The sermon at the 7:45 p. m. service will be delivered by the Rev. W. B. Sprinkle, pastor of the High Street Baptist Church, Canton, a brother of the Rev. A. P. Sprinkle.

The pastorate of the Rev. A. P. Sprinkle in the Craven Street Church began in July 1924 when he came from Reed Memorial Church in Oakley to what was then Hill's Chapel located at the intersection of Craven Street and Waynesville Avenue. The group was worshipping at that time in a frame building completed after Mr. Sprinkle began his pastorate.

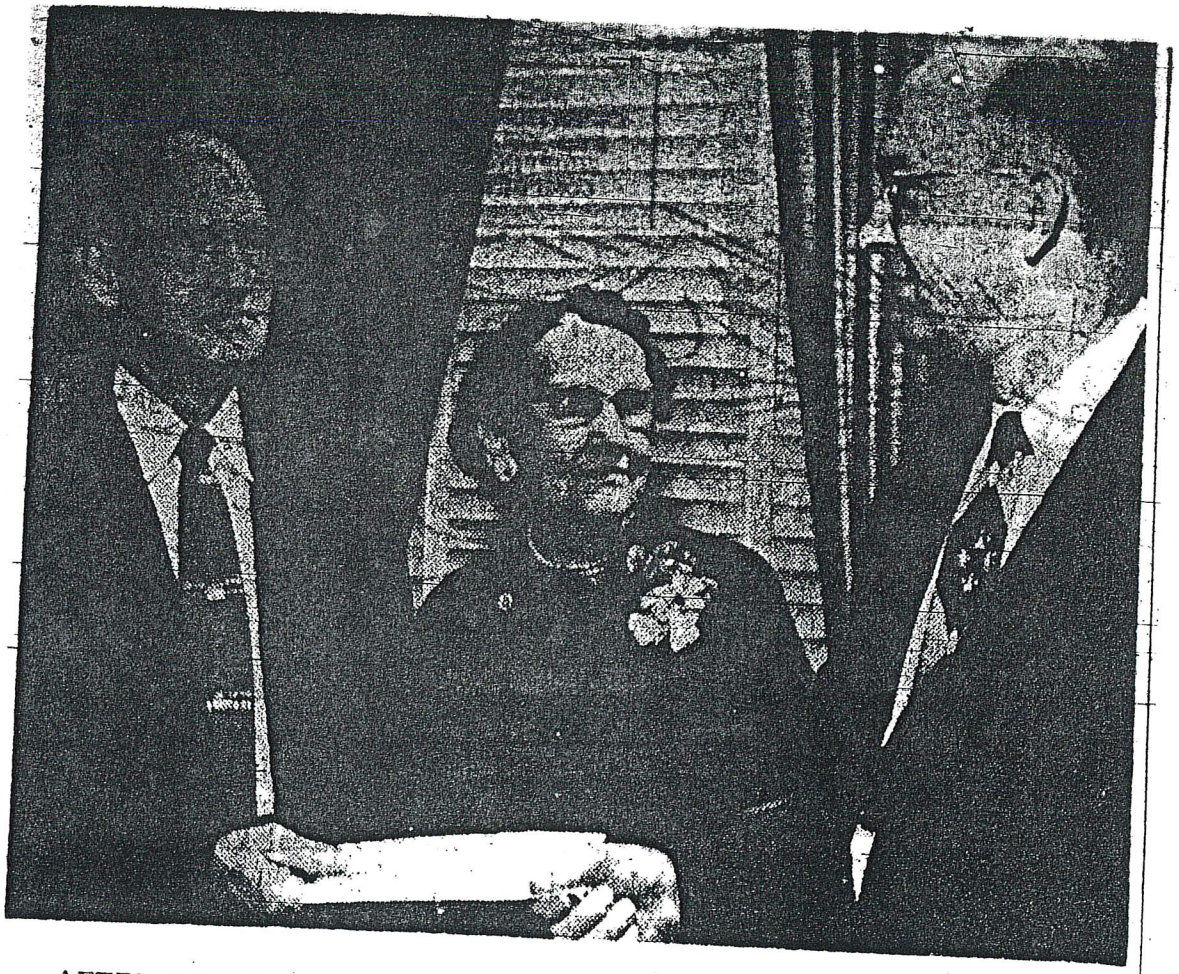
Growth Was Rapid

During the past 25 years unusual growth has been experienced by the church. The membership has increased from approximately 40 to 650, and the annual budget has increased from $1,00 to $10,000. To provide adequate room for the growing church a new brick building with 13 Sunday School rooms in the basement was erected in 1938. The building was free of debt and dedicated on Easter Sunday 1941. In the early spring of this year a Sunday School annex was built at a cost of approximately $10,000. This provides 13 additionl Sunday School rooms and brings the total of the church property to $40,00.

Under the leadership of the Pastor, the Baptist Training Union, the Woman's Missionary Society an active prayer band has been organized. The present membership is composed mainly of people who have been converted under the ministry of Mr. Sprinkle.

In addition to his work as pastor of the Craven Street Church, Mr. Sprinkle has been active in many phases of the work of the Buncombe Baptist Association and served as president of the Buncombe Baptist Ministers Conference. Since 1945 he has been a moderator in the association.

Asheville Times July 23, 1949



—Citizen-Times Photo

AFTER SERVING FOR 32 YEARS, the Rev. A. Perry Sprinkle is retiring today from the pulpit of the Craven Street Baptist Church. Sprinkle, who will be 70 Wednesday, saw membership increase from 40 to 800 and the annual budget increase from $1,000 to $18,000 during his tenure at the church. He and Mrs. Sprinkle were honored with a picnic attended by the congregation last evening, at which time he was presented with various gifts, including the guarantee of a supplement to his retirement salary. Presenting the letter of guarantee is Clyde Freeman, chairman of the church's board of deacons.

Asheville Citizen July 22, 1956

Sprinkle Brothers

Born to Susan Elizabeth and Andrew Jackson Sprinkle in a two room log cabin, were the four sons, Wesley, Henry, Alfred Perry and Everette Sprinkle.

Since their home bordered the Buncombe-Madison County line, the living room was in Buncombe and the kitchen in Madison. Dr. W.A. Sams, a family physician, often said that the Sprinkle Family of Buncombe had to go to Madison to eat.

Andrew Jackson, also known as A.J. or Uncle Jack, started the circuit of preaching in his family that later brought a number of ministers sweeping the Southeast and proclaiming a Gospel that could save the whole world.

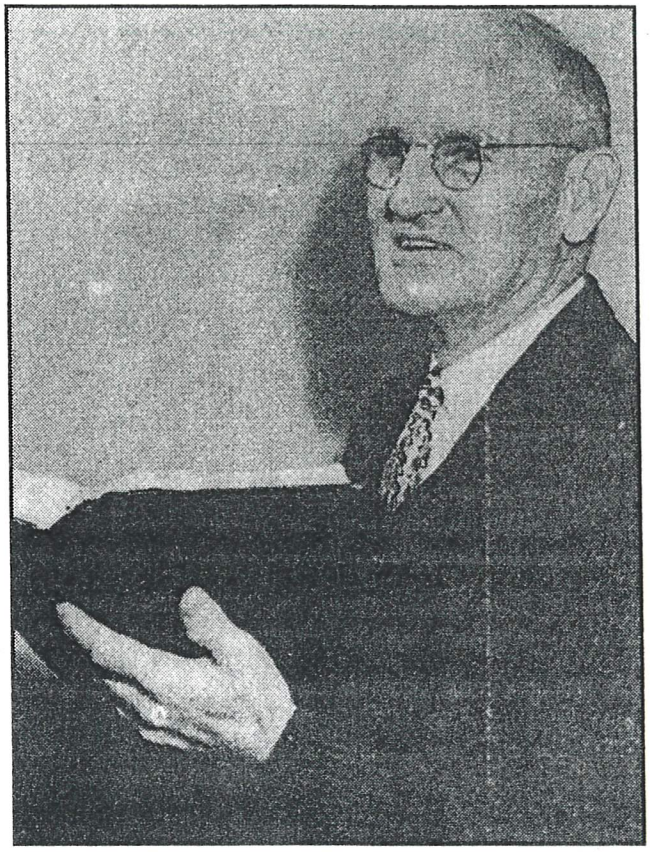
To begin with, there was Wesley Sprinkle who was born at sun-up on April 7, 1882.

Wesley was known as an in-depth Bible reader who began preaching in 1918. He pastored more than 40 churches, one of which included the Newbridge Baptist Church for 14 years, during three different periods of time.

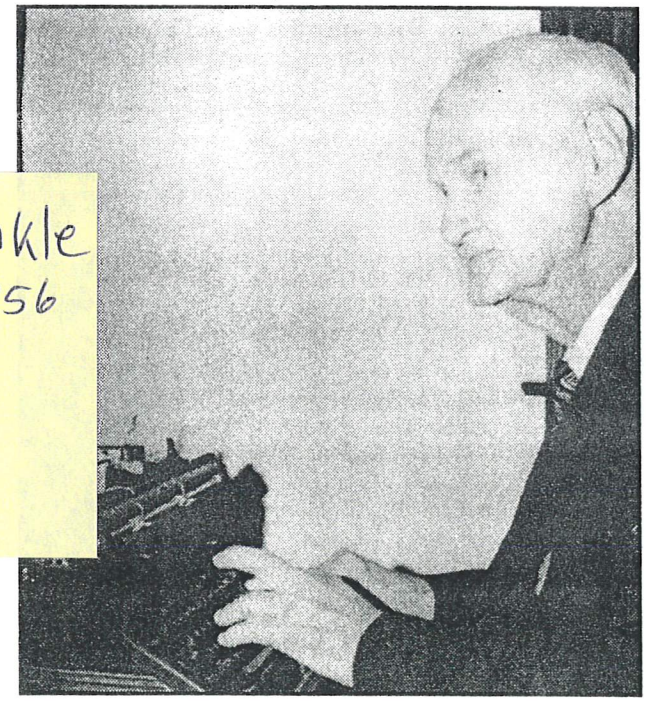
After retirement alone, Wesley had a record of preaching 1487 sermons, teaching 1,034 lessons, assisting in 406 funerals, marrying 53 couples, and holding 63 revivals.

Then, there was Everette Sprinkle who began his ministry in November of 1923, evangelizing areas of North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Maryland and Michigan.

He was married to the late Myrtle Waldroup Sprinkle in 1915, who later had the privilege of bringing into the world Charles Sprinkle, who has served as pastor of Glady Baptist Church in Candler for 46 years. Everette Sprinkle died in 1968.



Rev. A. P. Sprinkle studies his Bible.



AP Sprinkle
died 1956

Wesley Sprinkle at his typewriter.

Alfred Perry Sprinkle was ordained as a Baptist minister on Christmas Day, 1917, in Locust Grove Baptist Church, which was organized by his father in 1892. A.P. was known as a student of the Bible, and during years his years as pastor, he watched the congregation of Craven Street Baptist Church grow in membership from 40 to 800, and the annual budget build from $1,000 to approximately $18,000. He died in 1956 after a God-blessed life of 75 years.

Rev. E. F. Sprinkle

Finally, Henry Sprinkle preached for a couple of years, but according to his nephew, Charles, he died of pneumonia at a young age. As you can tell, The Sprinkle Brothers of Madison County gave a great deal of their lives to the call of the ministry.

With Son At Pearl Harbor, Parents Await News

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spurling, 91 Nevada avenue, West Asheville, are shown here as they listened to radio reports this morning of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, T. H. Their son, Jack Spurling, 21, shown at right, is a member of the crew of the U. S. S. West Virginia at Pearl Harbor, which was bombed yesterday by the Japanese. Visibly shaken by the happenings of the past 24 hours, Mr. and Mrs. Spurling, with other members of the family, listened to the radio. Young Spurling has been in the navy three years and is due to be discharged from his present enlistment next July. No information had been received by the Spurlings this afternoon and no casualty list had been officially announced from Honolulu. Mrs. Spurling especially showed the strain of waiting today and other members of the family were reassuring her. A photograph of young Spurling is shown on the radio.

JACK SPURLING

Asheville Times December 8, 1941

Home of Mr. George Starnes

Photographic reproduction of a drawing of the home of Mr. George Starnes at 851 Haywood Road in West Asheville. Mr. Starnes built this four-story home in 1884 or 1885, when he was in his 20's. If not the first, the house was certainly one of the first homes in West Asheville. Built entirely of hardwoods, the home contained 5 bedrooms, a kitchen, living room, and dining room. George Starnes was married to the former Teresa Elizabeth Hackney. The couple had 6 children: Nane, who became pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church, Bert, George H. Starnes, Jr., Charles, Glenn, and Mabel. Glenn Starnes remembers that his father built the tower visible at the front of the house in order to have a view of the surrounding mountains. He also remembers a sand pit in the basement of the home, which his mother used for refrigeration. The house burned in the late 1940's. The photo is being donated to the new West Asheville History Archive, part of the West Asheville History Project. Photograph courtesy of Blanche and Glenn Starnes.

WEST ASHEVILLE SCHOOL EXERCISES

JUDGE PRITCHARD TO DELIVER THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

Declamation and Recitation Contests to Be Participated in By Largest Class in School's History.

The declamation contest of the West Asheville graded school commencement exercises will be participated in by the largest class in the school's history. This contest is but one of many interesting features of the commencement exercises, which will be held on April 21, 22, 24 and 25.

Owing to the congested condition of the school and the lack of sufficient facilities, the plan was adopted at the beginning of the school year of having each of the primary grades give a program at the end of each month, to which the parents of the students have been invited. These programs have been given through the fourth grade, and these monthly programs have constituted their commencements. The commencement exercises to be given this week and next therefore is representative of all the organizations of the entire school.

The commencement program in detail is as follows:

On Friday, at 8 o'clock, the program will be given by members of the Martha Washington junior society, of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, and by the domestic science classes in the Odd Fellows' hall, West Asheville.

Chorus, "The Grand Old Flag"—Junior society.

Play, "William Tell"—Junior society.

Cooking drill, by domestic science class.

Reading, "Telling Stories"—Edna Boone.

"Gypsy festival"—Domestic science class.

Pantomime, "America" — Edna Walsh, Mabel Grhal, Alice Fairchild.

Mock trial, "The Man Haters"—Junior society.

Japanese song, "Sweet Sananoo"—Domestic science class.

The commencement sermon will be delivered on Sunday by Dr. A. E. Brown, D. D., of West Asheville.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock, there will be a recitation contest. There will be ten boys in the declamation contest and eight girls in the recitation contest—the largest classes in the history of the school. The boys are representatives of the North State Literary society, while the girls represent the Girls' Social club.

The recitations on Monday night will be preceded by a double trio selection—"Down in Dewey Dell." The trio is composed of Eula Anderson, Mary Brown, Annie Corkin, Edith Meadows, Francis Moody and Pearl Sams.

"The Lost Word," by Nell Reynolds.

"Hagar," by Sara Penny.

"Wild Zingarella," by Annie Mae Westall.

"The Soul of the Violin," by Jessie Davis.

Piano solo, "Lucia Di Lammermoor," by Lena Beacham.

"Pro Patria," by Eula Fairchild.

"Aunt Charity Blackalides," by Sara Barbour.

"Claudius and Cynthia," by Lena Beacham.

"The Hero of Mayville," by Obera Spivey.

Trio, "Good Night, Beloved," by Eula Anderson, Annie Corbin and Francis Moody.

On Tuesday, at 7:30 o'clock, will occur the declamation contest, with the following program:

Piano solo, "General Grant's March."

"Truth and Victory," Piercy Carter.

"One Niche the Highest," Chas. Starnes.

"Sergeant Prentiss' First Pies," Claude Duckett.

"The nomination of Blaine for the Presidency," Howard Pinner.

Instrumental duet, Jack and Ralph Felmet.

"Spartacus to the Gladiators," Paul Pittillo.

"The Stability of Government," Herbert Brown.

"The Call to Arms," Claydon Ingle.

"Bryan's Cross of Gold Speech," Clyde Westall.

Piano solo, Ralph Felmet.

"The Unknown Rider," William Reynolds.

"A Scene Upon a Battlefield," Eugene Pinner.

Instrumental duet, Margaret Jarrett and Mabel Grahl.

Tuesday night the program will be as follows:

Piano Solo—"Humoreske," by Nell Reynolds.

Class song.

President's Address—Wade Steelman.

Class History—Grace Beacham.

Class Prophecy—Nell Reynolds.

Class Will—Albert Evans.

Class Poem—Zula Fairchild.

Valedictory, "Arbitration as a Means of Settling International Disputes"—Wade Steelman.

Vocal solo, "From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters"—By Sara Penney.

Annual Address—Judge J. C. Pritchard, who will be introduced to the audience by Gallatin Roberts.

Piano solo, "The Dance of the Demon"—Lena Beacham.

Awarding of diplomas, certificates, prizes and medals.

Verdi's "Anvil Chorus."

The chief of the marshals is Bert Starnes, and his assistants are Wade Steelman, Albert Evans, Margie Cook and Leone Noblitt.

Asheville Citizen

April 19, 1916

STUDENTS ORGANIZE AT WEST ASHEVILLE

MUCH INTEREST TAKEN IN SCHOOL WORK.

Boys' Debating Society and Girls' Social Club Elect Officers For School Year.

Student organizations of the West Asheville schools are being rapidly perfected, and there is a great deal of enthusiasm among the members of the various literary and debating associations this year. The school has started with a splendid outlook for a successful year, and the interest taken in the various student societies promises an active year's work among these organizations.

The senior class of the high school, which graduates in 1917, has organized by electing officers as follows: Bert Starnes, president; Howard Pinner, vice-president; Mayer Brown, secretary. The class is taking an active interest in school work, and will work, as a body, for the success of the school this year.

The Girls' Social club has been reorganized for the year and the work of the club will be directed by Miss Sutton and Miss Tipton, of the faculty. The following officers were elected: Miss Sarah Penny, president; Miss Margaret Williamson, vice-president; Miss Irene Logan, secretary; Miss Lena Beacham, treasurer; Miss Margie Cook, monitor; Miss Ada Lee Sitton, critic.

The North State Debating society, an organization of boys, also elected officers, and, under the direction of Principal W. T. Jervis and Miss Anderson, of the faculty, will hold declamation and recitation contests, and debates, throughout the school year. The officers of the society are as follows: Howard Pinner, president; Bert Starnes, vice-president; Ray Steelman, secretary; Clyde Westall, treasurer; William Reynolds, censor; W. T. Jervis, critic.

Preliminary contests are to be held at the West Asheville school in anticipation of the county-wide commencement, and it is probable, from present indications, that West Asheville will have at least forty contestants in the various contests held at commencement.

Asheville Citizen September 16, 1916

W. Asheville Club To Hold Enka Jubilee

West Asheville, through the West Asheville Community club, will give Enka a hearty official welcome on Thursday night, it was announced Saturday. Members of the club and residents of the city will gather that evening at Hall Fletcher high school at a celebration staged to show the town's appreciation of the fact that a $10,000,000 rayon plant is being built on its outskirts. Officials of the Enka company have been invited to attend.

Plans for the celebration have not been completed, but the most gala occasion in the history of the club is expected. An elaborate musical program has been arranged, and there will be a number of short speeches. Refreshments will be served by the women of the club.

The celebration will begin at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Hugh Bowers, president of the club, and Bert Starnes, are in charge of arrangements. In announcing their intention of staging the celebration, members of the club said they wished to express their appreciation for what they considered the most important chapter in the history of West Asheville, the coming of the rayon plant, now under construction in Hominy valley.

Among those expected to speak are Dr. E. A. Moritz, of the Enka corporation Wallace B. Davis, president of the Central Bank; Fred L. Seely; Dan W. Hill, and Fred L. Weede, of the Chamber of Commerce.

Asheville Times October 21, 1928

Asheville Citizen
March 10, 1929

Community Life Centers About Organized Groups

West Asheville Folks Combine Efforts In Unity Plan

By GLENN W. NAVES

The people of West Asheville believe in organization.

And, incidentally, they believe in co-operation, and that a combination of these two elements is essential to community growth and progress.

Consequently, they have embodied the two in a number of well organized community groups, each of which is varied in policy and purpose so as to conform with the needs of everybody from the business man down to the boys and girls who are going to school and training themselves to be future citizens.

Beginning several years ago, public spirited citizens of the community grouped themselves in the belief that business, religion, social work, education and community government can best be conducted when each is thoroughly organized. And these organizations have grown with the progressive expansion of that section until each is a valuable asset, something which just as essential in a sense as the streets, schools and churches are because many of these benefits have been obtained through the efforts of one or more of the organizations.

Club Is Oldest

The largest and oldest of these groups are the West Asheville club, the West Asheville Community club and the West Asheville Merchants Association.

The former was organized in November, 1925 with S. D. Hall as president. Other presidents have been: Don C. Young, 1926, Hugh Sowers, 1927 and H. B. Posey, whose term will expire in November of this year. Both Mr. Posey and Mr. Sowers are bankers, the former being cashier of the Bank of West Asheville and the latter connected with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Young is representative No. 1 from Buncombe county in the General Assembly. G. G. Morgan was elected the first secretary and after his resignation was succeeded by Bert Starnes, who has served in that capacity since.

The club's membership of around 75, includes business and professional men of every calling—lawyers, bankers, ministers, physicians, merchants, public officials, and even one fire chief, a mayor and a few "politicians." The fire chief is A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, the mayor, Gallatin Roberts and the "politicians" include Mr. Young, who is also among Asheville's best known attorneys.

The club has since its organization shown a deep interest in the upbuilding and progress of the community, and at present has on schedule a number of plans in that direction.

Community Club

Shortly after the West Asheville club was formed the ladies of the community decided that they should also have a similar organization as the West Asheville Community club was formed.

The club has its musical and literary de[illegible] which have separate meetings and give programs in which the members participate. One of the most popular of these features is the monthly musical program, usually held at the home of a member. Local talent is used and a visiting artist entertains with vocal or instrumental numbers, or perhaps lectures on some interesting phase of music study. Each month the program is planned under the supervision of a selected member and is arranged so as to provide variety and an opportunity for each member to exercise their talent.

In many other ways the club takes an active part in the social, and church and educational life of the community, and has a large and active membership, many of whom are charter members.

Merchants Group

The West Asheville Merchants Association was organized in January, 1926 with a charter membership of 13 business men. The organization has since grown to 60 members, including practically every business concern in the community.

In accordance with tentative plans this organization has continued to function as a mutual benefit group for business men and citizens and has accomplished much in the expansion of the business interests of West Asheville.

J. R. Mills, who died about two years ago, was the first president. Other officers elected at the initial meeting who are still serving are O. J. Judd, vice president and V. F. Brown, secretary. John May succeeded Mr. Mills as president.

Other Organizations

Other groups pprovide the essential organization element for the people, of the comunity.

Young people's organizations include two troops of the Boy Scouts of America; the Junior Music club; the Business Girls' Circle; the Young Men of the Presbyterian church, and others.

One of the Scout troops has been organized at the Methodist church and is sponsored by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, and others. Troop 5 of the Presbyterian church is under the leadership of Jimmy Haley, patrol leader and F. Bonnotte, Scoutmaster.

The Junior Music club was organized by Mrs. A. X. Blanchard and has since grown from eight to eighty members. The group was formed so as to give the children of the community with musical talent an opportunity to benefit from study and contact with each other, and to maintain their interest in music. The club is known as one of the most active in West Asheville.

Other organizations are the Calvary Baptist church orchestra and male [illegible] the Junior choir of the Methodist church; Business Girls' Circle, Woman's Auxiliary, Men of the Church and Young Men of the Church, of the Presbyterian church, the Woman's Missionary groups of the community churches, the B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor organizations, the Mitchell Avenue Home club, the Friendship club, the Parent-Teacher Association of Hall Fletcher, Aycock, Eugene Rankin, and Vance schools, the Sunday school groups and others.

Fraternal organizations include the West Asheville chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Locke Craig Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Red Men, Moose, Odd Fellows and the A. F. and A. M. Masonic

One of the busiest young men in West Asheville is Secretary Bert Starnes of the West Asheville Club the West Asheville Furniture Company, Inc. and the Mutual Coal company. Mr. Starnes is also manager in charge of the last two concerns

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Asheville Citizen May 19, 1929

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1929

CLEAN LIFE CLUB BOYS IN CONTEST

C. Cherry Reports He Has Read 19 Chapters Since Oct. 1

The Scripture contest of the Clean Life Club of the Y. M. C. A. which started October 1, reached new heights last night when one of the boys, Claud Cherry, announced that he had read 19 chapters of the Bible since the competition started.

This club is an organization of youths ranging from 10 to 13 years of age, most of them newsboys and all of them earning their own way in the world. Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock they meet at the Y. M. C. A. under the directorship of Seth Perkinson, field secretary, for a period of good fellowship and a short workout in the pool and gymnasium.

Fellow Contests

During the first part of their meeting they hold a religious service, sing songs, and engage in contests with special prizes, this month is in Scripture reading and at the end of the month the boy who has read the greatest number of chapters in the Bible and can tell the club about them in the best way will be given a prize. The standing so far is Claud Cherry, 19 chapters; Robert Lee Smith, 10 chapters; Clyde Smith, five chapters; Ralph Bishop, three; James Feare, two; and Ervin Clancy, one chapter.

Guy Arrowood, Asheville business man, made a short talk to the boys last night in which he gave them a Gospel message. Candy and bananas as refreshments were donated for the meeting by the wholesale firm of McConnell Bros.

As a Y. M. C. A. organization the Clean Life Club is a beneficiary of the Community Chest which opens its third annual campaign for funds October 14, the money from which will go to the support of 12 social service agencies. The Y. M. C. A. is one of these agencies and its activities cover a wide field among boys and young men in this section.

Asheville Citizen October 9, 1929

WEST ASHEVILLE CLUB

The first November meeting of the board of directors of the West Asheville Club will be held at the office of Secretary Bert Starnes, 440 Haywood road, Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

Asheville Citizen November 3, 1929

Clean Life Club Parades For Camp Funds

Headed by a motorcycle officer and directed by their leader, Seth Perkinson, more than 100 members of the Clean Life club paraded downtown streets late yesterday afternoon in behalf of the campaign to keep 180 underprivileged boys in Camp Powhatan a week. Part of the parade is shown here forming in front of the Y. M. C. A. The boys carried placards asking for camp food, funds and supplies. Three groups of 60 boys each will be kept in camp in August.

Asheville Citizen July 27, 1932

BOYS APPLYING FOR CAMP WEEK

Perkinson To Ask Civic Clubs For Funds To Help Cause

More than 100 boys had filed application last night to attend Camp Powhatan, Y. MF C. A. camp, during August, said Seth Perkinson, field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Members of the Clean Life club paraded downtown streets Tuesday afternoon in behalf of funds and supplies for camp periods for 180 boys.

Mr. Perkinson said that he and a member of the club are visiting civic clubs this week at their luncheons to present the matter to members. Three groups, of 60 boys each, are to attend camp on Bent Creek. The first group, composed of campers between the ages of eight to 11, will attend the week beginning August 8. Next, boys between 12 and 13 years of age, will go the week of August 15, while the week beginning August 22 will be for youths between the ages of 14 and 15.

Boys from the Y. M. C. A. Clean Life club, Mountain Home orphanage, Buncombe County Training school and Eliada orphanage will be enrolled for the camp period. The parade Tuesday was to call attention to the drive which is now under way for cash and articles needed to keep the boys at camp three weeks.

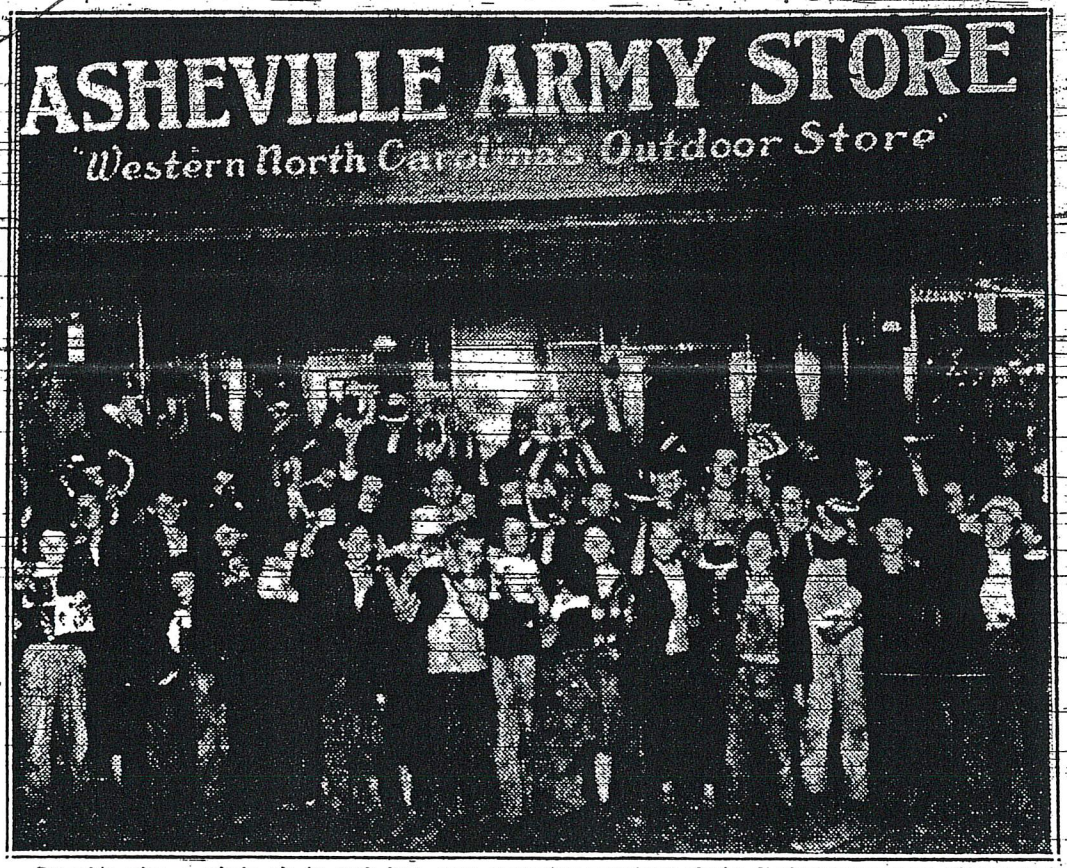
Mr. Perkinson will direct the camp sessions. He said yesterday that although food contributions are lagging, plans are progressing to give the underprivileged boys a good time at camp. He said that Reuben Robertson, Jr., will send a speed boat to the camp and Roy Parker will furnish a motor for the boat. The Asheville Army store has offered to lend a large tent, which will be used as a hospital.

Mr. Perkinson said $5 would keep a boy in camp one week.

Asheville Citizen July 28, 1932

N. C., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1932

Clean Life Club Given Pies

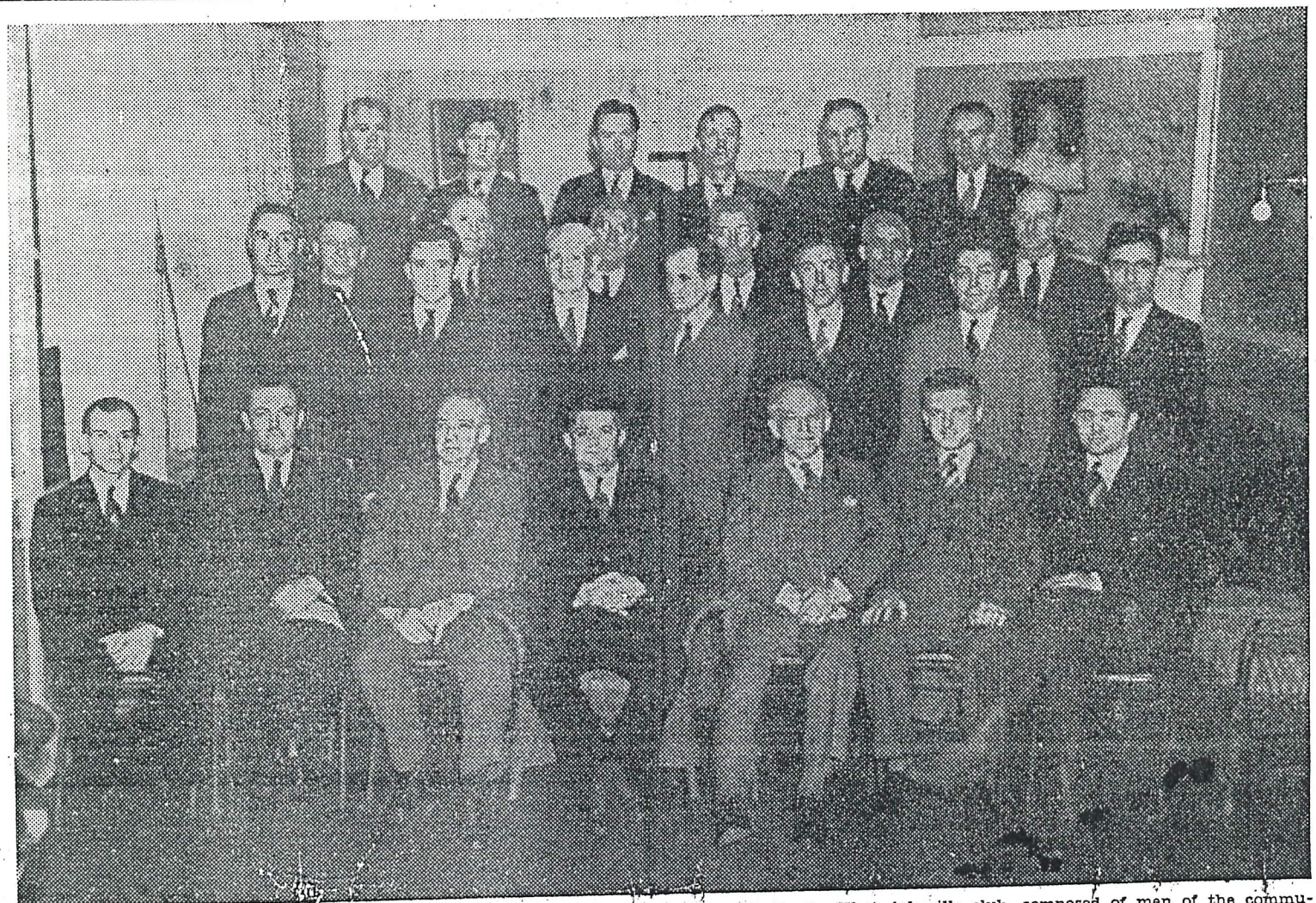


Pumpkin pies—a whole pie to each boy—were presented members of the Y. M. C. A. Clean Life club last Tuesday night by the Asheville Army store and A. D. Bradley, manager. Boys who gathered at the store for the "pie party" are shown above. About 125 pies were distributed. Pumpkins for the pies were gathered at the Army store in a "largest pumpkin contest," which was a feature of the store's Golden Harvest sale.

Asheville Citizen November 13, 1932

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1937

Take Lead In Development Of West Asheville



An organization that has frequently figured in the development of West Asheville is the West Asheville club, composed of men of the community. Members of the group are shown in the above photograph, taken at a recent joint meeting of three West Asheville clubs. Those in the picture, left to right, are: First row, R. E. Reynolds, Don O. Young, Arthur E. Dunn, E. B. Roberts, the president; M. W. Hamrick, W. E. Ryon and Bert Starnes; second row, M. M. Freeman, James Rhodes, John Honey, Max Hyder, Barnett Stroupe, J. F. Justice and Curtis Baldwin; third row, W. S. Sparks, T. H. Hunt, G. C. Brown, W. E. Ferrell, Sr., O. J. Judd and J. F. Cole; fourth row, F. Bert Ingle, Alfred Wilkins, J. Steedley, J. H. Parris, O. E. Starnes and G. G. Morgan.

Clean Life Club Helps Underprivileged Youths

West Asheville Welfare Unit Is Sponsored By Men's Club

Fifty underprivileged boys of West Asheville meet every Sunday morning at 6 o'clock at the Mutual coal office on Haywood road. Here they are given a hot breakfast, after which the day's Sunday school lesson is taught.

The organization, known as the Clean Life club of West Asheville, was formed on November 15, 1936 and has grown rapidly since. It is under the auspices of the West Asheville Men's club, and is directed by a boy's work committee headed by Bert Starnes, prominent business man of that section.

Mr. Starnes is the active director of the club. He is assisted in the work by W. E. Ryon, another member of the committee.

Other members of the committee, are: Mike W. Hamrick, E. B. Roberts, president of the Men's club, J. H. Parris, F. J. Fortune, B. A. Barosse and G. G. Morgan.

During last winter 516 breakfasts were served. Speakers at the club meetings included various ministers of West Asheville churches. An average of 52 boys attended the breakfasts. It was the policy of the club, committee to have a minister from each church in West Asheville speak to the boys. In addition to the breakfasts, parties are held on Monday nights at the Y. M. C. A., where the boys participate in swimming, boxing, and other exercises. A local transfer company transports the boys to and from the parties.

Christmas Party Held

One of the main events last year was a Christmas party for the boys given at the woodworking shop of Mr. Parris, member of the club committee This was attended by a large number of the boys and friends of the club.

Bible study is one of the club's chief activities. Bibles have been given the boys and a large number of scripture verses have been memorized.

Through the courtesy of the Needlework Guild, many of the boys have been supplied with warm clothing. Three of them have already been given shoes this winter.

Interest in the club has increased rapidly among citizens of West Asheville. Many of the merchants have agreed to do their part in helping the boys Towels and dish cloths have been laundered by a local laundry and passes to the Palace theater, through the courtesy of Carl Bamford, have been given boys who volunteered to wash dishes, following the breakfasts.

The breakfasts are furnished and served each Sunday by a different individual or organization at a cost of approximately $5 each.

As an example of the interest the boys themselves have in the organization, Mr. Starnes said that often when he arrives at the office at 5 o'clock on the morning of the meeting he finds several of the youngsters waiting anxiously to get in.

Has Novel Alarm System

One young fellow is so anxious to attend the meetings on time that he ties a long cord to one of his toes when he goes to bed on Saturday nights and the next morning when members of his gang pass by on their way to the meeting they simply pull the cord which extends out the window and, presto, their fellow club member joins them.

The motive behind the organization, Mr. Starnes pointed out, is to let the boys know that the men of the community are interested in them and what they are doing

The club is affiliated with the Y. M. C. A., and is similar to the Asheville Clean Life organization.

Underprivileged Boys Are Aided By Club

Here are some of the 50 or more members of the Clean Life club of West Asheville enjoying one of their weekly breakfasts in a store at the intersection of Haywood road and Herron avenue. The club, primarily for under-privileged boys, is conducted as a project of the West Asheville club, composed of men in the community. Bert Starnes, in charge of the project, is shown at the right in the background. At the left is the Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of the West Asheville Baptist church, who delivered the Sunday school lesson for the boys the morning the photograph was made. The club meets for breakfast and a Sunday school lesson early Sunday mornings.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1938

PLANS MADE TO IMPROVE PARK IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Will Seek All Varieties Of Rhododendron To Plant In Region

The West Asheville club last night endorsed efforts to make Rhododendron park one of the leading beauty spots of this section.

M. W. Hamrick was named head of a committee that will aid the chamber of commerce in seeking to bring the 65 to 75 varieties of rhododendron in the world to Asheville to be planted in the park.

Four members were named on a committee to confer with city officials and urge widening of Haywood road and construction of a new bridge between Asheville and West Asheville. They are: J. H. Parris, Frank Austin, Arthur Dunn and Don C. Young.

Five were named on a committee to nominate members for the board of directors: O. J. Judd, Bert Barnes, R. E. Reynolds, Jim Justus and Mr. Dunn.

Members of the club were urged to support and attend the beautification contest and flower show to be held in West Asheville tomorrow.

E. D. Roberts, president, presided. The meeting was held at Rhododendron park clubhouse.

Asheville Citizen September 9, 1938

BERT STARNES IS MADE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Asheville - Liquor

Ashe-Times 1/18/39

Organization Of Group Will Be Completed At Later Meet.

A permanent committee was organized last night in West Asheville to oppose the election in this county that would determine whether or not ABC liquor stores would be established. Bert Starnes was elected permanent chairman. The meeting was held at West Asheville Methodist church.

The following committees was named: W. B. Cathey, from the Wesleyan Methodist church; Don C. Young, from Calvary Baptist church; Walter Ward, from West Asheville Baptist church; L. J. Brookshire, from West Asheville Methodist church; George McCreary, from West Asheville Presbyterian church; F. L. Gilreath, from Craven Street Baptist church; and A. L. Miller, from West Asheville Church of God.

The meeting was held with Don C. Young as temporary chairman and L. J. Brookshire as temporary secretary. The permanent committee will work to the end of promoting a temperance educational program through the churches of the community, and particularly to oppose the proposed election to adopt ABC stores in Buncombe county. It was suggested this committee work largely through the churches and endeavor to organize a large committee in each church for carrying out these purposes.

The new committee is to meet at the call of the chairman for the purpose of completing its organization and the selection of a permanent secretary and treasurer, or secretary-teasurer as it may prefer. The date of the meeting is to be announced later. The committee was further authorized and recommendation made to it that it enlarge the group os as to include a representative from the other churches of West Asheville that are not represented, and that a special invitation be extended such churches to join with the committee in its work.

Mrs. James Hare, president of the Women's Christian Temperance union, attended last night's meeting as a guest of the committee and spoke on the plans for organizing various communities and the county and city as a whole in opposition to the establishment of the ABC stores.

Asheville Citizen January 18, 1939

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1941

METHODISTS TO HAVE EVENT FOR CLEAN LIFE BOYS

Christmas Entertainment, Treat Will Be Held At W. Asheville Church.

The West Asheville Clean Life club boys will be given Christmas entertainment at a meeting of the West Asheville sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the West Asheville Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock Monday night December 22. It was announced today by Miss Clara Ross, director of youth work for the Asheville district.

The youngsters, made up of underprivileged boys in the sections in and around West Asheville, will be treated with fruit and candy and a Christmas program. All young people in Methodist churches in the West Asheville area and their adult leaders are expected to attend.

In many Methodist churches on December 31, "Watch Night" commitment services will be held, officially inaugurating the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Two million young people in Methodist churches throughout the country are expected to join in pledging allegiance to a Fellowship which will unite young people throughout the country. A commitment service program by Harold A. Ehrensperger will be presented in most of the churches. The program will include the use of candles and organ music.

Asheville Times December 5, 1941

YULE TREAT GIVEN BOYS OF CLEAN LIFE CLUB

West Asheville Group Presents Program For Methodist Young Folk.

A Christmas program and treat honoring members of West Asheville's Clean Life club were held last night in the meeting of the West Asheville sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship last night at the West Asheville Methodist church.

The club, under the direction of Bert Starnes, presented the devotional program, consisting of Bible verses, poems and songs. Following the devotionals, the boys were given a treat of candy, apples, oranges and nuts.

At a brief business session, Floyd Robinson of the Snow Hill Methodist church at Candler was elected to serve as adult councilor.

Following the business meeting, an informal social hour was held in the recreation room of the church.

The next meeting will be held at the Leicester Methodist church.

Asheville Times December 23, 1941

CHIEF WHITE EAGLE TO SPEAK BEFORE CLEAN LIFE CLUB

Chief White Eagle, pastor of the West Asheville Tabernacle, will speak before members of the West Asheville Clean Life club next Sunday morning at the Mutual Coal company, 753 Haywood road. E. B. Roberts will furnish the breakfast.

West Asheville News January 15, 1943

Chief White Eagle

PARTY HONORS DINKELACKERS

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Salvation Army Couple, Retiring, To Leave City This Week

Brigadier and Mrs. E. D. Dinkelacker, who this week are retiring after more than 45 years of service in the Salvation Army, were honored at a dinner Monday night at the Langren hotel. Also an honor guest at the farewell banquet was Adjutant Dorothy Langston, who will be re-assigned to other duties this week.

Brigadier and Mrs. Dinkelacker and Adjutant Langston—then Captain Langston—came to Asheville seven years ago, and their services to the community and the Salvation Army were reviewed by Roy H. McDuffie, past chairman of the advisory board of the Salvation Army here.

Other Dinner Guests

Other guests at the dinner were Major and Mrs. Frank Longino of Atlanta, who presented a musical program; Major Cecil Brown, district officer of the mountain district; Brigadier and Mrs. G. A. Stephen, divisional commander; and Colonel John Langston of Goldsboro, and father of Adjutant Langston, the former assistant director of national selective service.

The dinner was the third and last of a series honoring the three officers. Adjutant Langston was recognized in the Sunday morning service at the citadel and the Dinkelackers were recognized at the Sunday evening service.

Work Is Praised

Bert Starnes, chairman of the advisory board, presided at the dinner, attended by members of the board and the auxiliary. Brigadier Stephan introduced the other out-of-town guests, and Vice-Mayor Fred Seely, Jr., praised the work of the Dinkelackers on behalf of the city. Colonel Langston spoke as a long-time friend of the couple.

Gifts were presented to the officers by the board and auxiliary. The Dinkelackers and Adjutant Langston responded to the tributes.

Brigadier and Mrs. Dinkelacker and Adjutant Langston will leave Asheville this week. The adjutant will have two months' leave, following which she will be re-assigned. The Dinkelackers will move to their home in Hendersonville.

TO RETIRE THIS MONTH—Brigadier and Mrs. E. D. Dinkelacker, commanding officers of the Salvation Army citadel here, will retire from active duty this month, after serving in the organization 47 years.

Asheville Citizen June 25, 1947

BRIDGE SITE WILL BE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Ferebee To Attend Meeting At Aycock School On Wednesday.

West Asheville civic and business leaders will gather next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at Aycock elementary school to put forth opinions on an "inter-city" bridge rather than one that would divert traffic around West Asheville. The meeting is sponsored by a group of interested persons.

Percy B. Ferebee, commissioner of the ninth district of the state highway commission, is expected to attend.

The state has made a special allotment of funds for the bridge and surveys as to possible locations have been made with two proposed locations under consideration, it was pointed out.

One possible location would have the bridge across the French Broad river connecting a street from the end of Patton avenue on one side and a street ending at the intersection of Waynesville avenue, Westwood place and Haywood road on the other sire. This location would send traffic through the business district of West Asheville. The other would have the bridge located below the old Smith bridge near the rock quarry and connecting with a road ending on Haywood road near Lucerne park, which would mean a diversion of traffic around the business district.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, at which time persons will be given opportunity to express opinions concerning the bridge.

Don C. Young, Asheville attorney, will preside at the meeting and the committee on arrangements including Bert Starnes, S. J. Fortune, Jr., and S. E. Sanders.

Asheville Times January 2, 1942

West Asheville YMCA Names Committees

Standing committees of management were appointed at a meeting of the West Asheville YMCA last night.

Committees and chairmen include membership, John Ehle; finance, Charles A. McClain; spiritual emphasis, Burt Starnes, and boys' work, Victor Stephenson.

Brock Henry, boys, work secretary, spoke on activities of the Gray-Y. He reported that a kite-flying contest will be held sometime this month, and that baseball rather than softball will be sponsored by the Y this season.

Raymond Bell, chairman, presided.

Asheville Citizen March 7, 1951

Weds Baptist Minister

Mrs. Nane Starnes is the former Miss Teanie Mae Reed, daughter of Mr F. W. Reed, of Fort Worth, Texas. The Rev. and Mrs Starnes were married last Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the First Baptist church in Austin, Texas. They are now motoring leisurely to Asheville where they will be at home to friends at 851 Haywood road, West Asheville, after October 12. Mrs Starnes is pastor of the Chunn's cove, Hominy, and New Morgan Hill Baptist churches.

Asheville Citizen October 6, 1935

Rev. Nane Starnes Marries Miss Reed, Of Austin, Tex.

A WEDDING of widespread interest was that of Miss Teanie Mae Reed, of Austin, Tex., to the Rev. Nane Starnes, of Asheville. The vows were spoken Thursday, October 3 at 5 o'clock at the First Baptist church in Austin with the Rev. S. G. Posey, pastor, officiating.

The altar was simply but effectively decorated: baskets of giant chrysanthemums in shades deepening from pale yellow to bronze were arranged against a background of palms and ferns. On each side were yellow tapers burning in candelabra to which were fastened clusters of yellow chrysanthemums.

Preceding the ceremony, a musical program was rendered. Mrs. Frank Maddox presided at the organ, and accompanied Mrs. Vernon McGee who played "Traumerei" on the violin, and Mr. J. Campbell Wray who sang "I Love Thee" by Grieg.

At the first strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. F. W. Reed, of Fort Worth, Tex., who gave her in marriage. She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. J. K. Bell, of Austin.

The background of fall flowers accentuated the autumn shade of the bride's costume: suit of rust brushed wool trimmed with gray imported caracul fur. With it she wore gray accessories and carried an arm bouquet of talisman rosebuds.

The maid of honor was Mrs. M. D. Hairston, of Houston, Tex., who wore a navy blue ensemble and carried a bouquet of yellow rosebuds.

During the ceremony Mrs. Maddox played softly "To A Wild Rose" by MacDowell and "I Love You Truly" by Bond. For the recessional she used Mendelssohn's wedding march.

Mrs. Starnes is a graduate of Baylor University, of Waco, Texas. She also attended Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. She is a young woman of charming personality and for the past four years has served as church secretary and as a leader of Young People's work in the First Baptist church at Austin, Texas.

Mr. Starnes is pastor of the Chunn's Cove, Hominy, and New Morgan Hill Baptist churches near Asheville. He is a graduate of Union university at Jackson, Tenn., and received his Master of Theology degree from Southwestern Theological seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He is the son of Mrs. George H. Starnes, of Asheville and the late Mr. Starnes.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Starnes left by motor for Asheville by way of New Orleans. They will be at home at 851 Haywood road, West Asheville, after October 12.

MRS. STARNES HEADS NEW DEP'T AT CAL.

Mrs. Charles Himes Is Secretary

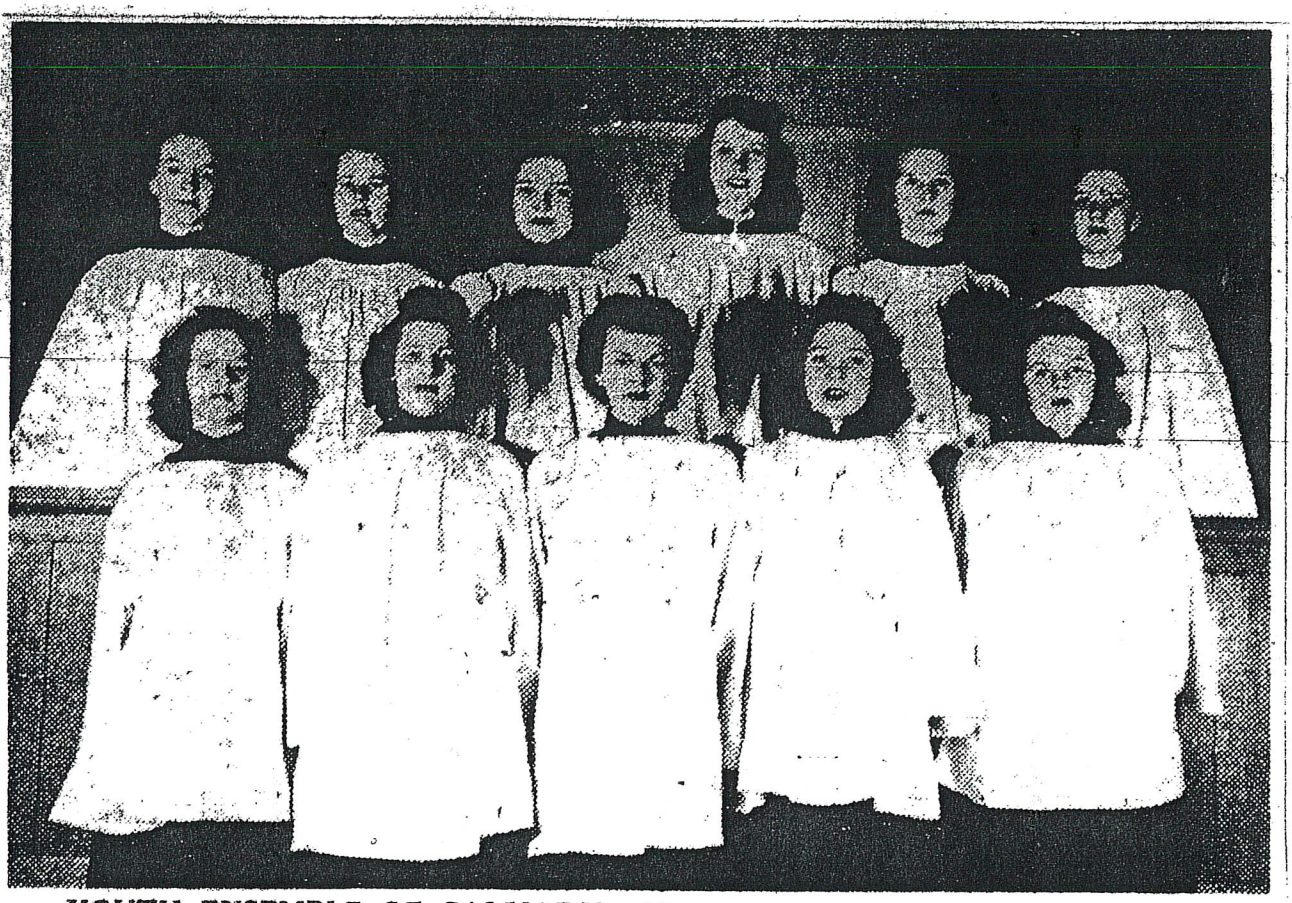
Mrs. Glenn Starnes, for the past nine years director of music and church secretary at Calvary Baptist Church, has been named director of Christian Education and Music, and will be succeeded as secretary by Mrs. Charles F. Himes. Under the new plan of work a full program of church music will be conducted with the following scheduled rehearsals: The Melody Choir (children 5, 6, 7) Saturday morning at 10 o'clock; the Junior choir (ages 8-12) Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock; the High School choir (mixed voices of Junior and Senior High students), Tuesday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock; the Youth Choir (all girls, ages 15-18), Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock; the Senior choir, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

In addition to the music activity a definite program of student activity and training will be inaugurated. The schedule of these activities will be announced later.

Mrs. Starnes received her education at Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem, the Ocean Grove School, Ocean Grove, N. J., and Westminster Choir School, Princeton, N. J. She is married to Cpl. Glenn Starnes, Army Air Force, stationed at present at Kearns Field, Utah.

Mrs. Himes begins her duties on Monday, August 9th. She is an active member of Calvary Church, and was formerly secretary to Henry I. Gaines, architect, and more recently was secretary at the Reliance Life Insurance Company. She was educated at Lee Edwards High School, the Asheville Normal, and Cecil's Business College. Mrs. Himes is married to Pvt. Charles F. Himes, who entered the army last month, and is stationed with the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia.

West Asheville News August 6, 1943



YOUTH ENSEMBLE OF CALVARY—This group of young women of the Calvary Baptist church in West Asheville is making several appearances during the spring season, these including a program for the Forty and Eight society of the American Legion in a convention at Grove Park inn this week-end and selections at the Calvary church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The group will present a variety program at Moore General hospital, May 4. In the group, left to right: First row: Betty Fowler, Nancy Harrell, Phyllis Embler, Joyce McGee and Polly Sanford; second row: Mrs. Glenn Starnes, director, Betty Jo Kiser, Charlotte Reynolds; Jimmie Morgan, Betty Jean Patterson and Edna Muse. Elizabeth McGee and Evelyn Totherow were absent when the picture was made

Asheville Times April 17, 1944

Calvary Baptist Church
March 21, 1999

Blanche Starnes

Dr. Buddy Corbin	Rev. David Simon	Rev. Don Welborn
Pastor	Minister of Education	Minister of Music
645-3317	665-8033	254-1581

~BLANCHE STARNES DAY~

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

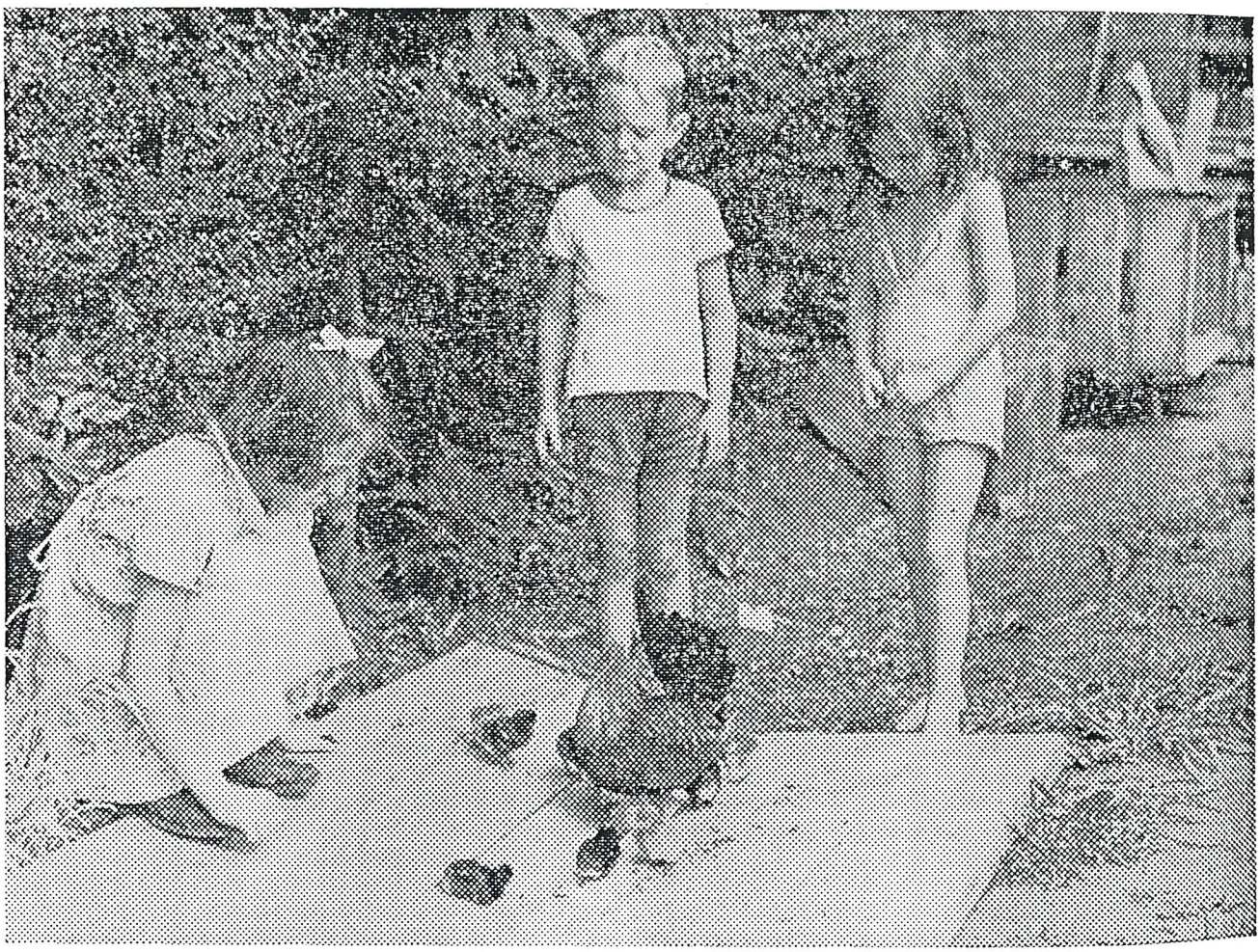
In 1934, Miss Blanche Embler, after graduation from the Westminister Choir College, came to Calvary as church secretary and minister of music, which position she held until 1947.

In 1936, Blanche married Glenn Starnes, to the dismay of many young men and boys of Calvary!

Early in her music ministry, Blanche started the first graded choir program in North Carolina and perhaps the whole southeast. In 1954, Charles Gatwood, who is retired Director of Church Music, North Carolina Baptist State Convention, presented Blanche and Calvary with plaques in honor of this occasion.

During her music ministry at Calvary, many served in her various choirs. We know of several present members of Calvary who were in her choirs: Mary Ruth Duyck, Evelyne Maney, Mary Katherine West and Frances Wilson. Do you know of others?

6:30 PM
Business Meeting



Believe it or not, the bantam rooster in this picture hatched and mothered this brood of chicks. Furthermore, he clucked just as cluckily as any hen. Charles H. Starnes, of West Asheville, noticed that the rooster, 15 months old, was behaving like a broody hen. So he gave the bantam a nest and some eggs. Sure enough, the eggs hatched out and "Banty" was just as proud as any mamma hen ever was. The children in the picture are Terry Ann Starnes, Charles Starnes, Junior, and Virginia Ann Wright. The photo was made by J. L. Wright.

Farmers Federation News Spring 1940

HERE ON FURLOUGH

Private Glenn Starnes (pictured above) is here on a week's furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Geo. H. Starnes, of 851 Haywood road, his wife, and other relatives and friends in West Asheville. He expects to return Saturday to Atlantic City where he is stationed with the army air corps.

Mr. Starnes, who was inducted into service last June, received his basic training at Keesler Field in Mississippi where he also completed a course in aviation mechanics. Then, before going to Atlantic City, he was sent to the Willow Run Ford airplane plant at Ypsilanti, Michigan, where he specialized in a course in the B-24 or the Liberator type of craft.

Mr. Starnes, who is well known here, is a graduate of Fruitland Institute and attended Carson-Newman college.

He and his wife reside at 65 Dorchester avenue.

West Asheville News February 5, 1943

Two Well-Known W. A. Mothers

West Asheville News
Date not known

Mrs. George H. Starnes, Sr.

Mrs. W. E. Logan

Many are the grand, sweet mothers in Buncombe County. Elsewhere in this issue is a resume of the lives of several well-known mothers of the county. It is to all mothers of Asheville and Buncombe county that this week's issue of The News is dedicated.

Mrs. W. E. Logan

Fifty years of teaching the Bible, the past ten years being spent teaching one class; such is the record of Mrs. Logan.

Mrs. Logan was Rose Addie Deaver before her marriage in 1885 to W. E. Logan, who has been dead since 1916.

We found Mrs. Logan preparing to attend a meeting of the Missionary Society of Calvary Baptist Church, thinking of the religious affairs of this life. Such devotion would naturally reflect in the lives of her children.

Mrs. Annie L. Himes, her eldest daughter, is organist at Calvary Church and is also superintendent of the primary department of that Sunday School.

Mrs. Myrtle V. Lawrence, a second daughter, is a teacher in the Sunday School.

Carl and Harry Logan are owners of Logan Bros. Motor Company doing business in West Asheville.

Miss Grace Logan, the third daughter, teaches at Aycock School and is in charge of the Training Department of Calvary Church.

Miss Irene Logan teaches school at Eugene Rankin and is superintendent of the Junior department at Calvary Sunday School.

Miss Mary Logan is Supervisor of schools of Avery County with headquarters at Newland, N. C.

William Logan, the third son, is training at an art school in Washington, D. C., he being the only member of the family that has not yet finished his education.

A most remarkable instance of a mother's influence, and a wonderful instance of a mother's enjoyment of her splendid family.

Mrs. Logan makes her home at 124 Logan Avenue, West Asheville.

Mrs. George H. Starnes

Mrs. George Starnes was born at Thorpe, England, emigrated to America at the age of sixteen, and was married on June 1, 1893.

Besides ordinary church work, Mrs. Starnes is becoming interested in poetry and writes some of her own occasionally. Last Sunday when the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church wished to observe the fourteenth anniversary of the pastorate of Mr. Grice at their church, Mrs. Starnes read one of her poems appropriate to the occasion. The poem appears elsewhere in this paper.

Mrs. Starnes makes her home with Bert Starnes, her son, at 851 Haywood Road, West Asheville.

Besides Bert Starnes, who is manager of the Mutual Coal Company, and a prominent club man and civic worker in West Asheville, Mrs. Starnes is the beloved mother of the following:

Miss Mabel Starnes, State B. Y. P. U. worker with headquarters at Raleigh, N. C. ;George W. Starnes, and Charlie Starnes, of the Southeastern Erpress Company; Nane Starnes, theological student at Southwestern Seminary, Dallas, Texas, who expects to become a Baptist minister soon; Glenn Starnes, of the National Cleaners.

"A bustling, active mother of a large, bustling family; a mother whose very mention causes tenderness to flood the faces of her sons, a mother truly."

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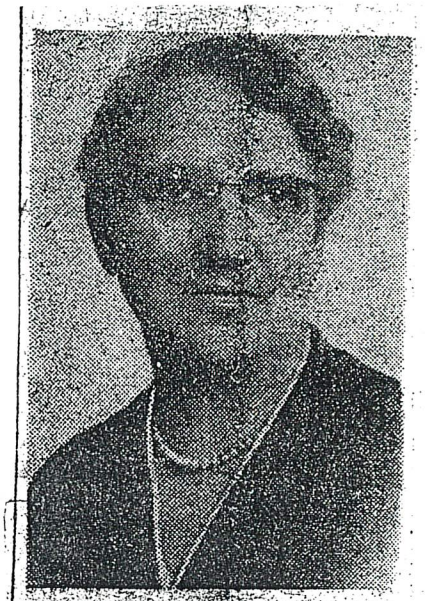
WEST ASHEVILLE

"DEDICATED TO A STRONGER COMMUNITY SPIRIT"

ASHEVILLE, N. C. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1943



MRS. GEORGE H. STARNES, SR.

MRS. GEO. STARNES DIES AT HOME

Funeral services for Mrs. Georg. H. Starnes, Sr., who died Tuesday at her home, 851 Haywood road, following an extended illness, were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Calvary Baptist church, with the Rev. J. B. Grice and the Rev. W. A. Lambeth officiating.

The body lay in state at the church from 3 to 4 o'clock.

Pallbearers were Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, C. A. McClain, Carl M. Logan, C. B. Chandler, G. G. Morgan and the Rev. A. J. Buckner. Ministers of Asheville and Buncombe county and members of the board of deacons of Calvary and West Asheville Baptist churches were honorary pallbearers.

A guard of honor was composed of James Banning, Fred Ingle, Spencer B. King, Harvey Wilson, Doyle Woody and Joe Clontz.

Flower girls were members of the Phebean class of Calvary Church.

Mrs. Starnes, who was born in Yorkshire, England, was a charter member of Calvary Baptist church and past president of the women's missionary society of the church, and for a number of years she taught the Phebean class. She was the daughter of the late W. N. Hackney and Teresa Hackney.

Surviving are five sons, George H. Starnes, Jr., Bert Starnes and the Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of West Asheville Baptist church, Charles Starnes, of the navy, stationed at Camp Peary, Va., and Cpl. Glenn Starnes, of the army air transport command, stationed in India; one daughter, Miss Mabel Starnes of Greensboro; three brothers, W. N. Hackney of Greenville, S. C.; George L. Hackney, Asheville, and Percy Hackney of Hialeah, Fla.; and four sisters, Miss Kate B. Hackney, Miss Nell Hackney, Miss Minnie Hackney, and Miss Amy Hackney, all of

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Imperial Life Buys $50,000 In Defense Bonds

Officials of the Imperial Life Insurance company are shown pictured in First National Bank and Trust company this morning as they purchased United States Defense bonds totaling $50,000. Shown from left to right are: A. W. Ek, secretary of the company; William M. Redwood, executive vice-president of the First National bank; Miss Mildred Snipes, bank's bond sales clerk; O. E. Starnes, vice-president of the Imperial Life Insurance company, and Jasper Warlick, treasurer of the company. The $50,000 in bonds covers the full amount permitted by the government to be bought by one corporation during one fiscal year. The company previously had bought a bond valued at $25,000 in December, coming under the quota set for last year. In addition, all of the 38 home office employes of the company have purchased or are purchasing United States Defense bonds 100 per cent. Some of these have made outright purchases and others are buying the bonds through the salary deduction plan. More than 300 men in the field organization and district offices throughout the state are also participating in the purchase of bonds. The company started encouraging the purchase of bonds and stamps by giving its employes two stamps of whatever denomination they chose in stamp books.

Asheville Times January 23, 1942

Pfc. O. E. Starnes, Jr. On Furlough In France

Pfc. O. E. Starnes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Starnes of 1 Houghton place, West Asheville, recently listed as wounded in Austria, is back with his outfit and is now on furlough in France where he is recuperating, it was learned yesterday.

O. E. STARNES

Pfc. Starnes entered service in November, 1942, as a volunteer and was called to service in June, 1943, while a student at Davidson college. He received training at Camp Fanning, Tex., and Camp Howze, Tex., where he was trained in special gunnery.

He was sent overseas to France in 1944, and was moved on into many. He suffered a scalp wound on May 2.

Asheville Times June 7, 1945

W. H. STARNES MISSING HERE

Employe Of Insurance company Last Seen Monday Night

Police last night were without clues in the disappearance of W. H. Starnes, Jr., 36, real estate agent, of Biltmore, who has been missing since Monday night.

Yesterday police received unconfirmed reports that Starnes was seen standing in front of the Plaza theater at 9 o'clock Monday night. Officers are making efforts to locate persons who reported that the missing man was seen near the theater.

It was also established yesterday by police that Starnes was in a Biltmore avenue pool room at 7 o'clock Monday night. He remarked to several persons he was waiting on a Biltmore bus.

Purchased Cap

Starnes is the assistant advertising manager of the home office of the Imperial Life Insurance company here. At 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon he left the insurance office after telling John Eble, advertising manager, he would finish some work "in the morning." Starnes cashed a $5 check at a College street lunch stand. He also purchased a cap at an Asheville department store late in the afternoon, it was learned.

Descriptions of Starnes have been sent to police departments in all cities and towns of this section. Members of the family yesterday expressed the opinion he had been a victim of foul play.

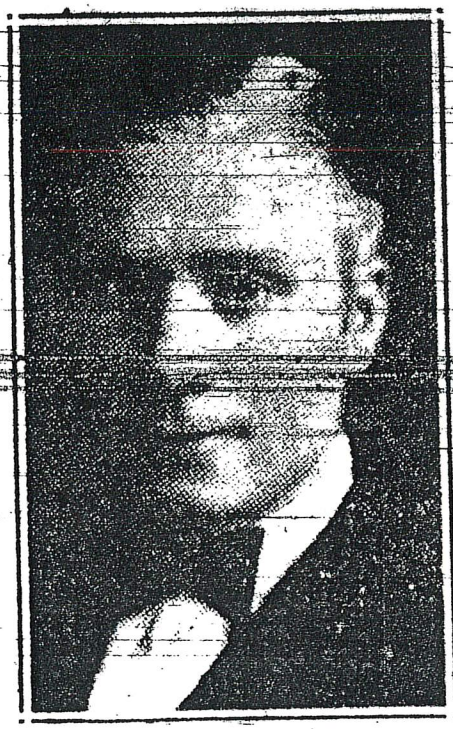
Starnes was expected at a church play rehearsal at the home of the Rev. R. H. Caudill, pastor of Biltmore Methodist church, Monday night. Monday morning he told his wife he would return home early Monday night.

Has Young Son

Starnes, the son of Mrs. W. B. Starnes of Hendersonville road, Biltmore, is married and has a 16-months old son. He has been residing with his wife and baby at 419 Summit street, neighbor to the Rev. and Mrs. Russell H. Caudill. He weighs about 160 pounds and has sandy hair. At the time of his disappearance Starnes is said to have been wearing a dark suit, a cap, and a "sailor" overcoat. His eyes have a Indian tent.

The Starnes family is one of the most prominent in this section. W. H. Starnes, father of the missing man, was treasurer and general manager of the Imperial Life company at the time of his death last April.

Reported Missing



W. H. STARNES

Asheville Citizen March 9, 1932

W. H. STARNES IS IN GEORGIA

Missing Man Sends Wire To His Mother In This City

W. H. Starnes, 25, assistant advertising manager of the Imperial Life Insurance company, has been located in Gainesville, Ga., it was announced last night by his mother, Mrs. W. B. Starnes of the Hendersonville road.

Starnes was last seen here Monday night near an Asheville theater. City and county police made a search for the missing man Tuesday and yesterday. Mrs. Starnes last night said she had received a telegram signed by her son's name yesterday afternoon asking for money. Starnes told his mother he "would explain everything when I arrive home."

Mrs. Starnes last night said she sent her son money after receiving the telegram. She was unable to explain what caused him to suddenly leave Asheville. Friends of Starnes and members of his family appealed to Asheville police late Monday night to aid in the search for him.

Starnes is married and lives with his wife and a 16-months old son at 419 Summit street, Biltmore.

He is expected to arrive home today

Asheville Citizen March 10, 1932

W. H. Starnes Returns To His Home In City

W. H. Starnes, assistant advertising manager of the Imperial Life Insurance company, missing from his home since Monday, yesterday returned to the city from Gainesville, Ga.

Starnes disappeared early Monday afternoon. Friends and members of his family appealed to police Monday night to aid in the search for the missing man.

Mrs. W. B. Starnes, mother of W. H. Starnes, last night said her son "went to Gainesville on a business trip." Wednesday night Starnes wired his mother from Gainesville to send him money to come home.

Premier MacDonald and his daughter Isabel recently opened two university buildings in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Asheville Citizen March 11, 1932

Family Affair

Bill Stevens, who lives about an eighth of a mile off Brevard Road near its intersection with Interstate 26, had seen chain-reaction accidents, or at least had read about them; but he'd never seen one in which the links were not connected, yet so much damage was done.

A lady drove a pickup truck over to visit Bill's sister, who lives next door. About 8:30 his sister called to say that the woman's truck had slipped partway into a ditch along 191. She asked if he could come down and help put chains on the truck.

"Yes," Bill said, and went down to the road. The lady had also telephoned her son, who came over, but the angle of the truck prevented them from being able to put chains on the rear wheels.

While they stood there scratching their heads, trying to figure how to get the truck out of the ditch, a man came along in a pickup truck and stopped to help. They thought he might be able to pull the other pickup out of the ditch, so he backed his truck up to the disabled pickup, and they all began discussing how they could attach a chain to both trucks. The man left his pickup's headlights on because darkness had fallen and he didn't want an oncoming motorist to fail to see the truck.

Up to that point, everything was fine: It appeared they might be able to pull the truck out of the ditch.

They had not figured, however, on the next motorist who came along.

The man drove a foreign car, and was a bit under the influence of John Barleycorn. As he approached the trucks, the motorist thought the headlights on the helpful man's pickup were the headlights of an oncoming motorist.

He had sense enough to steer to the right of them. Unfortunately, the only thing on the right were the ditch, a small bank, and the woods beyond.

The inebriated man left the road and suddenly crashed with considerable force head-on into the other man's pickup truck.

Both vehicles were disabled. The driver of the small car was injured and the others quickly summoned both an ambulance and the Highway Patrol.

No sooner had the patrolman arrived than a young man came up the road at a speed far in excess of the limit. The officer went for his whistle and ticket book, brought the fellow to a stop and wrote out a speeding ticket.

The injured man was dispatched by ambulance to the hospital, and everyone settled down to the task of extracting the two trucks from the ditch and the foreign car from the second truck.

Attracted by the noise and the flashing lights, a crowd quickly gathered. A strong man in the crowd suggested that enough of the onlookers could help and they should be able to lift the lady's truck out of the ditch.

Sure enough, in a few minutes, musclepower extracted the truck and planted it on firm pavement. The truck was undamaged, except for perhaps a dent or two, and the lady was soon on her way.

That left one truck and the small car. Both were disabled to the extent that a wrecker would be needed to get them out, so the patrolman radioed for a wrecker, which soon arrived. The operator surveyed the scene, attached a cable to the truck, and with lookouts posted in both directions to flag down oncoming traffic, drove the wrecker across the pavement and pulled the cable tight.

The machinery whirred and the cable stretched like a tight wire—and a car approached from up the road, another small, foreign-made car.

The driver of the car saw someone ahead waving a flashlight.

He thought he was being waved through, so he drove past the shouting picket, saw the wrecker ahead on one side of the road, and the wrecked vehicles on the other side, and drove between them.

Stevens said he had never heard such a THWANG! when the little car hit the wrecker's cable, and the following CRASH! signaled the third car wrecked in the chain reaction.

The woman who started it all was probably home by then.

The driver of the second small car, Stevens said, was the son of the driver of the first small car.

Would you call that "a family affair"?

From "Bob Terrell's Old Gold", 1981

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Saturday, Oct. 25, 1952

PICTURED ABOVE is a Stroup Sheet Metal Works truck ready to leave for another installation of the new series M-1 oil-fired conditioner Conco heating unit. This is a completely automatic oil-fired unit that filters, circulates, warms, and humidifies the air, resulting in economical heating comfort. Immediate installation service is assured home owners. Personnel shown in the picture, left to right are Jack Smith, in charge of this special installation; H. B. Stroup Sr. owner; and H. B. Stroup Jr., general manager. The firm is located at 185 Dorchester Avenue in West Asheville, and the telephone number is 9966.

ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Stroup Wed 50 years

WEAVERVILLE – Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Stroup of Weaverville will observe their 50th wedding anniversary at a celebration given by their family from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at West Asheville Baptist Church. Family and friends are invited.

Mrs. Stroup is the former Louise Pinkerton. They were married on Feb. 2, 1954. Their children are Dick Stroup of Taylors, S.C., and Shan Rose of Asheville. They have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Asheville Citizen February 1, 2004

—Citizen Photo—Gamble

ADRIAN STUBBS of Brevard Road, West Asheville, tends the pullets he will enter in Thursday's annual Buncombe County 4-R Pullet Show and Sale. The 13-year-old poultryman is a member of the Venable 4-H Club. He and nine other 4-Hers will be competing for ribbons and shares in the $100 in cash prizes in the show.

Asheville Citizen September 8, 1952

LOCAL BOY IS ART EDITOR OF 'TAR BABY'

C. R. Sumner Draws Illustrations and Cartoons For Magazine—He Also Contributes to "Life."

Clarence R. Sumner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonidas Sumner of No. 137 Westwood place, West Asheville, is attracting much attention by his work as art editor of the "Tar Baby," the humorist magazine of the University of North Carolina, which it is claimed now, has the largest circulation of any college or university magazine being sold on trains and news stands in all sections of the country.

In the March 4 issue of "Life" the first article on the page was written by Mr. Sumner, and signed by his initials, "C. R. S." Before this he has submitted numerous articles to "Life" and had drawings and cartoons accepted by that magazine. He draws practically all the illustrations and cartoons for the "Tar Baby," and what he does not do himself, he passes on and touches up, being the art editor of the magazine since it was first started.

Young Mr. Sumner is a graduate of Bingham school and has been attending the University of North Carolina for two years. He is a native of Asheville and is well known here.

Asheville Citizen March 13, 1920

West Asheville People

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Young people are urged to work in gardens and on farms this year because of the war. This pretty Miss with her hoe is Catherine Taylor, 1554 Haywood Road, a student in Sand Hill school. Her garden is at the rear of her home.

Farmers' Federation News WW II
April 1941

Seaman Edgar Taylor Is 'Somewhere At Sea'

Edgar D. Taylor, third class seaman of the United States navy, is "somewhere at sea," according to word received by his wife, Mrs. E. D. Taylor of 76 Oakwood road.

TAYLOR

Taylor is the son of Mrs. M. D. Taylor of 202 Virginia avenue. He was educated at Lee Edwards high school, and before entering the service in January of this year he was assistant manager of the meat market at the Dixie Super store in West Asheville. He has a brother, Harvey P. Taylor, who is in the army, stationed in Louisiana.

Asheville Times May 11, 1943

Immunization Campaign Gets Under Way Here

This youngster, Kenneth Teague of 243 1-2 Sulphur Springs road, is expressing in no uncertain terms his disapproval of being stuck in the arm at the first of a series of immunization clinics at Vance elementary school this morning. But no doubt he soon discovered that it wasn't half so bad as he had believed it would be. Through cooperation of the city health department in a nation-wide campaign, persons here are being immunized free of charge against smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid fever. In this picture, Dr. Louise Perry wields the needle and Miss Mary Copeland assists. Miss Copeland is a city health department nurse. Clinics will be held tomorrow at All Souls parish house and Vance school, on Thursday at Claxton and Randolph schools, and on Friday at the Salvation Army citadel and Livingston street (negro) school.

Asheville Times May 26, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher Wed 60 years

ASHEVILLE – Mr. and Mrs. George Robert Thatcher of Asheville will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house given by family and friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at the home of their son, G. Richard Thatcher of Asheville.

Mrs. Thatcher is the former Eva Hope Griffith. They were married on Dec. 15, 1941, in Crown Point, Ind. Their children are Robert M. Thatcher of Detroit, Mich., Jack B. Thatcher of Niles, Mich., and G. Richard Thatcher of Asheville. They have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Asheville Citizen December 9, 2001

Four Asheville Boys Set Out In Row Boat To View Mississippi

Lads Are Located By Officers After Spending Night On Sandbar.

Thoughts of youth are long ones, but something had to be done about the dreams of four Asheville boys who set out Saturday seeking the makings of a saga.

Summer suns were shining on the French Broad river waters and big things were happening in the low countries. Adventure called to them and they answered—four boys in a boat. The saga's a short one, but it holds flavor and the boys still maintain it's a good idea.

Jimmie Thomas of 264 State street, Robert Troute of 628 1-2 Haywood road, Gene Peterson of Peace street and Pete Pappas of 12 New street, all 12 to 14 years of age, had been reading a lot about the big floods of the Mississippi river and the mighty stream's tributaries. They decided to feast their eyes so used to mountains and small streams, on the great expanses of "Father of Waters."

Collect Supplies

Obtaining a small boat, the boys began a systematic collection of supplies. Most of the stuff came from home larders and closets, including canned fruits and vegetables, bread and blankets. Cooking utensils were few, but they had planned to live like pioneers—off the country and around an open campfire. They carried two rifles with which to augment their food supplies.

The trip, planned to take them down to the French Broad to the junction of the Holston river, thence into the Tennessee river near Knoxville, thence the entire distance of the Tennessee river to Paducah, Ky., and on down the Ohio river to Cairo, Ill., where that river joins the Mississippi, began at Carrier's bridge in Asheville Saturday afternoon.

The family of the Pappas boy reported to police and the sheriff's department Saturday night their son was missing. Other reports about the boys came in yesterday morning to both departments and a search began along the river banks in Asheville, clues pointing toward this type of youthful adventure.

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Nannie Meadows Thomas

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Asheville - Nannie Berthina Meadows Thomas, 99, of 466 Old County Home Road died Thursday, June 29, 2006 at Aston Park Health Care Center following a period of declining health.

A native of Spring Creek Community of Madison County, she had resided in Buncombe County since 1935.

Mrs. Thomas was a daughter of the late Burgin Cemore Meadows and Mollie Hipps Meadows and the wife of Fred Hampton Thomas who died July 28, 1982. She was also preceded in death by her 10 brothers and sisters, Doctor, Maggie, Hard, Romain, Burgin, Dot, Bill, Ada, Bonnie and Tom.

Mrs. Thomas was the former owner and operator of Meadows Dry Goods where she served the community at that location from 1949 to 2004. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and a former member of the Ladies Auxilliary Fire Department at West Buncombe.

Surviving are her daughter, Molly Braswell and husband, Terry of Asheville; grandchildren, Tom Braswell and wife, Patrice, Doug Braswell, Mike Braswell and wife, Karen all of Asheville and Teresa Jamison and husband, Mike of Raleigh; great grandchildren, Luke, Rebekah, Aaron, Mollie, Elizabeth, Matthew and Ry; sister, Martha Fisher of Enka.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Anders-Rice Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Welborn officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 531 Haywood Road, Asheville, N.C. 28806.

Times, Wednesday, April 9, 1952

FISHBURNE HORTON HYLDBURG

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APPLY FOR CHARTER—Members of the temporary West Asheville youth center committee have applied for a charter as a non-profit corporation to purchase a lot and build a center. The Rev. W. G. Thomas is chairman of the committee. He is shown with Judge Shelby E. Horton, Carl A. Hyldburg, W. E. Michael Jr., John B. May, Harry T. Atkins and Frank B. Fishburne.

MAY, 1956

PATTON THOMAS

LINGO DEMAREE LANNING

FIRST SPADEFUL—C. C. Demaree, chairman of the building committee, turns the first spadeful of earth for the new educational building of West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Assisting at the ground-breaking ceremony this week were W. G. Lingo, chairman of the board of trustees; Sam Patton, a member of the building committee; J. W. Lanning, vice chairman of the board of deacons; and the Rev W. G. Thomas, pastor. The new building will cost $74,000. The new building will contain classrooms, nursery, kindergarten, a chapel, kitchen and fellowship hall Work began Wednesday.

Asheville Citizen May 1956

WARM SUN BRINGS OUT BLOOMS—Countless hundreds of fruit trees were in full bloom here yesterday as a warm sun brought Asheville residents out into the open for a stroll, a hike or 18 holes of golf. Typical of the trees in bloom under yesterday's bright sun was this one, not far from Haywood road on the Deaver View road in West Asheville. Pictured with the blooms is Miss Miriam Thomason of 59 Oakwood road.

Bruce Emory
Research

BOMB CRASHES 11 FEET FROM YOUTH ON SHIP

Seaman Paul Thompson Relates Experiences Of Four Sea Battles.

By JUNE GLENN, JR.

A screaming delayed action bomb from a Japanese dive bomber which crashed through the flight deck of the aircraft carrier U. S. S. Yorktown only 11 feet from where Seaman First Class Paul Kennedy Thompson was stationed, "was too close for comfort," but that was only one of several narrow escapes this 19-year-old youth has experienced while participating in four sea battles -- two of them major engagements -- during the past year and a half.

THOMPSON

Young Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson of Deaverview road, West Asheville, is at home on a 30-day leave, his first since enlisting in the navy October 29, 1941. In a recent interview, he recalled many vivid and spectacular scenes he had witnessed since entering the navy.

He was stationed at Norfolk when war was declared in December 1941, having just completed his "boot" training at the naval training station there. Soon thereafter, he went aboard the aircraft carrier Yorktown when the big ship sailed into the Pacific battle area and on January 31 (President Roosevelt's birthday in America), Thompson recalled, made a raid on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands.

It was Thompson's first taste of battle and at the age of 17 it was quite an experience for the lad who had put aside his school work to enlist in the armed forces and help Uncle Sam. He recalled that during this first raid only one Japanese plane, a four-motored patrol bomber, came within range of the carrier and the gun crew promptly sent Tojo war's machine crashing into the sea.

Duties On Yorktown

Seaman Thompson's duties aboard the Yorktown consisted of the refueling and checking over of airplanes and making sure they were in readiness for action at all times.

In the Coral Sea battle in May of last year, the Yorktown was right in the thick of all the action, Thompson said. It was there Thompson had his narrow escape with the delayed action bomb.

It was about 11 o'clock on the morning of May 7 that we almost faced destruction," Thompson said in describing the action. "It was a clear day and the sea calm, when suddenly it seemed from every direction came swarms of Japanese planes. About 11:15 o'clock, we were hit about midship by a delayed action bomb. It struck about 11 feet from me and if it hadn't been the delayed action type I would have been a "gone Duck" Thompson said. The explosion of the bomb threw Thompson straight up into the air causing him to strike his head on the ceiling two feet above. He was shaken up a bit but apparently suffered no great injury from the blow.

The raid lasted for 23 minutes, the young seaman said and it was during that time he noticed the aircraft carrier Lexington, which also participated in the fighting, was sinking following bomb hits by Jap planes. For some time, he watched from his post on the "island" of the flight deck, the other ships in the American force pulling alongside the crippled Lexington to help fight the fires and take off wounded men.

Fire Breaks Out

Meanwhile a fire had broken out on the Yorktown as a result of the bomb hit and so all available men aboard were called upon to fight the blaze. Thompson praised highly the great courage and bravery his fellow comrades displayed in risking their lives to go into the blazing inferno to rescue shipmates trapped where the bomb exploded. What made it even more heroic was that the men knew that the fire was burning dangerously close to ammunition and yet they took the risk in order to help their pals, Thompson explained.

Following the Coral Sea battle, the Yorktown went to Pearl Harbor for repairs. The ship only remained in port a few days and then pushed out to sea again seeking action. That time, it was to the Solomon Islands for a raid on Tulagi island. Thompson said practically no enemy opposition occurred in that encounter.

It was almost a month later that the Yorktown was destined to meet her fate—in the Battle of Midway. "It was about 10:30 o'clock on the morning of June 4 that the first of the fatal attacks was launched agaist the carrier. Two waves of Jap dive bombers came at us and torpedo planes also joined in the assault," Thompson said. "We were hit several times by bombs during these attacks," he continued. Thompson said an order to take cover had been sounded, and when such a command is given the men lie face down just as close to the deck as possible. As one of the bombs exploded nearby, fragments or bomb splinters, struck Thompson in the head, just missing his right eye. Luckily the injuries were not serious, although several scars on his face will be there for a lifetime as a reminder of another brush with death.

About 2:30 o'clock that afternoon, another wave of Japanese planes attacked the Yorktown and that time the finishing blows came. The ship was left helpless and without power.

Order To Abandon Ship

"The order to abandon ship came about two hours later, and I was placed aboard a life raft," Thompson recounted. "It was almost an hour before the survivors on our raft were picked up by a destroyer." Next day he was transferred to another ship and later placed aboard a rescue ship and sent to Hawaii.

Despite the terrific pounding the Yorktown had received in the enemy attack, a Japanese submarine later was credited with the actual sinking of the ship while it was being towed back to port.

Thompson had high praise for the American boys on the far-flung battle fronts and said they have been giving out plenty of telling blows against the enemy but that was only a sample of what the future holds in store for the axis, he said.

After arriving in the Hawaiian islands, Thompson was sent to a rest camp for about two weeks and since that time has been serving on a battleship.

Thompson wears campaign bars showing American defense, American theater and Pacific Asiatic offensive. In addition, four stars are attached to these bars signifying participation in the four campaigns: Marshall and Gilbert Island raid; Coral Sea battle, Tulagi Island attack, and the Battle of Midway.

JUNE 28 1905.

CARRIER AND GASTON BOUNDARY IS BOUGHT BY GAY GREEN AND P. H. THRASH

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One of the biggest real estate deals negotiated in this section since the transfer of vast holdings to George W. Vanderbilt was successfully closed up today by the well known real estate firm of Hall & Penland, when 480 acres of beautifully located residential property in the West Asheville section, overlooking the French Broad river and known as the Carrier and Gaston boundary, was transferred to Gay Green and P. H. Thrash of this city for the consideration of approximately $37,000. The property has a frontage of more than a mile on the west side of the French Broad river and also a great frontage on the main macadamized roads traversing West Asheville. The deal that was consummated today has been on for the past several days, but the matter was kept quiet and little was known of the negotiations until the formal transfer of the papers this afternoon, when the statement was made that the property was purchased by Messers Green and Thrash with a view of sub-dividing it into residence lots and the building of a city across the French Broad. The property has also been surveyed and platted with provision for broad streets throughout the tract. It has two entrances from the Asheville side, one at the Carrier's bridge, spanning the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers near Biltmore and the other at the Smith's bridge in the milling section of this city.

The rapid growth of West Asheville during the past twelve months and the sale of the Carrier and Gaston boundary today has given rise to renewed speculation relative to a trolley line into that section. [redacted] made this morning on good authority that the neccessary funds for the building of a road from this city to the Asheville school, five miles from here, were practically in sight and that the road would undoubtedly be constructed during the next 12 months. It is said that the purpose of those interested in the road is to cross the river at a point between the Smith bridge and Carrier bridge and to route the line through the more thickly settled portions of West Asheville.

One of the purchasers of the boundary said this afternoon that a factory site would be donated to anyone or corporation desiring to locate in that section to be selected from three or four desirable locations and to include as much as four or five acres of land.

Asheville Gazette News June 28, 1905

Four Asheville Boys Set Out In Row Boat To View Mississippi

Lads Are Located By Officers After Spending Night On Sandbar.

Thoughts of youth are long ones, but something had to be done about the dreams of four Asheville boys who set out Saturday seeking the makings of a saga.

Summer suns were shining on the French Broad river waters and big things were happening in the low countries. Adventure called to them and they answered—four boys in a boat. The saga's a short one, but it holds flavor and the boys still maintain it's a good idea.

Jimmie Thomas of 264 State street, Robert Troute of 628 1-2 Haywood road, Gene Peterson of Peace street and Pete Pappas of 12 New street, all 12 to 14 years of age, had been reading a lot about the big floods of the Mississippi river and the mighty stream's tributaries. They decided to feast their eyes, so used to mountains and small streams, on the great expanses of "Father of Waters."

Collect Supplies

Obtaining a small boat, the boys began a systematic collection of supplies. Most of the stuff came from home larders and closets, including canned fruits and vegetables, bread and blankets. Cooking utensils were few, but they had planned to live like pioneers—off the country and around an open campfire. They carried two rifles with which to augment their food supplies.

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Pvt. James Turner Ends Leave Here

Pvt. James A. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Turner of 58 Allen street, West Asheville, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending a 15-day convalescent leave at home.

Turner entered the service in January and received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va. He attended the city schools here and was associated with Turner's Motor inn before going into the army.

TURNER

Asheville Times July 2, 1943

West Asheville People

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Buncombe Veterans Fought In Famous Civil War Battles

One man who charged up Cemetery Ridge with the Stars and Bars in Pickett's immortal and fatal rush at Gettysburg and half a dozen who took part in Bragg's "barren victory" at Chickamauga, are among the 37 living Confederate veterans in Buncombe county. Another was present when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and still another remembers clearly the fall of Fort Sumter, the opening gun of the war, although he did not enter the service until several weeks later.

The veterans living today are a modest lot for the most part. Those who were old enough to get into the grey ranks in '61 are extremely few and a majority of the men who attend the meetings of Zeb Vance camp at the courthouse nowadays say quite frankly: "We were just boys in the regiments recruited toward the end; we guarded prisoners and watched mountain passes; some of us were not even armed. But we had to sleep in the snow sometimes, and live in the mud, go hungry and ragged, so we feel that we did our part."

Average Age Is 98

Consider for a moment the troops recruited in '61 were from 21 to 35 years old. Possibly the average was 25. That would make the average age of the survivors today 98—and the youngest, recruited at 20, would be 93. The young men who went into the late regiments in '63 and '64 were often as young as sixteen—from eight to 15 years younger than the troops of the first great Confederate victories, so by far the greater number of veterans living today are of these late regiments.

But even among the living veterans who were but lads in their teens when Sumter fell, are men who fought with musket and bayonet, dashed on horseback with naked sabre, or swabbed and pointed cannon, in the really great battles of the war.

Gettysburg, the real death knell of the grey hopes and Murfreesboro or Stone's River, one of the bloodiest battles of the war, the hundred bloody skirmishes in Sherman's path of devastation; the victory of Bragg at Chickamauga and the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, are memories that stir the blood in the now feeble limbs of about a dozen of the veterans in the county today.

Among them are:

W. W. Pace, now 93 years old, had not yet enlisted when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter, but he was enrolled in Company B, First South Carolina artillery a few weeks thereafter and spent the next two years as a member of the fort's "rebel" garrison. He was there when the Union fleet finally battered them into submission in April '63, and from Charleston, his outfit set out across the Carolinas and Georgia. He was in front of Sherman when that Yankee general swept through Georgia and he was captured finally at the big battle of Averysboro, S. C. He was wounded during the seige of Sumter by the Yankees. He now lives with his son J. B. Pace near Arden.

Was At Chickamauga

J. M. Case, who lives at Emma, and his brother, W. B. Case, now dead, went out with Company D, 60th North Carolina, and were transferred to the famous sixtieth regiment. They saw service in Virginia and fought at both Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain and were in the thick of 38 days of service fighting around Atlanta.

John M. Henck of Marion, a member of Zeb Vance camp, was captured at Gettysburg after being wounded. He was also in the fighting around Richmond and faced Grant's troops in the wilderness around Spottsylvania.

Spencer Freeman, who served in the 25th North Carolina, is another veteran of the battles of Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain.

Captain W. Ebert Weaver of Weaverville and his negro body servant, Gilbert Baird, went out with the 29th North Carolina and campaigned over six states, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and both the Carolinas. Captain Weaver still carries a bullet from Chickamauga. He saw Sherman burn Atlanta and took part in the last battle of the war, an engagement at Mansfield, La., some days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Colonel R. L. Fitzpatrick, present commander of Zeb Vance camp, was for awhile a member of Morgan's famous raiders, but didn't cross the Ohio on the brilliant raid into Kentucky and Indiana. He enlisted with 31st Tennessee, but for most of the war was in Captain Owen's detachment of scouts, doing reconnoitering for Vaughn's brigade.

F. B. Bishop, 89, of Avery's creek, was present at Lee's surrender to Grant and was wounded "at the big battle of Bull Gap." His father and older brother also wore the grey.

S. Pettigrew, of Montreat, says he was in "plenty of battles" in the Carolinas, and was wounded seven times. He is now 97 years old.

Wounded In Pickett's Charge

Levi J. Walker, 93 years old now, was the fifth color bearer shot down in the Confederate charge up Cemetery Ridge. He lost his left leg and spent the remainder of the war a prisoner at David's Island, N. Y. He has lived in Asheville since 1920 and his home is at 266 Forest Hill drive. He was in Company B of the 13th North Carolina.

The Rev. T. F. Glenn, who has been in the ministry 75 years, was chaplain of a regiment of General Joe Wheeler's command called the Third Confederate. It was made up of companies from Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. He was at the battle of Murfreesboro in Tennessee and was in front of Sherman at Atlanta.

Lee Williams of Old Fort was in Company B, of the 9th North Carolina artillery battalion. He took part in the battle of Forth Fisher and saw service in Virginia.

Ephraim Byerley, who lives in West Asheville, had two fingers shot off at the battle of Hatcher's Gap. He served in Company A, 21st North Carolina.

J. J. Stephenson, who was in Company C, 60th North Carolina, was in the battle of Bull's Gap and saw service in Tennessee.

R. T. Underwood, Chestnut street, now 87 years old, served Capt M H. Love's company of Col. W. H. Thomas' Legion, which included 400 Cherokee Indians. The unit was made up largely of young boys and Underwood's job was to guard Yankee prisoners and the passes in the Great Smoky mountains. He and his comrades saw no fighting but endured great hardships in the last winter of the war. He brought many prisoners back to Asheville.

P. B. Brown, living on the Breward road, was in Company C, 16th South Carolina regiment.

Several Served In Cavalry

A number of the local veterans belonged to the 14th North Carolina cavalry battalion, a unit recruited of young soldiers. Among these were J. J. Stephens, R. B. Bitch of Horseshoe, J. A. Hughey and H. S. Walton.

John Paxton of Canton, who belongs to Zeb Vance camp, saw service in the western army with Company I, 62nd North Carolina.

J. W. Dickerson, who was in Col. Walter Bryson's command was quite young, and served at the saltpetre works near Hendersonville.

There are a number of names on the Confederate pension role at the courthouse whose regimental affiliations and records are not known to the camp, nor does the pension clerk have their addresses. They are known to be living, however, as they called for their checks in June. They include D. V. Cole, T. M. Cole, E. Guthry, Thomas Hudgens, Henry S. Lenoughb, C. W. Reynolds, Clingman Sawyer, O. W. Surratt, David B. Watts, Charles W. White and Richard Gowan. The names of J. A. Ballard and H. B. Parham are on

VICTORY GARDEN SWEEPSTAKES WINNER—Mrs. J. Frank Van Valkenburg, sweepstakes winner in the Victory Garden contest, is shown in her garden at 19 Dorchester avenue, holding a large candyroaster which she has just picked.

Asheville Citizen September 20, 1942

WIDOW OF ASHEVILLE MAN PRESENTED MEDALS

—Mrs. Vera L. Vance of 27 Wamboldt avenue is shown here receiving the Air Medal and Purple Heart awarded posthumously to her husband, Sgt. William L. Vance, Jr., who lost his life while serving with the army air forces in the European theater on November 27, 1945. The presentation was made by Major John A. Nelson, AAF liaison officer at Moore General hospital.

Asheville Times March 14, 1946

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1945

WINS HONORS — Harry Varner, above, son of Mrs. Annie Varner of West Asheville and a senior at Lee Edwards high school, won first place in the National Forensic league regional finals at Nashville, Tenn., Friday, and proceeded to Evanston, Ill., where he will enter the national finals at Northwestern university tomorrow.

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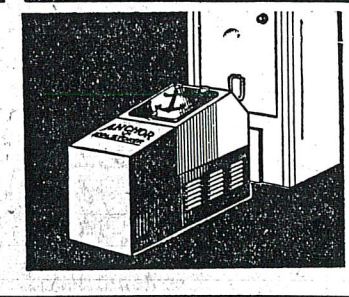

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VI

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(d) The Song I Would Sing ..... *Spencer*
(Dedicated to Elda Vettori)

(e) A Little Song ..... *Voorhis*

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(SOUTHERN SECTION)

KENILWORTH INN

7:30 P. M.

Thursday, March 8, 1928

MENU

Canape

Tomato Bouillon

Stuffed Olives Celery Hearts

Broiled Bluefish—Maitre D'Hotel

Roast Squab Au Cresson

New Peas Julienne Potatoes

Stuffed Pepper

Rose Salad

Coca-Cola Ice Cream Jelly Roll

Roquefort Cheese—Toasted Crackers

Coffee

Cigarettes Cigars

PROGRAM

(In convention hall immediately following dinner)

1. Al Dunn's Orchestra.
2. Lowell Patton Trio.
3. Mrs. Walter Fletcher
   (Imitations of Mountain Women)
4. Miss Dorothy Hancock
   Mr. Charels E. Burnham
   Miss Josephine Spencer, accompanist
5. "Senator" Edward Ford.
6. Mr. Lowell Patton at the Piano.
7. Carolina Quartet in Negro Spirituals.
8. Mr. Nick Kostopoulos
   (One of Asheville's Five-Star Dealers)
9. Lowell Patton Trio.
10. Al Dunn's Orchestra.

The Manor

ASHEVILLE, N.C.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1927

THE MANOR TRIO

CLYDE SPENCER, *Musical Director*

Program

1. Overture — "Poet and Peasant" ..... *Suppe*
2. "Andante" (From Fifth Symphony), *Tschaikowsky*
3. Selection — "Rose Marie" ..... *Friml*
4. Concert Waltz — "Vienna Life" ..... *Strauss*
5. "The Lost Chord" ..... *Sullivan*
6. Operatic Selection — "Cavalleria Rusticana," *Mascagni*
7. Vocal Solos
   a. "The Palms" ..... *Saure*
   b. "The Rosary" ..... *Nevin* (By request)
   c. "Danny Boy" ..... *Weatherly*

   MRS. MAUDE W. KILGORE
8. "Hungarian Dance" ... *Hofmann*

Quiet is requested in the Music Room during the Evening Concert

The Manor

ASHEVILLE, N.C.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1927

THE MANOR TRIO

CLYDE SPENCER, *Musical Director*

Mothers' Day Program

1. Overture — "Hungarian Lustspiel," *Keler-Bela*
2. a. "Songs My Mother Taught Me," *Dvorak*
   b. "Mother Machree" ..... *Ball*
3. Concert Waltz — "La Rose Noire" ..... *Aubry*
4. Selection — "Madame Butterfly" ..... *Puccini*
5. a. "Serenade' ..... *Widor*
   b. "Au Bord d'un Ruisseau," *Boisdeffre*
6. Selection — "Blossom Time" ..... *Romberg*
7. 'Cello Solo — "Liebestraum" ..... *Liszt*

   CLYDE SPENCER
8. "Forget Me Not" ..... *Macbeth*
9. "Valse Espagnole" ..... *Miro*

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Concert-Recital

THE FOLLOWING PUPILS

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MRS. ARTHUR SABIN, *Soprano*
MRS. OLIVER P. TEMPLEMAN, *Soprano*
MRS. MARVIN TERRELL, *Soprano*
MRS. S. W. WELTMER, *Mezzo-Contralto*

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MISS ELVA JONES, *Pianist*

AT

BATTERY PARK HOTEL
THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 17, 1925
AT EIGHT-THIRTY O'CLOCK

Program

Vissi d'arte, (Tosca) ---------- *Puccini*

The Singer ---------- *Maxwell*
Mrs. Sabin

Si mes vers ---------- *Hahn*

Sunset ---------- *Buck*
Mrs. Weltmer

Roberto, tu che adoro, (Robert le Diable) ---------- *Meyerbeer*

Oft have I seen the Swallow ---------- *Del Aqua*
Mrs. Templeman

INTERMISSION

Fantasie for two pianos ---------- *Spencer*
Mrs. Spencer and Elva Jones

Spirit Flower ---------- *C.-Tipton*

The Wind's in the South ---------- *J. P. Scott*
Mrs. Terrell

Sylvelin ---------- *Sinding*

Love is the Wind ---------- *MacFadyen*

Ho! Mr. Piper ---------- *Curran*
Mrs. Griffin

Voce di donna, (Gioconda) ---------- *Ponchielli*

The Loreley ---------- *Liszt*
Miss Adams

Josephine Spencer at the Piano

KARL VON RUCK, M.D.
1849 - 1918

BY

EDW. W. SCHOENHEIT, M.D.
Asheville, N. C.

KARL VON RUCK was born in Constantinople, July 10, 1849, his father being in the Diplomatic Service at the time. His early life was spent in Stuttgart, Germany, and in spite of the wishes of his family that he enter the Diplomatic Service he studied medicine and graduated with the degree of doctor of medicine in 1877. He then came to the United States and received an M. D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1879. Following this he did post graduate work in Berlin with Virchow and Robert Koch. Dr. von Ruck was present at the memorable meeting of the Berlin Physiological Society, March 24, 1882 when Koch announced the discovery of the tubercle bacillus.

After some years practice in Ohio, Dr. von Ruck decided to limit his work to tuberculosis and, seeking a more favorable climate for a sanitorium, he located in Asheville and established the Winyah Sanitorium, the first private institution for the treatment of tuberculosis, in 1888. Being interested in scientific research and having a remarkably keen investigative mind, he felt that the control of tuberculosis would come through biological treatment and immunization of children. He founded the von Ruck Research Laboratory for Tuberculosis in 1895 and in 1897 introduced the watery extract of tubercle bacilli, a modification of Koch's first tuberculin, which was widely used in treatment, and in 1912 he brought out a vaccine consisting of protein and lipoid extracts of tubercle bacilli which was used in treatment and with which he hoped to immunize children. Many years of research were spent in his laboratories hoping to perfect an immunizing preparation which would stamp out the disease.

Dr. von Ruck founded and edited the first medical periodical devoted to tuberculosis, THE JOURNAL OF TUBERCULOSIS, which was published in Asheville. Being an earnest and untiring student he collected and maintained one of the finest private libraries in the country. All important articles on tuberculosis were abstracted and over 150,000 cards were filed in a fire proof vault. He contributed extensively to the medical literature in this country and abroad, and his book, STUDIES IN IMMUNIZATION IN TUBERCULOSIS, published in collaboration with his son Dr. Silvio von Ruck, in 1916, represented observations of several thousand patients and many thousand animals.

About 1910 Dr. Silvio became medical director of the Winyah and built up an enviable repuation for himsetlf. Dr. Karl, during this period, became more interested in research and although he was a very able clinician, in addition to research, did consultation work only.

However, when Dr. Silvio came to his untimely death from pneumonia in 1918, though broken in spirit, due to the loss of his son and only grandchild, Miss Silvia, both from pneumonia, and his wife in 1921 from paralysis agitans, Dr. Karl again became active head of the Winyah. Fighting desperately against the inroads of chronic nephritis and hypertention he continued to work until three weeks before his death, though urged by his physicians to retire.

Thus on November 5, 1922, there passed away one of the great pioneers in tuberculosis, one of the outstanding figures in the history of tuberculosis in America. A student of Felix von Niemeyer, one of the greatest clinicians in the pre-bacterial era, he at first refused to accept the theories of infections and the demonstration of Villemin, however, his studies in Koch's laboratory so impressed him that he became one of the greatest students and investigators in infection and immunity in tuberculosis. A hard worker he seldom took a vacation and cared little for recreation, but was an accomplished musician and collected many rare flowering plants, especially orchids. Of strong convictions, he was often intolerant of those whose views differed from his, which often kept him from making friends However, those who knew him well loved him and though at times he may have seemed harsh, no kinder man ever lived.

Army Reservation Names Street In Memory Of Walker

In memory of the late George E. Walker of Asheville, who was killed while a prisoner of the Japanese Government during World War II, a street in an Army reservation, Deseret Chemical Depot, Tooele, Utah, has been named Walker Street.

WALKER

Walker's mother, Mrs. Leila Gosnell of 40 Johnston Boulevard, West Asheville, was notified of her son's honor by Col. R. T. Beurket, commanding officer of the post. His letter follows:

"I am grateful for the opportunity to advise you that as a lasting and living tribute to your son George E. Walker, who gave his life for his country during the recent World War, it has been decided to name one of the streets on this military reservation in his memory. The street named in honor of your son will be known as Walker Street and will for all time be carried as such on the official records of the Department of the Army.

"Although this honor is in itself small compensation for the loss suffered, it expresses the gratitude of the Chemical Corps of the Army and of the entire nation to one of the members of the Armed Forces who made the supreme sacrifice to maintain and preserve our democratic form of government."

Walker was reported killed October 24, 1944, when the Japanese ship on which he was being transported was bombed and sunk. In July, 1943, he was reported to be a prisoner of the Japanese in a Philippine military prison camp.

He entered the Army February 6, 1941, and was first stationed at Lawson Field, Ga., and later trained in chemical warfare at Savannah Air Base, Savannah, Ga. He left for the Philippine Islands October 22, 1941, arriving in the South Pacific a month later.

Asheville Citizen September 17, 1950

Westville pub taps new chef

James Wallman, also known as Oso, has been named executive chef at Westville Pub.

Oso came to Asheville in 1997 after 22 years of cooking and traveling all over the world.

DINING NOTES

After stints at La Caterina Trattatoria and Early Girl Eatery, Oso came to Westville Pub last month.

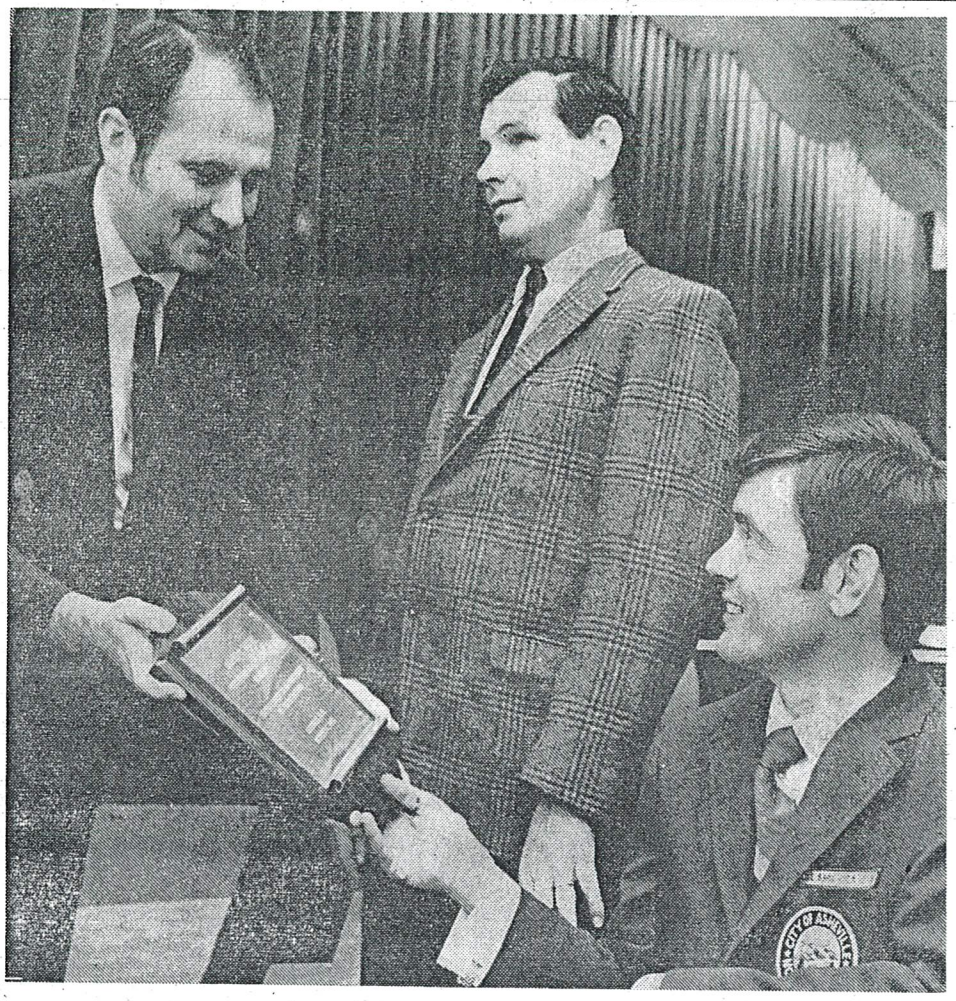
"The most common thread I've found in the countries in which I've cooked is simplicity," Oso said.

"I'm doing new things on the menu like a traditional Caribbean pork chop, curried chicken and pad Thai. We're also doing a different international night each month where we're featuring the cuisine of a different country.

"We're excited about the possibilities of bringing unique and exciting food to the west end of town" said Lu Young, who owns Westville Pub along with Greg Turner.

"Oso will be cooking up an assortment of dishes on July 20 and we'd like to invite people to drop by and sample international cuisine from Oso's travels."

Westville Pub is at 777 Haywood Road. For more information call 225-9782.



In The Face Of Adversity

Donald Walsh, who has made a career in city government for himself despite a polio attack in his teens that destroyed the use of his legs, accepted the Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped award as the year's Outstanding Handicapped Employe in government. Walsh is a dispatcher for the city's water maintenance department. Standing beside him another man who has made it despite the fact that he has never seen another person's face. Blind since birth, Thomas A. Ridings finishes jet parts at Northrop Carolina. He was chosen the Outstanding Handicapped Employe in Industry. Handing out the plaques is T. P. McKavitt, vice chairman of the awards committee. A quadriplegic, Miss Jacquelyn Page. won the committee's top award as the Outstanding Handicapped Employe of Asheville-Buncombe County. (Staff Photo.)

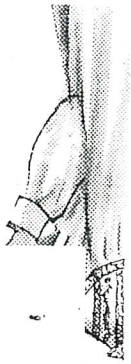
—Citizen Photo

A POWER WHEELCHAIR was presented to Donald Walsh by the West Asheville Lions Club Tuesday night. At left, Dan Foster, chairman of the club's welfare committee goes over the chair's electrically operated controls with Walsh while Paul Nichols, club president, looks on. Walsh, a resident of West Asheville and member of a quartet which has sung at meetings of the club, is paralyzed from an attack of poliomyelitis.

—Times Photo by Malcolm Gamble.

HANDICAP HURDLED—Don Walsh, clerk at City Garage for the Water Maintenance Dept., has once again proved a sermon currently being preached by employers now observing National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week —"It pays to hire the handicapped." Walsh, who holds down a demanding job from a conventional wheel chair in his office on Valley street, switches to a powered chair for his after-work activities.

A Wheel Chair, A Quick Mind



The mood is enchantment. Embroidered rosebuds trellised with Val lace float on feathery light and warm brushed rayon chaillis. In pink, aqua, vanilla.

Don Walsh Is Young Man Who Is Going Places

By JAY HENSLEY

Don Walsh is a young man who is going places—and his mode of transportation is a wheel chair.

A wheel chair, a quick mind and a strong desire to help other people.

Wanting to help—and working at it—is probably the most powerful factor in his favor. It seems to be a contagious attitude, and the tough workmen with whom he deals have caught it.

Walsh, 28, is clerk in the water Maintenance Dept. of the City of Asheville. His legs are useless, shrunken by polio, but he handles the work of a full office staff of so-called normal people.

That's the way City Manager J. Weldon Weir has him sized up. Weir frequently has occasion to observe him at work dispatching crews in the mornings, and taking calls for water maintenance throughout the day.

Jesse Jayne, Walsh's boss, is also quite impressed with his work. Jayne, whose job as supertendent of the Water Maintenance Dept. requires him to be out of the office much of the time, depends on the clerk to keep his calls coming through.

Headquarters for the department are in City Garage on Valley street. Walsh works from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. in an office which has no particular special equipment for a wheel chair employe. There is a convenient opening in the long office counter through which he wheels his chair, however.

Once inside the enclosure, Don Walsh is master of any situation which may confront him. He has been working at the job for about two years, and the 87 regulars in the department have come to depend upon him to know exactly what is going on at all times.

The department employs up to 127 men during the summer months, and Walsh takes the extra work schedules and time keeping chores in stride.

There are four shop crews which he dispatches to jobs inside the old city limits. Foremen and their crews take care of the remainder of the area within the new city limits and part of the county.

Jobs his crewmen handle include new water and sewer connections, repair of pipeline breaks, new service connections and hydrant repairs.

A call comes in reporting that a bulldozer has broken a water line in the Beverly Hills section. Walsh dispatches a crew to repair the damage. It's just part of the routine of the day.

The real hustle and bustle comes during the first hours of the day, however. A three-tier basket on his desk keeps assignments in order.

All orders are later transferred by Walsh to a permanent record book which includes the address, customer's name, date of job and work to be completed. Sewer line work also comes under the jurisdiction of the Water Maintenance Dept. and the crews average seven to 10 calls a day.

Walsh insists that his job couldn't be done without the ready co-operation of the men who compose the service crews. The men are just as certain that their jobs wouldn't be completed nearly as smoothly without the efficient supervision of the office clerk.

There seems to be little doubt in anybody's mind about the negative effect Walsh's handicap has on his work—and they didn't wait for National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week to voice their thoughts.

This does happen to be the week during which interested persons throughout the nation—including a dedicated group in Asheville—attempt to impress upon employers the usefulness of the so-called handicapped person.

Many employers, including the City of Asheville, have been aware of that fact for some time now—especially where it applies to Don Walsh. The city manager and the superintendent of the Water Maintenance Dept. were overheard discussing his unusual ability several months ago.

Walsh, a 1952 graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School, was stricken with polio on Aug. 2, 1952, and completed his high school work while a patient at Asheville Orthopedic Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walsh of 17 Nebraska Ave.

He is a member of The Times Quartet, and the singing group has made numerous public appearances for the benefits of the March of Dimes and Lions Club shows for children. They have one recording on the market.

Walsh studied accounting at Blanton's Business College, and prior to that operated a print shop in his home.

Incidentally, he gets around outside the office about as fast as at work—and with considerably less effort.

At home he uses a motorized wheel chair presented to him in 1958 by members of the West Asheville Lions Club.

Mrs. M. M. Wamboldt

Mrs. M. M. Wamboldt, mother of Councilman Wickes Wamboldt, local columnist and writer of articles, lives in her house atop of ehe hill "where the race of men go by." We found this dainty little lady of white curls and most hospitable manner at her home on Beverly Road.

Mrs. Wamboldt is the daughter of a minister and the wife of a minister, Reverend Wambolde being a former pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. Her only son, Mr. Wickes Wamboldt, is so well known locally that no comment at all or form of introduction is needed for him. His writings speak for him and his acts declare to the world the results of the training he received at her hand.

A host of frineds declared to us that she is a true mother in the highest sense of the meaning of the word,

Mrs. Wambolde enjoys splendid health and her favorite pastime is reading and religious work.

I NEED THE MONEY

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

For the thirty-seventh time this summer our door bell has been rung by some young man who has informed us with an ingratiating smile that he was working his way through college and consequently wanted us to subscribe to somebody or other's magazine.

WAMBOLDT

Now what edge has the chap who is working his way through a college he may or may not have seen, and may or may not ever expect to see, over anybody else who is selling anything? Every person desiring to exchange something for currency is on the job because he needs the money, and probably he needs it for constructive purposes.

If the college boy scheme is good for the college boy, real or imitation, why shouldn't the same idea be employed profitably by everyone else with something or other to trade you for your money?

Why should not the writer, for example, approach the publisher this way:

"I wish to buy a polo pony. So won't you please accept this manuscript?"

"But," argues one, "a polo pony is a luxury. A man doesn't need a polo pony."

Quite so. And to the average fellow a college education is a luxury too. He doesn't need it any more than the average man needs a polo pony. In fact, he needs it less, for after he gets it he can't do anything with it—and it is as likely to make a fool of him as anything else; whereas, anybody who owns a polo pony can, if he wishes, sell it for cash.

But to continue the train of thought, why shouldn't the grocer advertise something like this:

"My life insurance falls due this month, so please give me your business. If you don't give me your business I fear I shall lose my insurance."

Now anybody will admit that life insurance protecting the wife and the children is vastly more important than a college education. Only eight per cent. of our people engage in work in which they can make use of a college education, while one hundred per cent. of our people need life insurance.

Why shouldn't a great radio corporation go to the people in this way:

"We wish to buy up all the patents and control everything in radio, so please patronize our products."

Nobody can deny the magniture of that movement, and the company's desire is as earnest and its purpose as definite as that of the canvasser who wishes to sell you a periodical on the college argument.

Why shouldn't a department store start off a couple of newspaper pages in this manner:

"The President of this company is eager to take his family through Europe this summer. He and his relatives and friends will be grateful if you will patronize this store and help the accomplishment of a worthy object."

No one can controvert the fact that a trip through Europe is enlightening, broadening, and elevating—if one goes to the right places. It is a good way to take a vacation if one can raise the coin.

Why shouldn't even the bootblack in his hole-in-the-wall hang out a sign of this kind:

"The baby needs shoes. The wife needs her teeth filled, and I should have my tonsils out. Please have your shoes shined here."

This plan has great possibilities. I am thinking of having it patented. Of course the thought is not new, but as I understand it, one is entitled to a patent if one makes a new application of an old method.

Asheville Times August 28, 1930

THE NEGLECTED WIFE

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

This thought-provoking letter comes in today's mail:

"Will you kindly write an article about the importance of companionship in marriage?

"My married life has been very unhappy, due to the fact that my husband has not been a companion to me.

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"I can truthfully say that during all the years of our marriage, my husband has not taken me out a dozen times.

"We do not own a car, as he says we can not afford it. Even so, we still have the street cars to go on. But he always has excuses—among which are: 'Too tired,' 'Business to attend to,' 'Costs too much money,'—pertaining to shows, etc. He says if I wish to go, I can go by myself.

"Now, Mr. Wamboldt, don't you think a young married woman desires her husband's company in preference to going about by herself? It is only natural. And I feel so left out in the cold when I see other couples, happily married, devoted to each other, and going places together.

"I am a good-looking woman. My mirror tells me that. Some persons consider me beautiful. I am not telling you this because I am vain, but to show you that my husband could be proud to be seen with me. Before our marriage he was always showing me off—but, oh, the difference now!

"This year he has taken me out but once—to a show in February. And for weeks afterward he talked about how bored he had been. Since then I have not asked him to go out. So I go by myself. But oh, how my heart aches, and how despairing I feel!

"I have been a good wife and mother. Surely I do not deserve such treatment.

"We have a child, and if she gets any amusement at all I have to furnish it. My husband firmly refuses to take her out. Isn't my husband selfish and unfair? Isn't it his duty to give his family a little recreation?—to make life fuller for me, not a monotonous existence?"

Many men who would recoil at the thought of being cruel, are unthinkingly cruel through selfishness.

The man who neglects his wife is selfish. Any person who ignores another's happiness is selfish.

A man is apt not to realize that his wife needs his companionship and affection just as much as he needs food. A man is likely to consider that because he is pretty well pleased with the way things are, his wife is in the same state of mind—or should be—and that her constant begging for notice from him is all nonsense.

The fact is, woman's nature is such that she craves her husband's society as much as her husband may crave tobacco—or as much as a dope addict craves morphine. (That last illustration is not pretty, but it illustrates.)

It is just as much a man's duty to put himself out to make his wife happy—no matter how absurd her desires may appear to him—as it is a woman's duty to place importance on her husband's wishes.

I have the idea that the man who comes in for the severest of divine displeasure is the chap wh does not play square with his wife—and making his wife contented, so far as is reasonably possible, is part of playing square with her.

What she longs for and what the husband may think unnecessary may be just as vital to her as is oyster shell to a hen. A hen's hankering for oyster shell might look foolish to one with no yearning for oyster shell; yet a hen desperately needs oyster shell or its equivalent in her business.

I do not believe that the man who mistreats his wife, even if it be only to the extent of depriving her of simple, inexpensive pleasures, will prosper.

The Jew is notoriously prosperous, and that, I believe, is not due so much to his business sagacity as to the fact that he is a dandy family man.

Asheville Times August 19, 1930

FOR FOUR HOURS

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

Noticing a commotion at the home of a neighbor one afternoon when I was a young chap of about 18 years, I walked over to investigate.

On the back veranda, face up, lay the body of a woman, who had been pulled from the river.

WAMBOLDT

A physician was walking about giving orders. At the womans head sat a sobbing girl with a tiny bicycle pump, pocket size, putting air into the woman's mouth—not even down her throat, mind you, just into her mouth.

Of course such treatment for reviving a drowned person was not only useless, but foolishly futile. They might as well have stood around and whistled.

While I was there the undertaker came. He asked me to help lift the body into the basket—which was the most gruesome experience I had ever had, never before having touched a corpse.

Every time I hear that somebody whose breath was stopped by water, gas or electricity, was worked over for half an hour, an hour, two hours, three hours, then pronounced dead, I have a sense of exceptional sadness; for I can not help believing that somebody blundered—blundered perhaps in the method of treatment, but blundered certainly in the length of treatment.

Please get this—and I should be glad if the compositor would set this next statement in capitals:

THE WORK OVER A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SUFFOCATED BY WATER OF GAS, OR WHO HAS BEEN RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS BY LIGHTNING OR OTHER ELECTRICAL SHOCK, SHOULD BE CONTINUED PERSISTENTLY IF NEED BE, FOR NOT LESS THAN FOUR HOURS!

There are cases on record where such victims showed no sign of life until after four hours of treatment.

Anyone with a little study can learn to produce artificial breathing in a person who has ceased to breathe.

Examine the patients mouth. If he has swallowed his tongue, pull it forward. In a drowning case, make sure that the mouth is free from weeds or mud.

Place the patient on his face, one arm stretched straight out ahead, the other bent at the elbow so that the patient's forehead will rest on his forearm. The face should be turned slightly to one side, so that the mouth and nose will be unobstructed.

Kneel astride the body at the hips. Place your palms, wrists together, on the patient's back, your fingers pointing outward, and curved down over the ribs, your little fingers on the patient's lowest ribs.

Now with your arms held stiff, lean forward and press down firmly—not violently, or delicate internal organs may be injured.

Then with a quick movement, jerk the hands away, and straighten up. The idea is that by pressing on the patient's back, his lungs are made to collapse, then, by suddenly relieving the pressure the lungs automatically expand and suck in air, exactly as does a rubber bulb when squeezed and released.

Continue this treatment, pressing down on the patient's back each time you expel air from your own lungs, and suddenly releasing the pressure each time you draw air into your own lungs. In this way you set up artificial breathing in your patient at the same rate that you yourself are breathing.

And here is another point that I have never seen brought out in any treatise on artificial breathing: If you are deeply concerned about the life you are trying to save, pray while you work.

If you will fix these instructions thoroughly in your mind, you may sometime save the life of one whose breath has been stopped by being under water or by inhaling gas or by being electrically shocked.

But remember, first of all, to get to work quick.

Do not wait for the victim to be moved here or there or somewhere else. Every second is precious.

Of course while you are working, the patient should if possible be kept warm. And if there are others to help you, they should briskly rub the hands, arms, feet and legs to stimulate circulation.

But remember, above all things, no matter what anybody says, no matter how hopeless may seem the case—unless the patient revives sooner—keep up the artificial breathing, patiently, steadily, faithfully, for at least four hours.

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THE BACK KICK

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

This summer a woman asked me if I had noticed that a certain bottling company was offering premiums for its bottle caps.

"That's awful, when you stop to think of it," declared the woman, for it means that those caps are gathered from every conceivable place. They are certain to be dirty—they couldn't possibly be cleaned so they would be sanitary. Just think of using those caps to bottle soft drinks! There ought to be a law prohibiting bottling companies from using second-hand caps."

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Now of course no bottling company ever uses its caps twice. It could not do so if it wished to, for in putting the caps on, and in taking them off, they are so stretched as to make them absolutely worthless, particularly for sealing up a carbonated liquid. The company's sole idea in offering premiums for its caps was to increase the demand for its drinks.

Probably it never dawned on the bottling company that anyone would ever imagine it was offering premiums for its caps just to get back the caps. The cost of new caps is less than the cost of the premiums which the company offers for its used caps. If any member of the bottling company should read this article, he will likely be amazed at the woman's singular interpretation of the premium offer.

We figure out some scheme that sounds wonderfully good, then after we get it into effect we are dismayed at developments.

The English sparrow is an illustration of somebody's plan gone wrong. The bird was imported to eat up a certain destructive insect. He ate up the insect all right, but look what else he has done.

For years a certain small town with a valuable mineral spring and poor railroad facilities, pulled hard to get a national highway routed through it.

"If we can only get that road," the townsfolk declared, "we shall be sitting pretty, for then the tourists can get in easily, and so can the traveling salesmen."

Eventually the wire pulling brought results and the highway was built. But see what happened:

Visitors can get in easily, it is true, but they can get out just as easily. Tourists who used to come and stay a week, now drive in, fill up five-gallon demijohns with mineral water, and drive right out. Traveling salesmen, who used to stay over night, now spend but a few hours and roll on to the next place. And the residents themselves, are showing a tendency to drive to a nearby city to make purchases.

The long-worked-for, eagerly anticipated highway has proved a drawback.

What was it that Bobby Burns said about the plans of mice and men going awry?

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THAT DOESN'T WORRY ME

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

One of the easiest things to say is, "Don't worry!"—and one of the hardest things to do is not to worry.

Yet worry, like the muscles of the body, can be controlled. One can learn not to worry—just as one can learn not to fall out of bed.

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"But I can't help worrying," declares one who continually worries.

To some persons not worrying is natural; while to other persons—in fact, to most persons—worrying is one of the easiest things they do.

Some persons take easily to the water. Others have to practice a long time before they can keep themselves afloat.

And so with worry, it can be mastered just as most other obstacles can be mastered. But nothing can be overcome, no goal can be reached, if one gives right up and sits down by the wayside and says, "I can't do it"

Back yonder in the 60's an uncle of mine was a member of a small military force sent out after a band of Indians that had gone on the warpath. This company of soldiers got lost in the Rockies. The weather was severe, the snow was deep, they ran out of food, and the Indians harassed them from every side. Their ammunition was low. The situation looked hopeless.

Finally one man who had been wounded in the leg, gave up and lay down in the snow.

"I can't make it boys," he groaned. "You'll have to go on and leave me. I'm done."

But the captain said, "I won't leave you here alive, because the Indians will capture you and torture you to death. If you are sure you can't go on, I will shoot you."

The wounded man decided he would make another try. Eventually the entire party reached safety.

Work kills comparatively few persons. But worry kills its millions. And to die by worry is to die by torture.

In a way we can understand the attitude of a man who, drafted during the World War, immediately committed suicide. He preferred to die forthwith rather than be worried to death with the fear that he would be killed or wounded. Yet, of course, that is the coward's position.

A person who is naturally inclined to worry, can not help worrying—until he can overcome his tendency to worry That conquering takes a long or a short time depefiding on how much he is inclined to worry and on how much he has to worry about and on how hard he strives to master worry.

It isn't so much the vigorousness of the fight that overcomes worry as the doggedness of the fight. The flypaper finishes off the fly by simply hanging on.

Probably as good a weapon as any with which to rout worry is the simple phrase, repeated faithfully every time worry appears, "That doesn't worry me."

Asheville times August 17, 1930

HITS EVERYBODY HARD

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

Thomas A. Edison makes this thought-provoking declaration:

"The United States Government is the most inefficient big business organization in operation today."

And what Mr. Edison says of the Federal Government is perhaps true of many, if not most, of our state, county and city governments.

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Just how much governmental inefficiency costs the people of the United States it is impossible to say; but if the sum could be known it would be dumbfounding.

And why do we up-and-going people have the most wasteful, the most carelessly run of civilized governments? Is it because we are getting too big? Is it because we are doing too much centralizing?

Concentration of action means concentration of power. Few men can employ large powers constructively. Again, the larger the sum a man has to disburse, the more likely he is to disburse improperly.

A family man with $100 a month is not likely to waste much; but with $1,000 a month he is apt to waste prodigiously. There is little leakage in small towns; but there is often a heavy leakage in the affairs of large cities.

However, we have an enormous nation, we have great states, we have big cities. They must be administered. They are administered. And how! Mr. Edison tells us how

What is the trouble? The trouble is that we appoint too many of the wrong kind of persons as administrators. We exhibit scant thought in a large percentage of our political selections.

Why do we show so little thought? Is it because we have little sense? No, indeed. We have plenty of sense. We are one of the brightest peoples in this world. Where then is the kink?

Here it is: Not 50 per cent. of our voters own anything. So, not 50 per cent. of our voters pay taxes. Therefore not 50 per cent. of our voters care a continental hoot how much it costs to run the country.

The cook of a man who owns a hundred million dollars worth of property has just as much weight at the polls as her employer. Her vote is worth as much as his.

So there are persons who contend that only property owners should be allowed to vote. But would that be well?

It would be expedient—but would it be wise? That system would make of this country not a democracy but a plutocracy. The control of public affairs would be in the hands of the moneyed classes.

That might mean a better government, more carefully selected public officials. But it would arouse discontent that would end in revolution.

Plainly our relief from colossal governmental inefficiency is to be found in the enlightenment of all voters. That brings us smack up against the question of education. Not academic education—not a knowledge of Greek, Latin, geometry, trigonometry; but education in man's responsibility to man—in man's duty to man.

We hear much of the richer classes' responsibility to the poorer classes. But there is also the poorer classes' responsibility to the richer classes. If ten billion dollars in taxes be wasted every year in the United States, that means that the classes which employ help have ten billion dollars less with which to employ help.

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NOT OF A KIND

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

A girl born into a fine, cultured, aristocratic family, and given all the advantages that anybody could desire, became infatuated with one of her father's servants. The fellow was extremely good looking, but very ordinary.

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The girl begged to be allowed to marry the man. Her mother went into hysterics. Her father talked to her this way:

"That chap is not in your class, daughter. You wouldn't be happy with him."

"But I can't be happy without him," vowed the girl fervently, "for I love him."

"You only think you love him," replied the father. "You only think you can't be happy without him."

"I know I love him. I know I can't be happy without him," insisted the girl. I am going to marry him, and I wish you to give your consent."

"I shall not give my consent," replied the father. "I should feel that I had committed a sin against you to agree to such a thing."

"Well, then I shall marry him anyhow," announced the girl.

"That is your privilege," said the father, "for you are of age. But are you willing to take that fellow at the expense of everything else?"

"Yes," said the girl, "for I am perfectly happy and contented when I am with him."

"Perhaps," said the father, "I am mistaken about you. Perhaps you belong in his class. Perhaps it was an error of Providence that caused you to be born into our family. Perhaps you are his kind and not our kind. Perhaps you are up where you ought not to be. If that is true, you may be happy with him. But if it is not true, you will eventually be very miserable."

But the girl declared that she would run the risk.

So she and the servant slipped away and were quietly married.

For a while the girl and her god were in heaven. Then one day the god, who had begun to act natural, poured his hot coffee into his saucer and sucked it up.

The bride gently called his attention to the fact that he was violating an important law of etiquette.

The god plainly didn't like the criticism—soft as it was....

Later in a prominent cafe, the god shoveled mashed potato into his mouth with a knife.

Again the bride tried to mould the god's table manners.

And again he showed reluctance to be moulded.

As he felt more and more at home, the god more and more showed his colors. He did thing after thing that clashed with his bride's idea of what a gentleman should be. But she held to the hope that within a few weeks she could put the same polish on him that her family had been centuries acquiring.

The god finally told her to "lay off," that he had been "raised" by his mother, who knew what was what.

By way of emphasis he threw her down stairs, and the girl went back to her father.

But the matter was not so easily ended as that—for there was a baby. And the former servant sued his father-in-law for heart-balm for alienation of affection.

Intrinsically one class may be just as good as another Sometimes, in fact, Judy O'Grady is a better woman than the Colonel's lady. But marriage between different classes invariably complicates the situation. It is hard enough for persons on the same plane to harmonize—much less for those of widely separated social spheres.

A man may marry a woman below him in the social scale and she may come up, for women are more adaptable than men and more responsive to social influences. But the woman who marries a man below her must nearly always take his level if she remain with him.

"No, sir!" said the white-capped-and-aproned maid to the yard man, as she dusted off the chairs on her mistress's front porch, "I won't marry you. I believes in folks marryin' their ekals."

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ABOUT MYSELF

Chur. Obs BY WICKES WAMBOLT. 4/28/29

This sketch is not a voluntary effort. I have been literally coerced into preparing it by certain editors who have written me from time to time saying: "Won't you give us something about yourself? Our readers are asking about you. They wish to know where you live—what your real name is—and how you got into writing."

I got into writing as a result of one of those little tricks fate occasionally plays on a fellow. On June 9, 1921, in Atlanta, Georgia, I was sitting at my desk putting the finishing touches on a campaign I had directed which raised about $2,000,000 for the Georgia School of Technology.

BEGINNING OF TRAGEDY.

Suddenly my eyes felt queer. I put on my hat, walked down the street and consulted my oculist. He made an examination and shook his head.

"What is the trouble?" I asked.

"Detachment of the retina of each eye," he replied gravely.

He instructed me to go home and go to bed immediately. He followed me, bringing another oculist.

There was a secret consultation in another room—at which my wife was present. Then all emerged with an air of exaggerated cheerfulness, which did not fool me a bit. Then the specialists elevated the foot of my bed about twenty-four inches, took away my pillows, and told me that for ten days I must lie in that downhill position on the flat of my back with an ice pack on my head. For two months I was kept in bed in the slender, desperate hope of saving my eyesight. But it couldn't be done.

So I was faced with the necessity of rearranging my life. What could a man do without eyesight? Sell pencils? Rebottom chairs? Make baskets? Not so good—though better men than I have done those things. Why not continue my former profession of directing money-raising drives? I knew too much of the peculiarly exacting requirements of that work to believe that it could be carried on by anyone who could not see four ways at once.

TURNS TO LITERATURE.

I thought of literary work. True, I had never written for publication, but I was accustomed to dictating and I had a few ideas.

Casting about for a way to begin, I decided to take a course in short story writing under W. B. Pitkin, director of journalism of Columbia university.

From the first Professor Pitkin chided me for making my writings too philosophical.

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After being scolded for some time for that sort of thing, I said to myself, "Why not write what I am inclined to write? Why not write philosophically if my mind works that way?"

So I prepared a number of articles and submitted them to that prince of good fellows, P. M. Burdette, then publisher of The Asheville Times—whom I had not previously met. Mr. Burdette said encouraging things to me.

"But can you keep it up?" questioned Mr. Burdette. "An article a day is a terrible grind. Try it for a few weeks and see how you come out."

I found I had no difficulty in turning out a daily article—or two or three of them.

"The Times will use your articles," said Mr. Burdette. "And I shall be glad to invite the attention of my publisher friends to them."

DRIVE ON EDITORS.

With this encouragement and valuable assistance, I began a drive on the editors. The immediate results though rather expensive, were fairly satisfactory.

"Where do you get your ideas?" I am often asked. "Don't you ever run out of material?"

My suggestions come from everywhere—birds, flowers, chickens, peddlers, bank presidents, street car conductors, cooks, callers, business men, ministers, politicians. From everything and everybody I come in contact with, I get ideas. The day is not long enough to permit me to write up all the matter that presents itself.

A Texas editor sent me a letter from a reader in France, asking why—when selecting a pen name—I had not chosen something different. I use no pen name. The name signed to my articles is my name."

I can appreciate the opinion of the reader in France—for by the time I had grown old enough to discriminate, I had developed a cordial dislike for my first name. When persons would ask, "Little boy, what is your name?" I would reply "I don't know my name." When I was enrolled in the public school I told the teacher my name was "Edward." Some persons still call me "Ed."

ADVANTAGES IN NAME.

But my father felt such keen disappointment in my aversion to my first name, which he had conferred on me as a doubtful honor to his best friend, that I resolved to defer to his wishes. When I got out into the world I discovered that my name had certain advantages, one of which is that my mail never becomes confused with anybody else's.

Where do I live? I live in Wonderful Western North Carolina, the Sapphire country—the Land of the Sky—in Asheville, the Gem of the Mountains. No harm in giving the alluring locality a little free publicity.

My home is on the top of a hill which commands a sweeping view of peaks tumbling over themselves of valleys, with homes nestling in them. Our front veranda faces Mount Pisgah and the Rat. Around our house are many trees and many birds. No cats. Hence the birds. We have fruits, vegetables, flowers. A six-hundred foot rose hedge borders two sides of the place.

White Wyandotte chickens—which I personally look after—are my hobby. Eight months in the year our lawn is dotted with snow-white home-made fryers.

Through my wife, my secretary, my mother, and my friends, I keep fairly well in touch with what is going on in the world.

I have discovered what many other persons have found out—that while eyesight is a very great convenience, it is not an absolute necessity—neither to one's getting

Asheville Citizen — Aug. 30, 1930

MAYOR WICKES WAMBOLDT, son of the Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Wamboldt, was born in Jacksonville, Fla., January 19, 1877. He engaged in various types of work before coming to Asheville to retire after losing his sight.

He attended public and private schools in Jacksonville, his parents having "an awfully hard time" keeping him at his studies.

After completing a course in stenography, he secured a position with the old F. C. and P. railroad (now the Seaboard). Four months later he was "fired" and since, with the exception of a year in the employ of an uncle, has never held an entirely subordinate position.

Wishing to be independent of others, Mayor Wamboldt "began doing first one thing and then another" on a commission basis. Eventually he opened a commercial brokerage business, which he conducted for 10 years, leaving it to become general western manager for the Kiser Publishing company (now out of business) and had charge of all territory west of the Rockies. His headquarters was at San Francisco where he met and married Mrs. Alice May Lindholm, in 1913, whom he describes as "having been a great power for good in my life."

He has one son, Melvin, by a previous marriage. Mrs. Wamboldt has two children by a former marriage. Mayor and Mrs. Wamboldt live at 57 Beverly road, West Asheville.

With Publishing House

After a six-year connection with the Kiser Publishing company, Mayor Wamboldt observed that all managers in the class of work he was then in, sooner or later lost out, and he determined to enter the financial campaign business. He threw up his job and started work under a noted campaign manager at a salary of $10 a week. "Financial campaigning," he said, "is a very intricate profession" and that was the only way he could learn the work.

When the United States entered the World War, he was called to Washington and given an appointment with the Red Cross. He was sent to Berks county, Pennsylvania, to raise $150,000, being given three weeks in which to set up the territory. He took on surrounding counties and raised $450,000.

His work pleasing Red Cross officials, Mayor Wamboldt was called to Washington as a member of the executive staff, eventually being given charge of the campaign to clean up the war fund drive collections throughout the United States.

When the second Red Cross drive was put on, the manager of the southern division at Atlanta asked national headquarters for Mayor Wamboldt's services in setting up and directing the campaign in that division—Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The south had fallen down "lamentably" on the first drive. Mayor Wamboldt's quota was set at $3,000,000.

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He increased this to $4,500,000 and in five weeks set up an organization in the southern division which raised within a week more than $5,500,000.

After the war, he conducted the drive that brought the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn., more than $1,000,000. Later, he put on a drive for Georgia Tech, the quota being $500,000. Here again he increased the quota and created an organization which raised more than $1,500,000.

Loses Eyesight

Overwork during the Georgia Tech campaign caused him to lose his eyesight and he came to Asheville—where for years, his parents had lived, and he and Mrs. Wamboldt had been constant visitors—"to retire and rest."

"And look what I got into," he said.

Mayor Wamboldt began his newspaper column "because I could not bear to be idle." While taking a course in short story writing under Prof. Walter B. Pitkin, of Columbia university, he was cautioned that his work was too philosophical for short story success.

Feeling that he should make use of his ability in that direction, Mayor Wamboldt wrote a number of short articles and submitted them to P. M. Burdette, who then published The Asheville Times. Others were written. The articles began being published daily and more newspapers were added.

When Mayor Wambold "saw what was happening" to Asheville, he said (at the time the Central Bank and Trust company failed), he determined to see if he could help the city.

"With that determination," he said, "I entered the campaign for council in 1931 and have been going ever since."

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ASHEVILLE CITY GOVERNMENT

Wickes Wamboldt.....Mayor
Ernest H. Miller.....Vice Mayor
George L. Hackney.....City Manager
C. E. Blackstock.....Corporation Counsel

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Dr. H. G. Brookshire
Jack Westall
Charles F. Crow
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City Manager

Elizabeth G. Thompson.....City Clerk
Fred A. Hull.....Accountant
Philip C. Cocke, Jr.....Assistant Corporation Counsel
Clarence Sawyer.....Purchasing Agent
Glenn Morris.....Secretary to City Manager
H. A. Ballard.....Building Superintendent
. L. Threlkeld.....Director Public Works
Veldon Weir.....Superintendent of Parks
. L. Bishop.....Superintendent of Streets
. M. Campbell.....Superintendent of Plumbing
. T. Johnson.....Electrical Inspector
. L. Daniel.....Inspector of Weights and Measures
eorge Henderson.....Director of Motor Transportation
Frazier Glenn.....Judge of Juvenile Court
L. Maynard.....Chief Engineer
. F. Weaver.....Assistant Engineer
V. Padgett.....Supervisor Tax Department
. A. Bramlett.....City Cashier
. E. Rankin.....Superintendent Water Department
L. Duckett.....Fire Chief
C. Fitzgerald.....Assistant Fire Chief
m Cathey.....Judge of Police Court
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WHERE ARE THE GREAT?

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

THE plaint goes up every now and then from somebody who apparently has been impressed by a conclusion to the point of expression, that the United States no longer has notably outstanding personalities.

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"Where are the George Washingtons?" they wail—"the Lincolns? Where are the magnificent personages that tower above their fellows? We used to have them — but they are no more!"

I wonder if the trouble is not that we have so many great persons that they have become ordinary? There are so many outstanding men and women today that no one is unique in the outstanding business.

On a large, flat plain in Georgia, there rises a great rock some seven or eight hundred feet high, called Stone Mountain. It is outstanding because there is nothing like it around it. Folks make special trips from Atlanta to view the marvel. Yet, put Stone Mountain among the huge peaks of the Pacific Northwest, and it would not cut much figure.

Outstandingness among Americans is becoming commoner and commoner.

There was a time when a man who could read and write was an outstanding figure in the world. People flocked to him and sat at his feet and drank in the words of wisdom or of foolishness that oozed from his lips. He was the big hot potato. Yet, today there are hundreds of thousands of high school children who could make circles around him without half trying.

Little David made the front page by bouncing a rock from a sling off the head of Goliath. It was not that David was better able to use the slingshot than anybody else. It was that he did it first.

Fifty years ago a man who could have produced the modern radio would have been the most talked of man in the world. But today thousands of young chap can build splendid radios.

A hundred years ago a girl who could set down a speech as fast as it was spoken would have been a marvel. But today she is just a part of the business system. Of course there are business men who, because of irritating personal experiences, will contend that a girl who can take dictation correctly today is a marvel. Nevertheless, there are girls, plenty of them, who can do it, and who do do it. They can transcribe the stuff, too, and spell the words right; and get a comma where a comma belongs, and a semicolon in its correct location. They are precious. Lord knows they are precious!—but they are not to be ranked as overtopping the world.

The trick bicycle rider used to hold audiences spellbound. The one summerhault acrobat used to set the community agape. Now the trick bicyclist merely draws an, "ah huh," and the summersaulter who can't turn at least three times in the air isn't so much.

Our people are becoming greater and greater in education. They are becoming bigger and bigger in achievement. You can bump into a large personality at almost any corner.

It is not that great men are becoming fewer, but that more men are becoming great—and women, too. God bless them!

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1931

A DANDY PLAN

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

AFTER floundering about, for ages in all sorts of ineffective mix-ups and unclean messes, city governments are waking up to the fact that there is a system that will run a city as economically and as efficiently as a big private corporation is run.

Of course, big private corporations long ago worked out a method that gets the most results at the least cost; that puts a close check on the affairs of the corporation; that keeps its managing head on his toes, and that subjects him to immediate punishment if he misbehaves.

Here is how the corporation gets results. Its stockholders elect a board of directors. The board of directors, after due deliberation, hire a president—and place him in full charge of the company.

One day, in Staunton, Virginia, somebody interested in public welfare, said, "Why shouldn't we take the plan used to run big business and use it to run our city? Our city is a big business. Why shouldn't we citizens elect a board of directors—we could call them a city council—and let them appoint a capable man to run our city. We could call him city manager. He would have full charge of the management of the city, just as the president of a corporation has full charge of the management of that corporation. He would be held personally responsible for everything done in the administration of our city affairs. The city council would make the rules. The city manager would carry them out. If he made good, we would keep him. If he didn't, we would fire him.

The plan was tried. It worked. It worked so wonderfully well that up to this time about 400 other cities have adopted the council-manager form of government, and are delighted with it. The council-manager form of government does for the city exactly what the director-president form of government does for the Standard Oil company, the United States Steel corporation, the Ford Motor company.

The trouble with the mayor-council form of government is that the mayor is likely to be jockeyed into office through politics—often dirty politics. Once a mayor is elected by the people, it is almost impossible to get rid of him. No matter how undesirable he may be, he stays there until his term expires.

And the commission form of government is worse than the old mayor-council form of government—for in the commission form of government, the commissioners make their own laws and execute them. There is no way of checking or stopping them. They can be a board of absolute tyrants. The most awful thing ever done to a city was done under the commission form of government, not a million miles from where I am writing this article.

But the council-manager form of government—how simple it is!—how well it works! The council hires a city manager. They may go to San Francisco for him, or to Kalamazoo, or they may secure him locally. They care nothing about his politics. They don's give a hoot who his grandfather was. The one question is, "Is he an expert in city management?" There are many such experts nowadays, for city managing has become a thoroughly recognized profession.

You have heard it argued that it makes no difference what form of government is adopted if you have the right men to govern.

True. Likewise, it makes no difference what money-accounting plan you use if you have an honest clerk. But should you have a dishonest clerk, a cash register would help a lot. The city manager plan helps a lot to keep the undesirable man from becoming the executive head of the city. But should such a man get in charge of the city, the council-manager plan will get him out in a hurry.

The council-manager form of government is the best ever devised for the municipality. Its general adoption will change the reputation that the American city has earned throughout the world—that of being the most extravagant, the most inefficient, and the rottenest government known to civilized man.

The nation should erect a monument higher than Washington's to the chap who conceived the idea of the council-manager form of government.

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THE MEN ON THE WALL

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

AT a recent election when one of the candidates went to the polls, he was approached by a man who took him to one side:

"Over on that wall," said the man, "sit twenty-five votes. You can buy the whole business for ten cents apiece."

"Awful!" you say. "Frightful! human depravity sunk to its lowest level! Sickening misuse of the right to vote!"

Wait a minute. Let us hear the rest of the conversation.

"Why," asked the candidate, "are they willing to sell their votes so cheap?"

"Because," replied the man, "they are hungry."

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Hungry! What does a man care about a government that lets him stay hungry?

"Oh," we say, "he should have his soul above his stomach! His ideals should rise higher than his largest intestinal cavity."

That is true. But the trouble with so many of our theories is that we deal with things as they ought to be instead of as they are.

When a man is hungry his stomach insists on being noticed; it demands that it be thought about. You can't make much headway talking to a fellow about his soul when his stomach is sticking to his backbone. It is difficult to get spiritual food into a man when his system is crying for physical food.

"But," contend some persons, "when a man is hungry it is his own fault. If he'd get out and do this and that, and do so and so, he's have something to eat."

There is much to be said on both sides of that question. Some men have the knack of doing this and that and so and so. Others have not. Some men have the gift of making ends meet. Others have not. There are all kinds of men and all kinds of minds. For various reasons, some men are unable to hold their own in the struggle for existence; to compete with the strong for the necessities of life. There are men who are incapable of shaping their own affairs. They can not carve out their own careers. They must be helped. There are boys who have never swum a stroke, whom you could throw into deep water and make swim. Other boys, treated the same way, would go to the bottom and drown.

We human beings who desire a wholesome, healthy world, must come to the realization that the whole scheme of social life is an interlocking organization. One part of it can not be sick without affecting the rest of it. One drop of sour milk in a bucket of sweet milk makes the whole bucket sour.

The job of lifting up all men is a stupendous task. It calls for the deepest thought, the best brains, the sincerest prayers, and the mightiest efforts. But it is a task that must evenutally be undertaken and accomplished, by every civilized nation that intends to remain civilized.

Twenty-five men seated on a wall beside a polling place, so hungry that they are willing to sell their votes for ten cents a head, is pitiable proof of a social disease so dangerous that it should awaken the gravest concern in the breast of every thinking person.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1931

ONE GLASS EGG

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

CHICKENS in some of their ways are so much like human beings that I get a great kick out of watching their reactions.

WAMBOLDT

For instance, early this month I decided to set one more hen, in order to have some late fryers. (Our cook is an artist in chicken-frying. There are as many ways of frying chickens as of making hats or preaching sermons—good, bad, and indifferent).

Two hens desiring to sit, I placed them both in the hen's "sitting-room," with but one nest, in which was a solitary glass egg. Those two hens reacted to the situation exactly as two certain types of human beings might have done under analogous circumstances.

One of the hens went up to that nest, eyed the glass egg in it, and began to broadcast her disapproval of the whole works. She said that there were two reasons why she woold have nothing to do with any such outfit: In the first place, she wasn't going to waste her time on a single egg. She was a fifteen-egg hen!—and if she cooldn't have fifteen eggs she wouldn't have any! In the second place, the egg in the nest was a glass egg—anybody could see that! No amount of endeavor could hatch it! She was nobody's fool! She knew her eggs! She went out into the little yard, marched up and down, and raucously told the universe how disgusted, how outraged she was with the whole procedure!—and she paid her compliments to me in caustic chicken language.

The other hen reacted differently. She went up to the nest, looked at the glass egg, clucked and fussed a little; then she climbed right in and settled down, as much as to say, "Well, if this is the best you can do for me, I'll do the best I can with it." Whereupon, to her delight, I took away the glass egg, gave her fifteen nice, real eggs, and shut the obstreperous hen up in the brooody-coop to get over her madness.

Haven't you seen human beings exactly like those two hens? There is the type that won't put up with anything from anybody. Unless things are just right—exactly to their liking—they won't have anything to do with the entire affair. Their feelings must be carefully considered. Their privileges must in no way be interfered with. And unless everything is arranged for them exactly as it should be, and according to the latest and most approved fashion, they scornfully refuse to be associated with the enterprise.

Then there are persons who are just like that other hen: They willingly do the best they can with whatever is given them. They will take hold of any kind of work and do it to the best of their ability. They will use such tools as are available, and cheerfully do the best they can with them. They are not touchy. They are not finicky. They are whole-heartedly co-operative. They are ready to play the game. High place or low place, poor place or good place, they fit in and give their best efforts.

Support For City Debt Bill Is Asked By Mayor

Approximately 25 persons, meeting in city hall yesterday afternoon at the call of Mayor Wickes Wamboldt, pledged themselves to wire or write during the day to Senators Robert R. Reynolds and Josiah W. Bailey asking them to help get the municipal bankruptcy bill through the senate in the same form it passed the house.

Mayor Wamboldt called on those present to attempt to get others to wire or write North Carolina's sena-

shape it left the house. Last night he called on other Asheville citizens interested in securing an equitable debt adjustment for the city to do likewise.

Opening the meeting, Mayor Wamboldt explained that it had been called so hurriedly he had been unable to get in touch with many persons who should have attended.

He pointed out that 1,700 cities in the United States were in default in interest or principal, or both, and called attention to the statement made here recently by Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer and head of the Local Government commission that Asheville cannot pay its debt, even with greatly improved conditions. He recalled Mr. Johnson's statement that the quickest way for Asheville to relieve itself of the present situation is an amicable agreement between city and creditors.

Even with such an agreement reached between the city and a great majority of the creditors, minority bond or note holders could "throw a monkey wrench in the wheels," Mayor Wamboldt said, unless the Wilcox municipal bankruptcy bill is passed. President Roosevelt has called on the

Mayor Wamboldt last night wired Senators Reynolds and Bailey as follows:

"The city council respectfully and earnestly urge that you do everything within your power to secure passage without amendments by senate of the municipal bankruptcy bill as passed by the house of representatives.

"We feel this legislation is absolutely essential to the very life of the city of Asheville. Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer, said in public address here March 29 that our present indebtedness is uncollectable and could not be paid under normal conditions or under greatly improved

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conditions. Johnson said that the quick road to recovery for creditors and taxpayers is adjustment of debt on basis of capacity to pay and there must be legislation by congress before there can be permanent adjustment of our debt."

Tells Of Opposition

Mayor Wamboldt said although the Wilcox bill had passed the house and was a piece of legislation desired by the President, some large holders of municipal bonds were attempting to "tear it up" in the senate.

The meeting was called for two purposes, the mayor said: to have those present "get behind the President in his effort to get the bill through" and to create sentiment for it through publicity.

The bill as passed by the house provides that when two-thirds of the creditors agree to a settlement it is binding on the others. The senate is trying to raise the two-thirds to 80 per cent, he said, and another senate amendment proposed would allow no reduction in principal but would provide for interest cuts.

At the suggestion of Councilman Jack Westall, Senator C. E. Blackstock gave a brief outline of the Wilcox bill.

Benefits of the bill will be for two years following date of passage, he said, and it will apply to any taxing district. The district, securing agreement of 30 per cent of the creditors, or 30 per cent of the creditors (1 namount) may file a petition in federal court asking for an adjustment.

May Dismiss It

Five per cent of the creidtors may object, he continued, and the judge will hear their objection. He may then dismiss the petition if he so desires.

Everything owed by a taxing district, except salaries to officers and employes, would be affected by the bill, he said.

The plan of adjustment requested by creditors or taxing district must be filed with the court within six months after the petition is filed, he added. Following filing of a petition, the judge may enjoin efforts to collect on judgments from the district.

If 30 per cent of the creditors and the district agree on a requested adjustment, the judge can issue a temporary order making it binding on all until a settlement is reached. If the city levies a tax rate in accordance with the judge's ruling it cannot be disturbed until the end of the fiscal year for which it was levied.

After the plan of adjustment is proposed, the bill provides, 10 per cent of the creditors can ask the court to have the plan [illegible] and two-thirds of the creditors must approve of any plan before it can be made final.

Gudger Speaks

Vonno L. Gudger, speaking briefly, said the bill was an entering wedge and showed that troubles of the cities finally have the attention of the national authorities. Citizens should make their feelings known, he added.

Silas G. Bernard, Asheville attorney, discussed briefly legal points in connection with certain city issues. Legality of the city's debt should be determined, he said, asking Senator Blackstock if that was provided for in the bill.

Senator Blackstock said no specific provisions was made for such

judge, under the bill, would determine how much of the debt the city owed and then say how much of that amount it can pay.

There can never be any rehabilitation here until there is some equitable readjustment of the city and county indebtedness, he said.

Among those attending the meeting were most of the members of city council.

Asheville Citizen April 17, 1934

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Speaking gravely for a moment he voiced sorrow that so many of the people he knew when he was a youth in Florida were gone, and regretted that he was unable to see "this land that I love."

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NOT COMPETITORS

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Wamboldt, 76, Former Mayor, Columnist, Dies

By EARL T. FREEMAN

Wickes Womboldt, 76, well-known philosopher and former mayor and councilman of the City of Asheville, died yesterday.

Death came at 2 p. m. at his home, 57 Beverly Road, as the result of a heart attack.

For many years a columnist for Asheville and other newspapers, he was editor of the "Looking at Life With Wickes Wamboldt" program over Radio Station WISE until his death.

Wamboldt, although blind, remained active until his death. He attended church and Sunday school yesterday morning. Death came within seconds after he was stricken yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Lewis Funeral Home at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Lewis Memorial Park.

Wamboldt was elected mayor of Asheville in 1933 and prior to that had served a term on City Council.

Perhaps best known for his inspirational writings, he for many years was an exponent of sound counsel through newspaper and radio channels.

Born in Jacksonville, Fla., January 19, 1877, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Wamboldt, he moved to Asheville in 1921, 11 years after his parents established residence here. His father was at one time pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in West Asheville.

When World War I broke out, Wamboldt was living on the Pacific Coast where was a publisher.

As a publisher and in other businesses in which he had been engaged in various places he had made a marked success but his forte seemed to be in his ability to direct campaigns.

In this particular field he had been eminently successful, so much so that he was asked to go to Washington, D. C., to direct a financial campaign for the American Red Cross.

When the war was over, he remained in the same line of work in which he was engaged while serving his country. He headed a successful drive for raising $1,000,000 for the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

In early 1921, he was in Atlanta directing a $2,000,000 fund campaign for Georgia Tech.

It was then that a calamity befell Wamboldt which undoubtedly would have ended the career of a man of less courage and resourcefulness. While sitting at his desk in an Atlanta office one day, his eyes suddenly gave out and he was almost totally blind.

He went from specialist to specialist but there was little that could be done for eyes that suffered the toll of overwork, strain and nervousness.

Then the old urge to write gripped him. Under the tutorage of a professor in the school of journalism at Columbia University he began to study by having lessons read to him.

His instructor criticized him for getting too much philosophy in his work, but Wamboldt stuck by his ideas which later were to make him one of the outstanding syndicated writers in the South.

Walmboldt employed a secretary to type his columns as he dictated them.

He had always maintained a keen interest in birds, trees and flowers.

At one time he conducted a strong campaign against "homeless and irresponsible" cats, advocating a tax on all cats of the city in an effort to reduce the preying of the felines on birds.

As a result of his campaign through editorial writings and columns, hundreds of letters to the editors were received from readers who adopted both pro and con stands on the issue.

In 1928 he estimated that the cat population of Asheville was between 5,000 and 10,000 and that an average of one bird per cat was destroyed daily.

Wamboldt was married to Mrs. Ollie May Lindholm of San Francisco, Calif., in 1913, and considered this a turning point in his life. He credited her with being his biggest inspiration.

Mrs. Womboldt died in August, 1950.

Survivors include a son, Melvin Wamboldt, with Radio Free Europe in New York City; a step-son, Albert Lindholm of San Francisco, Calif.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Martha L. Trostler of Asheville, and seven grandchildren.

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Walter A. Ward New Head Of Optimist Club

Walter A. Ward was elected president of the Optimist Club at a luncheon yesterday in the George Vanderbilt Hotel.

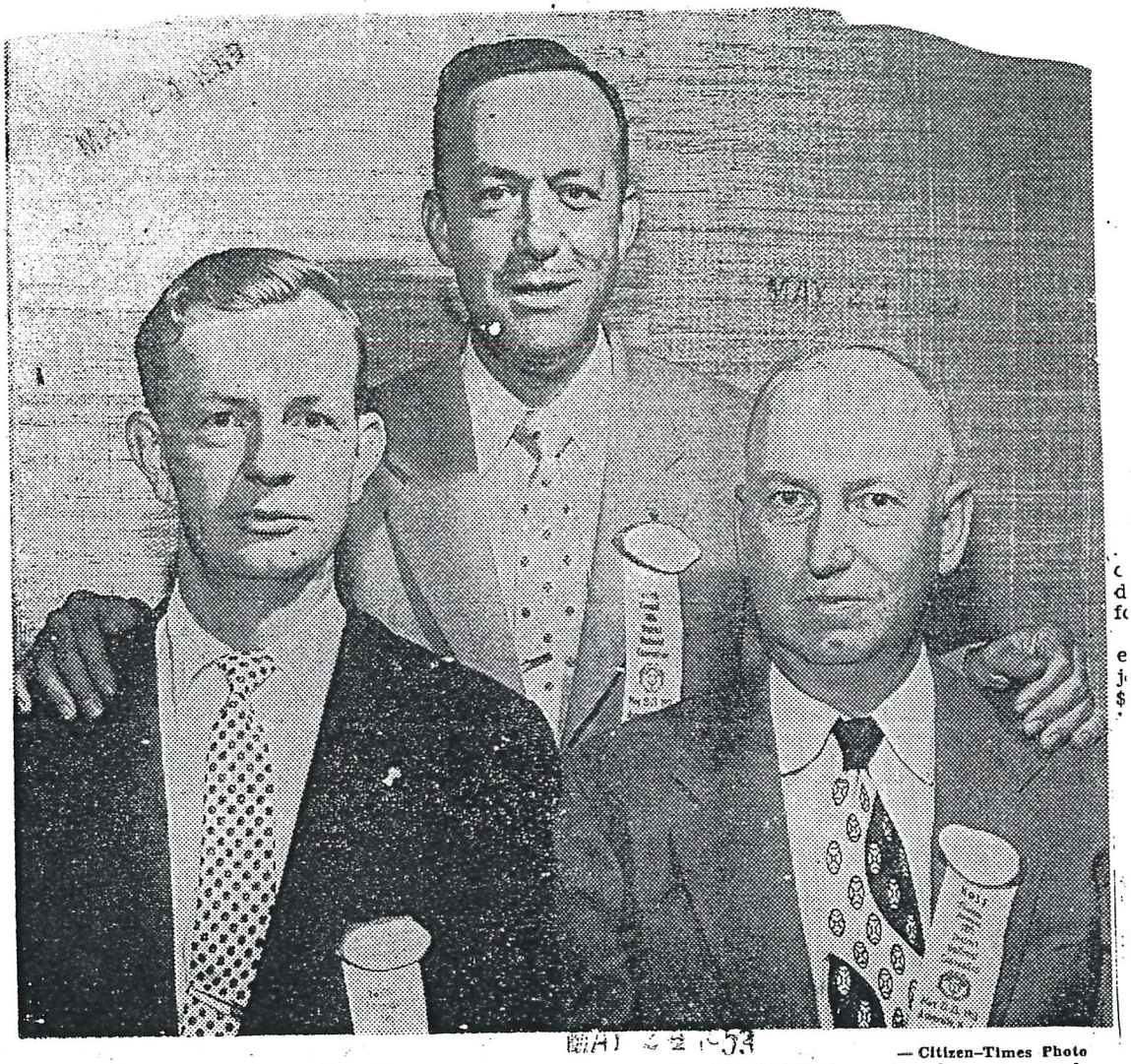
Other officers named include Claude Henson, first vice president; Marvin Clem, second vice president; David Stokes, third vice president; Ray Hurd, secretary; W. H. Starnes, assistant secretary; Troy Alexander, sergeant-at-arms; Thor Behrens, historian; Phil Sales and Frank Martin, new trustees.

Miss Katherine Patelidas, student at Lee H. Edwards High School, presented a talk on the cancer drive.

Other trustees include Dr. J. B. Anderson, retiring president; James E. Moore and J. Walter McRary.

New officers will be installed at next Thursday's meeting.

Asheville Citizen April 7, 1950



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18TH DISTRICT, OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS were elected at the closing session yesterday of the annual district convention in the George Vanderbilt Hotel. Left to right are Hugh Cranford of Charlotte, new governor, Dr. L. G. Harrison of High Point, retiring governor, and Walter A. Ward of Asheville, reelected lieutenant governor of Zone 4.

Asheville Citizen May 24, 1959

Walter Ward Dies At 62; Owned W. Asheville News

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Walter A. Ward Sr., 62, former owner and publisher of the old West Asheville News, died Sunday morning in a Winston-Salem hospital after a long illness.

He had lived in Asheville since 1928 and was a charter member of West Asheville Baptist Church. He was operator of Ward Printing Co. until his retirement in 1968. He was a member of John A. Nichols Masonic Lodge, No. 650, AF&AM. He was a Shriner, a member of the Charlotte Oasis Temple and a life member of the Asheville Optimist Club, of which he was past president.

Mr. Ward for many years published the West Asheville News, selling it in 1948, and later repurchasing it in 1954, and operated it several more years under the name, The Asheville News.

—1954 Photo

WALTER A. WARD

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Nell Tweed Ward; two sons, Dr. Walter A. Ward Jr. of Winston-Salem and Dr. G. Thomas Ward of Governor's Island, N.Y.; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Stroup of Asheville, Mrs. Edith McDowell of Inman, S.C. and Mrs. Ethel Anderson of San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, George Ward of Inman and Lloyd Ward of Mills River; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Groce Funeral Home.

The Rev. Nane Starnes will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ray Harwell, J. R. Rogers, W. F. Casteel, A. R. Sluder, Harold Brownlee and Victor Murdock.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Walter A. Ward Sr. Memorial, to go for the coronary care unit at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Asheville Citizen June 28, 1971

Lee Edwards Vote Results Announced

Walter Ward Jr., rising senior at Lee H. Edwards High School, was elected president of the school House of Representatives yesterday afternoon for the 1952-53 school year.

Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Ward, served as campaign manager for Donald Morgan, elected president of the student body Monday.

Jim Shurling was elected vice president of the student body in an election held yesterday morning, also for the 1952-53 year. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shurling of RFD 2, and is a junior deacon at First Baptist Church, a member of Torchlight, school honor society and holds memberships in the school Hi-Y and Latin Clubs.

Gayle Chandler, daughter of E. D. Chandler of Bear Creek Road, was elected vice president of the House and Gale Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Johnson, was elected secretary of the House. Both are members of Torchlight and the Latin Club, and with Ward, are members of the student government this year.

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Obituaries

WALTER A. WARD JR.
NSTON-SALEM — Walter A. Jr., 79, son of Walter A. Ward Nell Tweed Ward, died Friday, 3, 2004, in Winston-Salem.
e is survived by his wife, gene Murdoch Ward; son, r A. Ward III of Atlanta; daugh- aren Kaplan and her husband, t, of Boston; brother, Thomas l and his wife, Judy, of Tarboro; two grandchildren and two iews.
memorial service will be held at er date.

Walter A. Ward Jr.

Walter A. Ward Jr., a pioneer in alternative medical techniques for the Triad, passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2004. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter A. Ward Sr. and Nell Tweed Ward, both of Asheville. His memory will be carried on by his wife, Jean Murdoch Ward; his daughter, Karen Ward Kaplan and her husband, Elliot Kaplan and their children, Jess and Asa Kaplan of Boston, Mass.; his son, Walter A. Ward III of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, G. Thomas Ward and his wife, Judy; and two nephews. He was a renowned speaker on allergy and nutrition and served as president of the American Academy of Otolarygic Allergy. He also served on all committees of this organization. He was a member of the Academy of Environmental Medicine and many other allergy and alternative groups. He was originally a head and neck cancer surgeon at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, later becoming their allergist. In 1982, he opened his own practice and continued to help many patients until his retirement on July 1 of this year. The family wishes to thank all patients and friends for their many kindnesses. A special thank-you to Anna Scott, RN and caregivers Felix and William Hairston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice and Palliative CareCenter, 1100-C S. Stratford Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 or the American Academy of Environmental Medicine, 7701 E. Kellogg Drive, Suite 625, Wichita, KS 67207. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Walter A. Ward Jr.

A memorial Service for Dr. Walter A. Ward Jr. will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 at Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel.

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ROSE'S STORES, INC. IS N. C. INDUSTRY

Rose's 5-10-25c Stores, Inc., 707-709 Haywood Road in West Asheville, is nationally known for its vareity and value," according to Mrs. Barbara K. Watts, Store Manager. Rose's was founded in 1915 in Oxford, N. C., by C. H. Rose of Henderson, N. C., where the home office is located. The company now has over 150 stores, two of which are in Asheville.

Mrs. Watts has been with the West Asheville store since 1952. She is active in community work, serving in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church as circle chairman; and in the West Asheville Business Association as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of Legislative Action Committee.

Asheville Citizen November 10, 1960

Barbara Watts
32 Fairfax Ave

On Bible In Schools Dinner Program

These students of Hall Fletcher junior high school in West Asheville will present the devotionals at a dinner meeting of the interdenominational committee for Bible in the Public Schools at Central Methodist church Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The Rev. W. G. McLarland, now of Salisbury and formerly pastor of the Haywood Street Methodist church here, will be the principal speaker. His topic will be "Fortifying Youth for National Defense." All persons interested in Bible instruction in the city schools are invited, but reservations must be made today at Telephone No. 2865 or No. 7272. The students, members of the Bible classes at Hall Fletcher, are Miss Juanita Watts, Miss Dorothy Blackwell and Miss Betty Ann Dover.

Asheville Times January 12, 1942

THE SUNDAY CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1930

Mammoth Rhododendron Festival Opens Wednesday With Colorful Parade

Queen Of Festival

Miss Julia Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Webb, Middlemount, Sulphur Springs, will be crowned Queen of the third annual Rhododendron Festival Wednesday evening at the Rhododendron Pageant at Memorial Stadium. Miss Webb was "Miss Asheville" last year. Charles S. Dunlop will be crowned King with Miss Webb. The Festival this year will be the most brilliant event ever held in Asheville.—Staff Photo by Michael.

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SPONSORS WILL ARRIVE TUESDAY FOR PAGEANTRY

Parade Entries Reach New High Marks As Plans Mature

Everything is in readiness for the opening Wednesday morning of the third annual Rhododendron Festival in Asheville.

All events have been planned, rehearsed and polished into shape and the parade will open the festivities Wednesday morning. The pageant, coronation of the King and Queen, Rhododendron Ball, fireworks, carnival night, boat races, pageant of the states and other lesser events are all ready for the three days of pageantry and revelry.

Sponsors from the 11 southern states participating will arrive in Asheville Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning and will be centers of attraction for the three days of the festival. Many private affairs have been planned for their entertainment, as well as the big events of the week. Two major conventions, the Civitans and American Automobile Association this week, will add to the crowds for the week.

Parade Entries

Entries in the floral float parade which have already been listed, according to H. E. Gruver, chairman, are: Municipal Division: Motorcycle police, mounted police, marshals mounted, Jack Horner, manager of Grove Park Inn, Chief Marshal, J. Walter Haynes, Merrill P. Gallihier, Francis Bourne, Kenneth S. Clark, Skyland Farms, high school band, city commissioners, county commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' association, Real Estate board, Hotelmen's association, Asheville fire department, Volunteer fire department of early days of Asheville, city of Asheville, with Miss Katherine Hunt as "Miss Asheville," West Asheville float, with "Miss West Asheville," and cities of Marion, Canton and Black Mountain.

Civic division: American Business club and Boy Scout drum corps, Boy Scouts marching units, Rotary club, Kiwanis club, Lions club, West Asheville club, Parent-Teachers association, Little Theater, Asheville Junior League, American Legion, American Legion auxiliary, DeMolay, Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Biltmore Forest Riding academy presenting horsemen in the different styles of riding at fetlows, soldiers, jockeys, hunters, cowboys, park riders, pony riding and an old fashioned straw ride party, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mercantile division: Denton's, Bird's, M. V. Moore and company, Montgomery Ward and company, Pollock's, Dulham's Music House, Asheville Citizen, Asheville Times, Asheville Harness company, Asheville Baking company, National Biscuit company, Public Service company, Southern Bell Telephone company, Western Carolina Enterprises, Asheville Clearing House association, Housing Light and Refrigerating Co., Red Top Cab company and A and P Stores.

Industrial Division: Champion Paper and Fibre company, Blue Ridge Bleacheries, Hans Bees Sons, Carolina Power and Light company, Gulf Refining company, Western Oil company, Electric Ice company, Asheville Gas company, Southern Dairies, Asheville Laundrymen's association, O. F. Meadows' Sheet Metal works, Skyland Farms, McRary and Son, M. and M. Body and Radiator works, Southern Railway, National Forests under the direction of M. A. Mattoon, representing Pisgah and Nantahala National forests, Automobile Trade Dealers association including entries by Sawyer Motor company, Piedmonts Motor company, Conabeer Motor company, Mims Chevrolet company, Branson Studebaker company, Richbourg Motor company, Ellmon Motor company, Blue Ridge Motor company, Brown Brothers Motor company, Brown Motor company and Thomas Cadillac Co.

Asheville Outboard Motor Boat club will have four entries in the parade. Races at Beaver Lake will be staged by members of this club in the afternoon of June 19.

The Publix Theater special, a special car equipped with a full amplifying outfit, will be in the parade and will be used for broadcasting music and announcements of the Festival events.

Court Division includes: The King's marshals, including Mrs. John H. Enwright, chief marshal, Mrs. H. E. Greene, Mrs. [illegible] Dwight Chambers, Joseph DeNardo's band, 30th Signal Corps, under the direction of Captain W. V. Dorsey, of Canton, two trumpeters, John Robert Frye and Stewart Barnes, heralding approach of the King and Queen, members of the court, including Miss Eliza Coxe, Miss Evelyn Colburn, Miss Elizabeth Brownell, Miss Eunice Glenn, Miss Mary Harris Hubbard, Miss Cecile Malone, Miss Kathrine Boyer, Miss Janie Rice Brown, Miss Daphne Brown, Miss Margaret Rogers.

The King's Guard, a man in full armor specially imported for the occasion, will precede the members of the court and the King and Queen. George Cushing has been chosen for this important post and he will appear in the parade mounted upon a white charger in keeping with the remainder of the costume he wears.

The King and Queen, Charles S. Dunlop and Miss Julia Webb, will follow the court, a special float having been prepared for their majesties by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

State sponsors will follow the King and Queen in specially decorated cars. They include: Miss Thelma Mattson, Alabama; Miss Leora Dunn, West Virginia; Miss Frances Ransom, Mississippi; Miss Dorothy Wright, Tennessee; Miss Christie Maynard, North Carolina; Miss Catherine Cantwell, Louisa Garretson, Georgia; Miss Hazel Baucom, Kentucky; Miss Catherine Hill, Louisiana; and Miss Marion Ward, Florida.

The Asheville Cavalry Troop will form a part of the Court Division of the parade.

Women marshals will appear in other divisions of the parade, as well as that of the court. Marshals in the civic division include Mrs. Harold Buck, Mrs. Arthur York, Mrs. Fay Fletcher, Miss Frances Artz, Mrs. John P. Curry, and Miss Jane Wolfe. In the mercantile division will have Miss Martha Johnson, Mrs. Cecil Bealer, Mrs. D. R. Tucker, and Miss Lavinia Jeffries.

Jesters Revel

Under the leadership of Dan W. Hill, the preparations for the Jester's Revel, feature event of the closing day of the Rhododendron Festival on June 20, are being pushed forward to completion. An organization under the name of the Rhodoelves is being perfected this year, each member of the organization promising to take an active part in the event in costume. The Rhodoelves will be a continuing organization which will foster the spirit of revelry in Jester's Night not only this year but in succeeding celebrations of the Rhododendron Festival.

According to present plans of the committee, the Jester's Parade will form on Pack Square, the insignia of authority being given at that point to the King's Jester, dressed in his special comic regal costume by Mayor Gallatin Roberts, who will appear in the long crimson robe worn by mayors of medieval cities. The parade will be a torchlight affair, led by the Jester and his court, through the streets of the city to the Grove Arcade building, where specialty features will be presented for the benefit of the throng taking part in the event.

Street dancing and dancing on the roof of the Arcade building will be an event of the evening, the music being furnished through a special broadcasting system. The Publix Theater Special, a car equipped with a complete broadcasting outfit has been offered by Charles S. Amos of the Publix Theater gorup in the city as a means of broadcasting music for the dances and for special announcements.

Organization of marching groups in Asheville and in the surrounding cities will add greatly to the number taking part in the Jester's Parade this year, the organization of these groups being under the direction of Jack A. Dair and W. O. Lyda. Members of the Jester's Revel Committee include: Dan W. Hill, chairman, John H. Enwright, Jack Dair, John Geary, vice chairman, Raymond Funk, R. D. Young, John A. Goode, and Captain W. H. Lyda.

Festival Ball

The Rhododendron ball, one of the principal events of the Festival this year, is proving to be particularly popular, the early rush of ticket buyers indicating that the quota of 400 attending will be more than filled. Those wishing tickets for the event should make their reservations at once at the Chamber of Commerce, officials said.

The Rhododendron ball will be staged at the Grove Park Inn at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. The program of the event is in the care of a special committee with Julian Woodcock, Jr., as chairman. Real rhododendron will be used as decorations, against which will be displayed the chosen beauties of 11 states representing the state flowers of the states they represent.

The presentation of the sponsors will take place early in the program of the ball. Music for the event will be rendered by the Slatz Randall Brunswick Recording orchestra, an aggregation of musicians who have gained national fame.

The Slatz Randall musicians will play also at the Phi Delta Kappa Sponsors ball, which will be held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel on the night of June 20. The Phi Delta Kappa affair will be followed by a buffet supper at the fraternity house of the organization, the supper being staged in honor of the State sponsors.

Pageant

The Rhododendron Pageant and the Coronation of the King and Queen will be the opening event of the first day of the Festival, the Pageant and Coronation taking place at the Asheville Memorial Stadium on the night of June 18.

Ten cities in Western North Carolina will take part in the Pageant, which is entirely new this year and which will portray in the brilliant costuming of the participants the customs of people in various parts of the world and at different periods in history. The Pageant is expected to be one of the most brilliant events in the fete this year.

Asheville, Hendersonville, Burnsville, Franklin, Silva, Canton, Waynesville, Swannanoa and Weaverville are among the cities taking part. The pageant is being organized under the direction of Miss Edith Russell, general director of the Fete, and properties and scenic effects are being prepared by H. R. Harrington, technical director of the Festival.

Over 50 specialty dancers are being rehearsed for the pageant under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Beale Hornphill, of Arden. The Junior Study club, of Sylva, and the Business and Professional Women's Club of Canton, have charge of the Pageant Preparations in those cities. The Business and Professional Women's club and other organizations in Asheville will furnish participants in the pageant, which will display over 1,000 persons in brilliantly colored costumes.

The coronation of the King and Queen will follow the presentation of the Pageant in the Stadium. This in turn will be followed by a pyrotechnic display. The fireworks will be particularly brilliant.

Boat Races

Outboard motor boat races will form an important part of the Rhododendron Festival program June 18, 19 and 20, the races taking place at 3:30 o'clock Thursday at Beaver Lake. The race will be organized and conducted this year under the direction of Roy W. Parker of the Johnson Outboard Motor Co. More than 40 entries will be made in the races, which take place in three events, "B" and "C" outboard motors will be entered in the "B" class races, the "C" class motors in these events being limited to those of models up to 1928. A special free-for-all race will be run in which all classes of motors may enter.

Handsome and expensive cups have been offered to the winners in theevents, Asheville Oil Co., Atlantic Gas, offers one cup, Lykes Service Co., one cup, Standard Oil Co., one cup, Charles E. Henderson Jeweler, a handsome bronze and silver cup, George Vanderbilt hotel, one cup, and N. A. Harrison Jewelry Co., one cup. In the first race three cups will be awarded with two cups in the free for all and a grand prize for the fastest boat in the event.

Judge include Winston Jackson, O. F. Meadows, and Jack Weaver. Entries already listed include Mark Reed, Jr., two boats, Logan Robinson, Brandon P. Hodges, two boats; Earl Meadows, Marcus Book, Mack Murray, Roy W. Parker, Quaker State Oil and Atlantic Gas Co., B. F. Ellsworth, Vernon W. Ledbetter, George Henderson, and two boats from Hickory. Entries should be made at once with Roy W. Parker, at the Thomas Cushing company, Market Street.

Committees

The festival organization has been working as follows: Central executive committee: Charles S. Walters, chairman, Dan W. Hill, C. D. Beadle, J. A. Woodcock, Jr., and Marcus Sterne, Jr. From this committee the other divisions were formed as follows:

Rhododendron ball committee: J. A. Woodcock, Jr., chairman, Mrs. Alan McDonald, Mrs. Arnold Vanderhoof, Miss Daphne Brown, Miss Margaret Rogers, Miss Janie Rice Brown, Mrs. W. M. Smathers, Mrs. J. G. Stikeleather, Harry Sample, Lindsey Gudger, Charles Dunlop and E. C. Coleman.

Carnival parade and street dance committee: Dan W. Hill, chairman, J. M. Geary, J. H. Enwright, Jack Dair, W. C. Lyda, R. D. Young, John A. Goode and R. A. Funk.

Parade of floats committee: H. E. Gruver, chairman, Marcus Sterne, representing the central committee, Fred Woodcock, Jacob F. Weaver, Stanford Webb Thomas A. McCoy, Brandon Hodges and Thomas W. Bird.

Rhododendron tours committee: C. D. Beadle, chairman, M. A. Mattoon and W. F. Bridgers.

Pagean tcommittee: Charles S. Walters, chairman, Chester Brown, W. E. Smathers, Mrs. Fred McArthur, vice chairman Mrs. J. W. Grimes Mrs. William Ray Griffin and Mrs. C. S. Walters.

Seven hundred unemployed seamen at Hull, England, recently passed a resolution protesting against Arabs being employed as firemen on British ships.

Queen Of Festival

Miss Julia Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Webb, Middlemount, Sulphur Springs, will be crowned Queen of the third annual Rhododendron Festival Wednesday evening at the Rhododendron Pageant at Memorial Stadium. Miss Webb was "Miss Asheville" last year. Charles S. Dunlop will be crowned King with Miss Webb. The Festival this year will be the most brilliant event ever held in Asheville.—Staff Photo by Michael.

Rhododendron King

Charles S. Dunlop, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dunlop, Glendale Road, Grove Park, will begin his reign for the third annual Rhododendron Festival on Wednesday of this week, continuing through Friday. Miss Julia Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Webb, of Middlemount, Sulphur Springs, is Queen of the Festival. The King and Queen will be crowned Wednesday night at the Rhododendron Pageant at the Memorial Stadium. —Staff Photo by Michael.

DEFENDANT WINS DAMAGE ACTION

Crawford Loses $75,000 Suit For Death Of Son In Lake

A jury in Buncombe county superior court yesterday refused to award J. P. Crawford damages for the death of his son, Russell Crawford, 16, in a lake in Starnes Cove last summer. The jury deliberated less than 15 minutes before reporting its verdict.

The suit was for $75,000 and was brought against Needham H. Grady, owner of the property, and E. L. Stines, agent for Mr. Grady. The plaintiff contended that defendants were operating a public swimming pool and with failure to give warning as to the depth of water and providing life guards.

Defendants claimed that the pool was a private fish pond and was not operated as a public swimming pool. Plaintiffs showed that bathing suits could be rented there and held that this fact indicated it was a public resort.

Mr. Grady and Mr. Stines testified they procured bathing suits for rent to eliminate nude and improperly clad bathing, declaring that bathers of both sexes had used the pool on various occasions without clothing or improperly clothed.

Wheat Rust Finds New Way To Fight

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Nature has given black stem rust of wheat a new weapon against man's attempt to destroy it.

With the barberry bush as a host plant, she crosses the spores of different forms or strains or rust to produce a new variety. Thus as man develops rust-resistant wheat, spores develop a new form of rust against which the resistant grains lose their immunity.

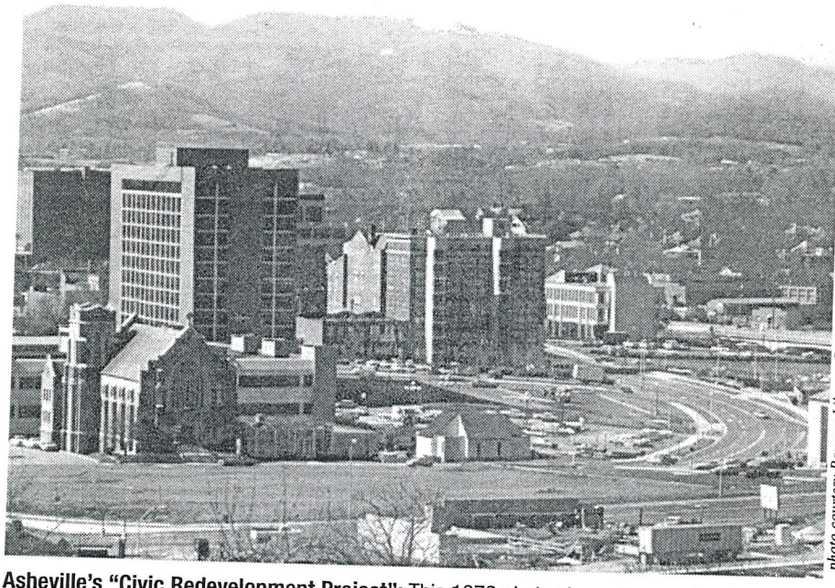
The crossing of strains of rust on barberry bushes was discovered by E. C. Stakman, plant pathologist of the Minnesota experiment station working with the Canadian rust research laboratories at Winnipeg.

Twins Born To Mr. And Mrs. Denny

Friends in Asheville will be interested to learn that twins have been born to Mr. and Mrs. George V. Denny, Jr., of New York City, the babies have been named George Vernon Denny, III, and Mary Virginia Denny. The children were born on June 9. Mr. Denny is the son of Mrs. Carrie H. Denny, of 14 Arlington Street, and is well known in Asheville.

Mrs. Denny and the babies are at the Church Home and Infirmary in Baltimore and are said to be doing nicely.

Harrow Weald, England, has banned the illumination of streets all night.



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Asheville's "Civic Redevelopment Project": This 1976 photo shows the results of the massive urban-renewal project that Weir sprearheaded. The Gothic-revival First Christian Church, at far left, survived, but scores of other buildings were razed and replaced by the modern landmarks seen behind it, including the Sheraton Motor Inn skyscraper (now the Renaissance Hotel), the Buncombe County Health Center and the Southern Bell administration building (now SunTrust), at right.

Fifteen years later, Weldon Weir took over Burdette's job in name as well as fact. And in his two decades as city manager, Weir is credited with almost single-handedly pulling Asheville out of the prolonged financial spiral precipitated by the Depression.

This Asheville-born son of a sales executive turned dairy farmer was a tireless worker, those who knew him recall. Weekdays, he would rise at 5 a.m. and show up at the city garage first thing to give arriving employees his version of work orders — slips of paper bearing notes he'd made the day before and stuffed into his pocket. From the time Weir arrived in his office (generally around 8:30), he kept his door open to anyone who wanted to see him, writing down what needed to be done to solve petitioners' problems on more slips of paper. And Weir would often return to the garage at 5 p.m. to check with the returning workers on the status of jobs he wanted finished that day.

"I still hear [this from] some of these old-timers that talk about Weldon: If you went to Weldon with a problem, it was taken care of," says **Bruce Peterson**, who grew up in Asheville during Weir's tenure and has been active in the Buncombe County Democratic Party for many years. "I mean, you didn't get lip service — you got results."

And not just bigwigs like Democratic Party power broker **Don S. Elias** (then the publisher of both the *Asheville Citizen* and the *Asheville Times*), or the executives at Wachovia Bank (which handled the city's accounts and covered its most pressing bond debts after the Depression crash). What made Weir's name legendary in this town was his genuine concern for the problems of ordinary city residents.

"If they needed fuel oil, if they had a fire at their house, he took care of people — he made sure they had what they needed," remembers Peterson, and published biographies of Weir corroborate this.

Bruce's wife, **Carol Weir Peterson**, is Weldon's niece. Since her election to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners last fall, she reports, many locals who recognize her name have told her stories about how her uncle helped them. "So many people said, 'He was more my family to me than my family,'" she recalls.

Weir was even a pioneering force for racial equality, hiring minorities at a time when the South was still mired in segregation.

Meet the machine

But there was another side to the way Weir got things done. In an age when Western North Carolina's mayors and sheriffs often ruled their little fiefdoms like backwater feudal barons, Weir operated a political-patronage machine that would have done Chicago Mayor Richard Daley proud.

It wasn't Weir's creation: He inherited it from Pat Burdette, who for decades had been one of the leaders of an entrenched Democratic Party syndicate that the newspapers called "the Burdette-Greene-Nettles organization." The first partisan City Council elections, held in 1935, were swept by the syndicate's candidates, who promptly hired Burdette — the head of the Buncombe County Democratic Party — as city manager, a post he held until passing the torch to Weir.

Weir ran the machine with a down-home touch. Every Saturday morning, everybody who was anybody — or who wanted to be — came to the basement of the Lance's Produce warehouse on South Lexington to have hot dogs with Weir and his cohorts as they casually hashed political matters. Whether you were a teenager hoping for a summer job cutting grass at the cemeteries or a pillar of the community dreaming of a seat on City Council, the first thing you had to do was meet Weldon face to face and get his approval.

Bruce Peterson, whose first job as a youth was swinging a sling blade for the city Parks and Recreation Department, remembers the experience well.

"First thing they ask you is, how is you registered? How are your parents registered? Do you live in the city?"

If you or your folks weren't straight-ticket Democrats, or you didn't live in town, you didn't stand a chance. And even then, if you weren't a friend or family member of Weir's, a hot dog was often all you'd walk away with.

In an article titled "Asheville Used to be Run Like a Family, and Things Got Done," (May 1, 2004 *Asheville Citizen-Times*), Rob Neufeld quoted Weir's close friend and right-hand man, **Charlie**

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Dermid, who said Weir's motto was, "Never hire anybody if you didn't know his grandfather." Dermid, who attended school with Weir and worked with him early on at what is now Azalea Park, benefited from his powerful friend's patronage for decades. At various times, Weir installed Dermid as parks director, police chief, director of public safety and director of public works.

Throughout the '50s and into the '60s, Weir in the city and Sheriff **Laurence Brown** in the county controlled access to every local elective office, deciding who would run — and, usually, who would win.

"Many people have told me, 'I wanted to run and I went to see Weldon, and he told me no!'" Bruce Peterson recounts. "He said, 'You can do it ... but you won't get support.' He said, 'We've got somebody in line for that.'

"I think it was a situation where today you'd say the tail's wagging the dog — where the manager controls the [city] council. He approved their running for office, helped them get elected; they were all in this thing together, they depended on each other. It wasn't an adversarial situation at all. That's just the way it was. If you wanted to run, come see me."

In those days, the South was overwhelmingly Democratic, and city employees were expected to vote for Weir's men. But some say the machine was not content just to drive folks to the polls and hope for the best: Rumors still persist of impossibly lopsided precinct counts, and of votes cast by folks who never entered a voting booth (and we're not talking absentee ballots here).

Many Ashevilleans opposed the way Weir operated, even if they liked him as a person. One of his most determined critics was local attorney **Bruce Elmore Sr.**, himself a Democratic Party powerhouse at the state level. His son, **Bruce Elmore Jr.**, is also an Asheville attorney who serves on the board of the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. As a boy, Elmore Jr. saw through the eyes of his father (who's now in his 90s) what a town ruled by patronage looked like.

"You couldn't do much of anything politically without being on the right side. It may even have been more perception than reality, but people would have thought that, 'Oh, if I want to get a loan from [a local bank], I probably ought to be friendly to the machine.' So a lot of folks who weren't political would have given lip service to the machine.

"If you had a business, and you had to have delivery people double-park every now and then to deliver, you wouldn't want to be against [the machine] because folks might get towed. They would have worried, whether it would have actually happened or not."

If your bar had a jukebox owned by a rival of one of Weir's relatives, your customers would be repeatedly arrested for DUI by the police, remembers Elmore — because the city manager controlled the police chief.

But whatever Weir's enemies thought of his methods, his chief critic never believed that the powerful city manager was motivated by greed.

"My dad never thought that [Weir] did it for gain," recalls Elmore, adding, "He just wanted control; power. And he had it."

The end of an era

But in the perennial struggle to stay on top of the political heap, Asheville's alpha male finally lost a key bout with a powerful rival. In 1964, when City Council voted to introduce cable television, **Harold H. Thoms**, who owned local television stations WLOS and WISE, was one of the principal bidders for the contract. Weir, however, convinced Council that the city should own and operate the cable infrastructure as a public utility (it would have been the city's only income-generating utility, other than water), and successfully fended off Thoms' efforts to acquire the contract.

The next year, Thoms sweetened his deal, promising to direct 20 percent of the cable system's profits to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, which he served as board president (it's now known as Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital). Yet Weir and City Council chose an out-of-state cable operator who offered Asheville a smaller cut of the profits than Thoms had, but who promised to turn the whole system over to the city after 20 years.

In 1967, though, Thoms got his way. What happened in the interim is unclear from news archives (in those pre-Watergate days, investigative reporting on government was a rarity). But Weir's own Council turned around and handed the local TV magnate a contract to install and operate Asheville's cable-TV network. The still-controversial document essentially gave Thoms a 35-year monopoly on the city system.

"I think it just sort of signaled that his era was over at that time," says Elmore. On Sept. 1, 1968 — mere days after the riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago — Weir announced his resignation as city manager. And in the Council elections the following spring, a slate of outsiders beat the machine, as Republicans took control of City Council for the first time ever. The voters also elected Asheville's first black and first female Council members.

The new Republican mayor was Dr. **Wayne S. Montgomery** — the director of the cerebral-palsy clinic at Thoms' hospital.

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Weir lived until 1987, remaining a respected elder statesman in the local Democratic Party. But he never again held the kind of power he'd wielded as Asheville's city manager.

The more things change ...

Today, as the 11-year tenure of City Manager **Jim Westbrook** winds down, political parties play only a limited role in Council elections, which have been nonpartisan for years. City officials now run a many-layered, multimillion-dollar bureaucracy, and the Saturday-morning klatches over hot dogs are history.

But what hasn't changed much — because it's built into the city's charter — is the lopsided balance of power that drives Asheville's strong manager/weak Council form of government. While elected officials take the heat for unpopular decisions, it's often the city manager who, behind the scenes, has done much of the actual deciding.

"Any time you have a council/management-type situation, council does set policy, but we're elected people, and we really don't have the background in public administration that a manager does," observes Council member **Jan Davis**. "So we have to rely very heavily on what they say. If you have confidence in that manager, it helps a great deal."

Brian Peterson (no relation to Bruce or Carol), who served on City Council from 2000 to 2004, was one of several Council members who clashed with Westbrook (and nearly fired him) in 2003. Peterson, who says he has no plans to seek a seat on City Council again, spoke candidly with *Xpress* about his experience of how the council/manager system plays out.

"It's a bit of an unequal playing field, because — it's like running the military, you know? The president's the commander in chief, but the general actually's got command of all the soldiers on the field, and so the policy might be we're not going to abuse prisoners in Iraq, but the general lets it happen.

"Council's a part-time job," notes Peterson. "Everybody [who isn't retired] has other work, has families; you don't have time to be an expert on everything that comes before Council."

Echoing Davis, Peterson says: "You end up relying very, very heavily on staff, and some have

THE BOSS

How an autocratic city manager ran Asheville

BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

When incoming City Manager **Gary Jackson** takes the helm as Asheville's most powerful official on June 27, he will oversee the city's thousand-member work force and multi-million-dollar budget (see sidebar, "From Steamrolling to Bridge Building"). But when he begins tackling the issues facing Asheville today — the water system, the Civic Center, downtown development — he'll find the fingerprints of his most famous (and most controversial) predecessor all over them. **J. Weldon Weir** guided this city through its hardest, poorest times while building a political empire unequaled here before or since. And in the process, he retooled the local power structure to serve his purposes.

Other public functionaries are often more visible. The police chief, the fire chief, the parks-and-recreation director, the public-works director, the planning-and-development director: These and other key city officials draw the hot spotlight of public attention whenever one of them signs off on a decision that affects local businesses' profits or city residents' lives. But every one of these movers and shakers answers to a single person, whom Asheville's charter vests with the sole power to hire them, fire them, and tell them how to do their jobs: the city manager.

Like a corporate CEO who's supposed to answer to a board of directors, the city manager is himself hired or fired by the men and women the voters elect to City Council. Yet there was a time, not so long ago, when Asheville's unelected boss even chose the folks who would supervise him.

Just about everyone who lived in Asheville during the '50s and '60s has a story about Weir, who served as city manager from 1950 to 1968. His admirers speak of him in near-reverent tones, and even those who opposed his autocratic political machine praise the results he achieved. To a significant extent, modern Asheville is Weldon Weir's legacy.

At the beginning of his reign, Weir lobbied successfully for building the 36-inch pipeline from the North Fork Reservoir into the city — a key component of the municipal water system that's now being bitterly disputed by Asheville and Buncombe County. Ironically, Weir's diversion of water revenues, which helped keep the city afloat financially while it was laboring to pay off its Depression-era debt, also helped create the crumbling infrastructure that still plagues the system today.

In 1955, county voters rejected a bond issue to build an airport. Two years later, Weir pushed through a city bond issue that gave us the Asheville Regional Airport. In the mid-'60s, Weir helped conceive the plans that led to the construction of the Civic Center a decade later. And in 1964, he secured millions of dollars in urban-renewal funds to redevelop a 75-acre triangle of downtown north of City/County Plaza and east of Market and Spruce streets. This 12-year project left in its wake a swath of sleek, parking-lot-encircled modern structures such as the Buncombe County Health Center and what is now the Renaissance Asheville Hotel — right alongside the blocks of funky, antique buildings that are the focus of today's downtown revival.

photo courtesy of the city of Asheville

Iron and silk: Weldon Weir, Asheville's most famous city manager, kept his door open to residents in need — and an iron grip on their politics. His party machine is gone now, but the city manager is still the most powerful official in Asheville.

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> *— former Asheville City Council member Brian Peterson*

But even greater than the mark he left on the city's physical landscape is the way Weir reshaped its political terrain to center on the city manager's office — which many observers say remains the pinnacle of local power to this day.

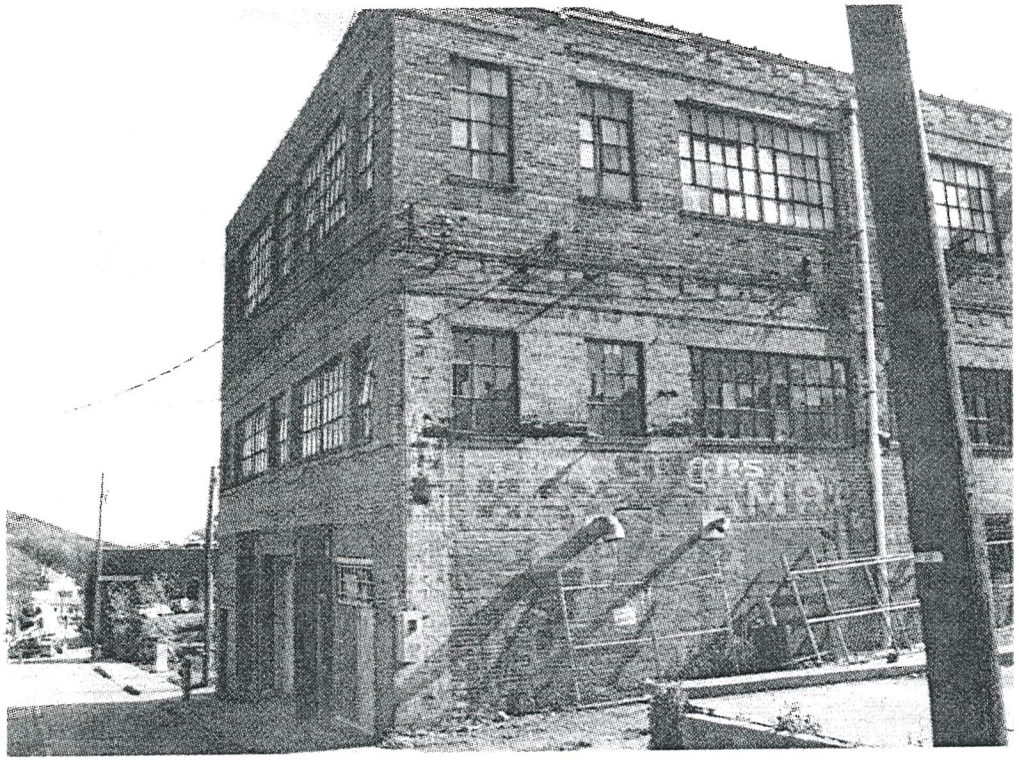
The problem-solver

Throughout the cash-flush days of the Roaring '20s, Asheville was run by a mayor and two elected commissioners (of public works and public safety). Then came the Great Depression. In 1930, angry citizens forced the mayor and both commissioners to resign after discovering that they had illegally borrowed huge sums of money in a vain effort to keep the bank holding the city's accounts from crashing.

In a referendum held the following year, Asheville voters approved a change in Asheville's charter (later confirmed by the N.C. General Assembly) that placed the city under the council/manager form of government. This relatively new system — pioneered by Staunton, Va., in 1908 — empowered an elected mayor and city council to appoint a professional manager who would serve as the city's chief executive officer — overseeing its day-to-day business, preparing and administering its budget, and hiring (and firing) its personnel.

The new system got off to a rickety start. Asheville's first city manager — **R.W. Rigsby**, who had previously held comparable positions in Charlotte, Durham and Bristol, Tenn. — retired after only two years. The second, **George Hackney**, wound up being sued (along with the city council that had hired him) by Asheville's creditors, who claimed that the city owed them its water revenues in payment of its massive debts.

The third city manager was a local Democratic Party mogul and former *Asheville Times* publisher named **Pat Burdette.** But he didn't exactly throw himself into the job, as **Margaret Simmons**, Weir's secretary, recalled years later for local historian **Rob Neufeld.** Burdette would get to work at 10 a.m., take a two-hour lunch, and leave at 4 p.m. The man who actually got things done was an ambitious 22-year-old whom Burdette promoted to public-works director immediately after his own installation as city manager in 1935.



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Hub of the machine: Every Saturday morning, Weir and his political cronies held court over hot dogs behind the basement doors of the Lance's Produce warehouse on North Lexington Avenue. The building's owner controlled produce distribution to the city's stores and restaurants. Locals now nickname it the "Havatampa Building" for its faded cigar ad.

the view that — they'll sort of give staff a huge benefit of the doubt. Whatever staff says must be right, unless there's some overwhelming evidence or reason why you're going to disagree with them."

With a staff of 20 and the entire city work force to command, the city manager has far more resources at his or her disposal than Council members, who are lucky to have a handful of volunteers to help them out.

"There are certain duties that Council legally has to do — you know, approving a rezoning — that actually takes a vote of Council. But the process of getting it to Council is controlled by the city manager, and what staff recommends is controlled by the city manager. The information that comes to Council is controlled by the city manager.

"Council in the vast majority of cases is going to follow what staff recommends, and the city manager can tell staff what to recommend," Peterson emphasizes. "So even though the city manager — maybe it's a big rezoning — sits there and doesn't say a thing, he probably has shaped what staff has recommended. And sometimes he plays sort of coalition-building politics to put together a majority of Council to vote for something that he wants.

"Council gets the blame for stuff, but it's typically the city manager who's been really running stuff. Or [if] not him directly, then staff under his direction. But he stays out of the limelight — doesn't talk much at Council meetings. He talks before Council meetings; he talks with members one to one, or in groups of twos and threes. And he very much stays out of the limelight, so if there are people who are unhappy, they're unhappy with members of Council and not with him."

From Weir to Westbrook, Asheville's unelected bosses have exerted a tremendous influence on the city we live in. Now it's Gary Jackson's turn to put his stamp on the Asheville of the coming years. And though it remains to be seen what his impact will be, in the end, notes Council member Davis, "You just have to have a lot of faith that person is going to do what you want them to do."

PIONEER MOVIE MAN—Percy Wells, of Captain Bill's Garden, West Asheville, was one of the two men who opened the first permanent moving picture theater in North Carolina. That was in Wilmington on December 24, 1906. An old carnival man, he recalls many exciting incidents from his days with the "black top" tents, the first movie houses.

Asheville Man Operated First Movie In State

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On December 24, 1906, two men with a big black tent, a projector and 20 reels of films including "The Great Train Robbery", opened the first moving picture theater in North Carolina, in Wilmington.

The men were Percy Wells and James (Fox) Howard. Both were old carnival men. The glare of the torchlight and the cry of the barker were as familiar to them as day and night. They had traveled, and up North they found the "Nickelodeon" coming into popularity. This was the first name for the moving picture theater and the price was a nickel. The show was a one-reeler and lasted about 30 minutes, including advertising slides and an illustrated song.

One of these men, Mr Howard, died several years ago, but the other, Mr. Wells, is operating Captain Bill's Garden, at 1043 Haywood road in West Asheville, and is winning a long fight against bad health which forced his retirement from the theater business.

Still A Showman

"I'm still a showman and I know what people want," he says, proud of the years he spent with carnivals and tent shows before pioneering motion pictures in North Carolina.

There were no moving picture theaters in Virginia, North Carolina or South Carolina in 1906, Mr. Wells recalls, although many such shows had been given by traveling companies with their own "black top" tents. The tents were black so they would be dark inside and permit the showing of pictures in daylight. Each carnival had one.

The only theaters showing pictures regularly in the South were two in Atlanta and one in Tampa.

When the two carnival men got to Wilmington the situation looked good. They built an elaborate front or entrance for their theater, and used one of the big "black top" tents for the auditorium or theater proper.

Tough Going At First

Even though the investment was not large and the costs were comparatively small, it was still tough going to pioneer the first moving picture theater in the state, Mr. Wells recalls. He and his partner had 20 reels of film. They started out showing the first reel for a nickel and showed it for three days. Then they switched and showed their second reel.

At this rate, using two reels a week, their supply lasted for ten weeks. By that time they had contacted the Mutual Supply company in Atlanta and made arrangements to get more films on a rental basis. Most of these were two-reelers, so they started showing two reels for one show. The cost to the film company was between $30 and $40 a week, Mr. Wells recalls. Then Universal entered the film distributing field and it was possible to get a greater variety of films. Warner Brothers also had an exchange in Pittsburgh.

Some of those early films that "packed 'em in" the big black-top tent were "The Great Train Robbery", "The Great Bank Robbery", "The San Francisco Earthquake", "The Slocum Disaster", dealing with the sinking of the excursion steamer and "Trailed by Bloodhounds", which Mr. Wells recalls they always booked as "Dragged by Bloodhounds".

Erected Permanent Building

After snow caused the roof of the tent theater to collapse the partners decided to build a permanent building, which they did on the same site. They operated this place for 11 years, taking the customer's money at the door and never failing to "pack the house" when they had a good show.

Mr. Wells was the second president of the Theater Owners of North Carolina, serving in this office for nine years. He built four theaters in Wilmington. He came to Asheville in 1934 after his health broke down and he was forced to give up active business.

F. V. Richards, who worked as a projection machine operator in the Wilmington theater, later became one of the leading figures in the moving picture world.

The first five-reel or feature pictures came out in 1911 and 1912, Mr. Wells says. From that time on the growth of the motion picture industry has been almost unbelievable. Some of the early motion picture producing companies were Biograph and Lubin and the Edison company, he says.

Appeared Here In Trapeze Act

Mr. Wells recalls vividly his first trip to Asheville back in 1901 as a feature gymnast. He played on the "island stage" at old Riverside Park, with his trapeze some 80 feet in the air between two telephone poles, he recalls. The other act was a high dive sensation.

The two acts started their week's engagement in the fall of 1901 and on Wednesday night the high diver, "Speedy Junior", was injured in making his leap and remained in one of the Asheville hospitals for some six months with a broken back.

Mr. Wells recalls that he finished out his week's engagement doing the other act in the show.

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Smiles bloom with man's gift of flowers

By Eden Foster
CITIZEN-TIMES CORRESPONDENT

ASHEVILLE — For 14 years David West has witnessed the positive effect that flowers have on people. As owner of Gudger's Flowers in Asheville, West has seen people comforted, cheered and celebrated with this simple gift.

But West knew that all too often people making their way through life alone rarely have the opportunity to receive a gift of flowers. So, starting in 1989, he decided to do something about it.

He began by delivering a vase with a single rose arrangement to residents of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home on their birthdays. He said he was touched by how much that small gesture meant to them, so he added the Asheville Manor in Skyland to his delivery schedule. For many of these nursing home residents, it is the only gift they get on their birthdays.

West began thinking about other people who have no family and few friends, and who can't even leave their homes without help. So he approached the staff of Buncombe County Meals on Wheels, asking them to send a monthly list of their clients who are celebrating their birthdays.

Margaret Ward is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and delivers these flowers to clients on their birthdays on her route. "It's such a kind gesture," she said. "Some of them have never gotten flowers before, so it's real special to them."

Debbie Chase-Jennings/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

David West, owner of Gudger's Flowers in West Asheville, delivers between 100 and 200 bud vases to nursing home residents, Hospice patients and Meals on Wheels recipients each month without charge.

Then, two years ago, West began designing and delivering a bud vase to each of the 17 residents of Mountain Area Hospice in Asheville. He said his delivery person has developed a special relationship with each of the residents.

West loves the cards of thanks he gets from the Hospice patients and nursing home residents. "It does my heart good," he said. All told, West purchases, designs and delivers between 100 and 200 bud vases each month, all without charge.

In addition, West sponsors two or three Christmas memory trees to help raise funds for Hospice. He likes to dedicate the trees to someone he knows who passed away in the past year, and he decorates the trees with their special interests in mind.

And, West says, he keeps a special place in his heart for children with disabilities. Every year he donates floral arrangements and other gifts to the Association of Retarded Persons annual auction and special fund-raising dinners. "Two places in my heart are really for older people and for kids," he said. "I just want to bring them happiness."

HOMETOWN HERO

David West

Address: 1065 Haywood Road, West Asheville
Occupation: Owner, Gudger's Flowers
Volunteer Activity: Donates hundreds of bud vases every month.
Quote: "Bringing happiness to people's lives keeps me going. When I hear from them (recipients of his flowers), it makes me want to do more."

Hometown Heroes are ordinary people who volunteer their time and talents. They appear Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To nominate someone you know contact Assistant Metro Editor Jason Sandford at 232-5928 or JSandford@CITIZEN-TIMES.com.

West Asheville Citizen Patrons Like Tom West

Busy Carrier Walks All Of Route To Deliver Morning Papers

Thomas Jeter West, who delvers his papers via the pedestrain route in West Asheville, has one of the larg-

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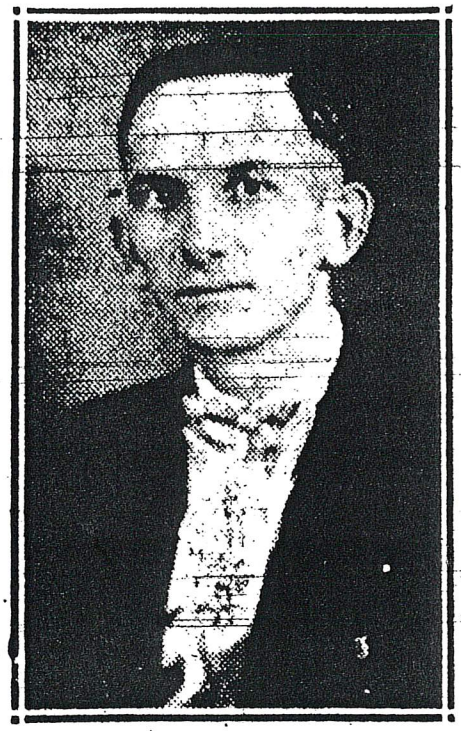

Thomas Jeter West who delivers The Citizen in West Asheville believes in the old fashioned "ankle excursion" method.

est sections to take care of in the city. He also has [illegible] satisfied customers who are valuable customers of The Citizen, many of whom have communicated their appreciation of their carrier's service to the circulation department.

Mr. West does not have a helper and takes care of his route alone, day after day, always making prompt and accurate deliveries of Asheville's morning newspaper.

His papers are received each morning in West Asheville from The Citzen truck, which makes a special trip there daily in order to save the West Asheville men the expense and trouble of coming to The Citizen Office for their supply.

He has been with The Citizen exactly eight months and during that time has shown a steady increase in the number of subscribers on his route. Prior to entering The Citizen employ he was a shipping clerk.

West is determined to push his fellow workers for high honors in The Citizen contest to determine the Best All-Round Carrier. Merits are given the men for good work and demerits are chalked up against them for any laxity in service

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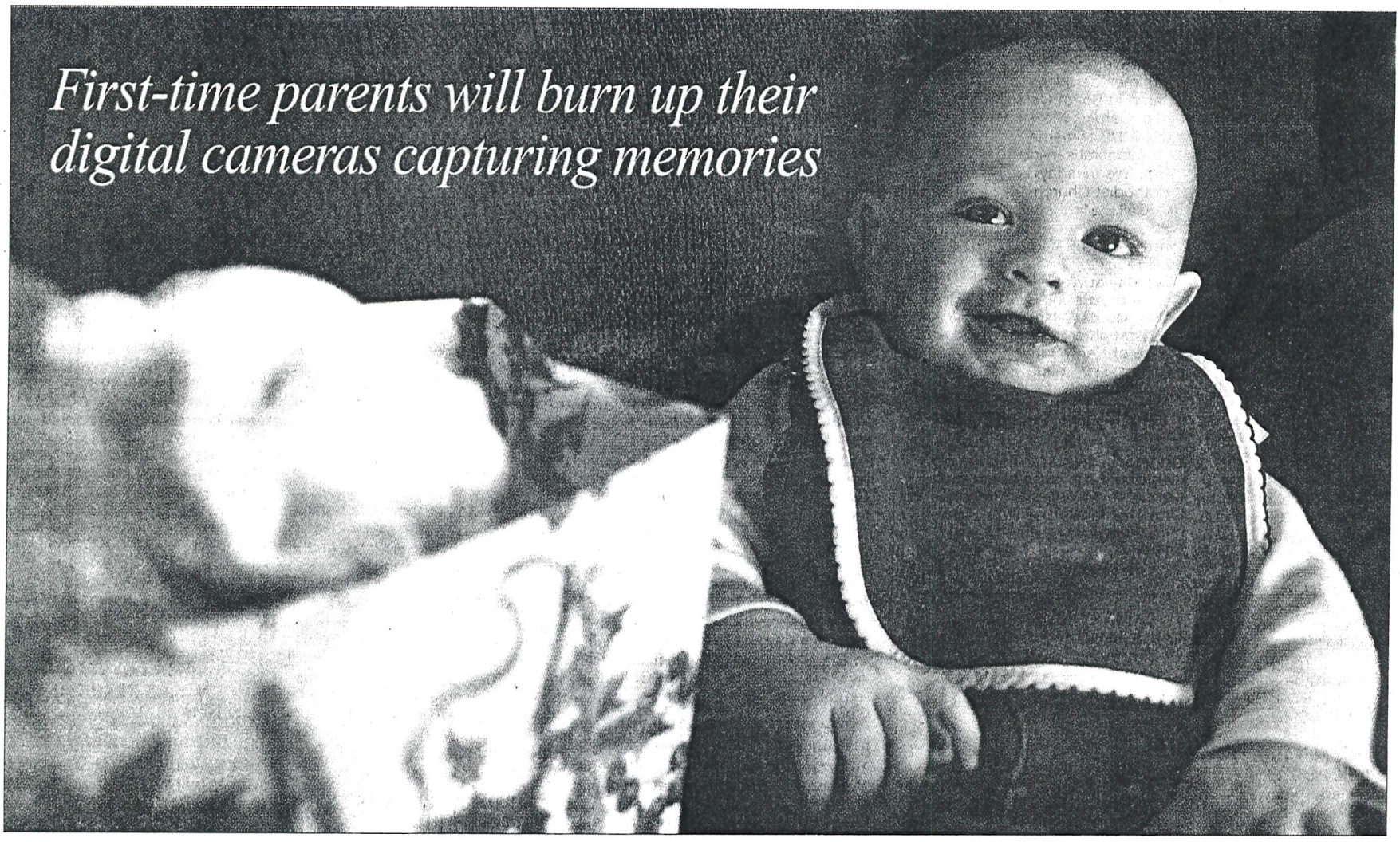

Photos by Melissa Haneline/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alexander White, 3 months old, with his first Christmas gift at his home in West Asheville.

Baby's first Christmas

By Andre A. Rodriguez
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — A baby's life is filled with many firsts.

The first time he smiles. The first time she lifts her head on her own. The first time he crawls. The first time she says da-da.

This holiday season, families around the world will experience another first with their little darlings: their first Christmas.

Christmas is a time of miracles and new beginnings, and perhaps nothing better represents these ideas than babies.

"Going through pregnancy there are so many things that can go wrong," said Sasha Vrtunski, who along with her husband, Craig White, will be celebrating Christmas for the first time with 3-month-old Alexander.

Trips to visit Santa Claus, special ornaments for the tree and cute outfits are on the minds of many parents, but others are thinking more about just being together.

"Having our baby here and healthy is probably our biggest Christmas gift," Vrtunski said.

White said he and his wife are not going to be spending a lot of money on presents this year. They'll have family coming to visit from California, Maine and upstate New York. For many of them, it will be their first introduction to Alexander, who was born in August.

"Having our first child has really made us think about what Christmas is all about," White said. "We're trying to get away from the commercialism of the holiday. He'll get plenty of that while he's growing up."

White added that he didn't feel safe taking his son out too many places with everything going on in the world.

"It's important to stay close to the people that care about you and to try and look at what's going wrong."

Like White and Vrtunski, Abby and Gus Walker and their son, Gus, who was also born in August, will be spending Christmas at home. Relatives will come to call, and mom and dad will be burning up their digital camera preserving the memories.

Perhaps when Gus is older he will sit with his parents and look at the images of himself with his cousins and have plenty of questions about his first Christmas. "He's really too young to appreciate anything now," Abby Walker said.

White will also be taking plenty of digital images to record the occasion.

"We bought a digital camera before he was born, so we do take a lot of pictures," he said. "We're trying to keep a pretty good record."

These parents decided to forgo the usual "baby's first Christmas" bib or outfit in favor of more meaningful things. Primarily, family time.

Vrtunski said she expects this will be a very special Christmas.

"It's a time to start thinking of new traditions to start with our baby," she said.

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Abby Walker, seen here holding her 3-month-old son, Gus, said this Christmas will be about spending time with family.

For Craig White and Sasha Vrtunski, their son Alexander's first Christmas will be about spending time with family.

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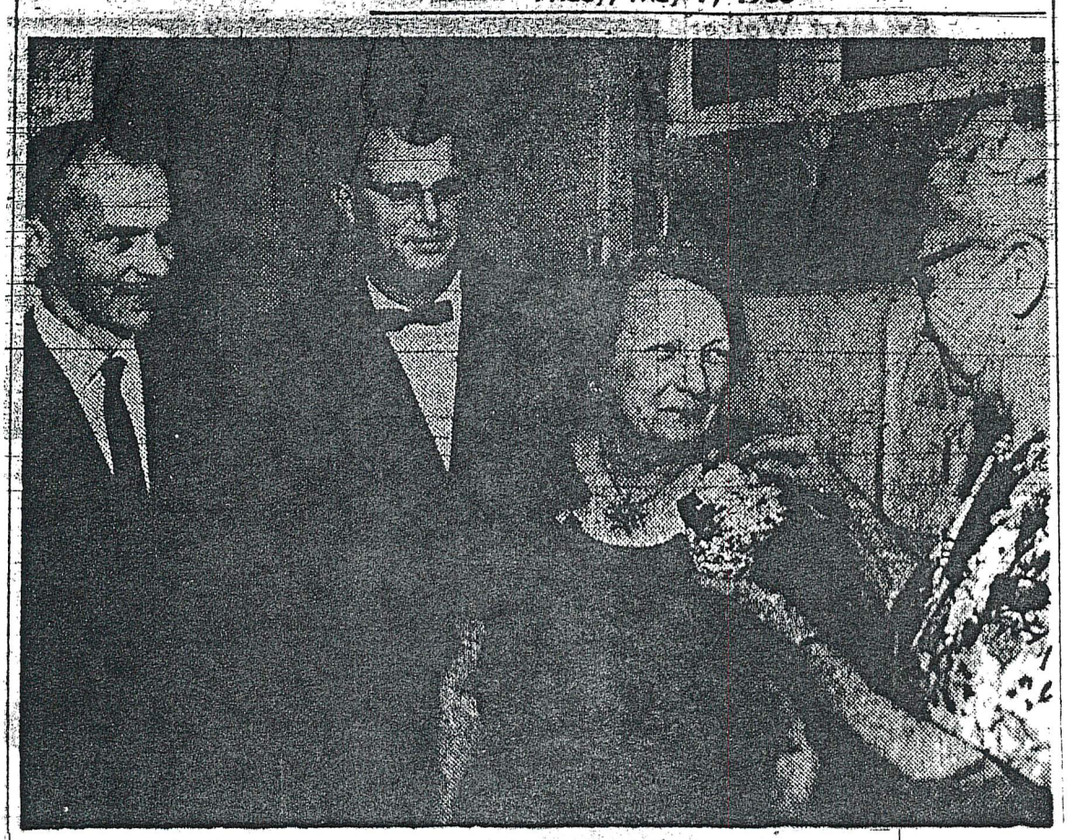

A FLOWER was pinned on Mrs. Eleanor Galphin White by Mrs. C. A. Hawkins, right, prior to a program of appreciation Mrs. White staged Thursday night in Vance School in commemoration of her coming retirement after 41 years as a teacher in the school. Watching the ceremony were (L to R) Tony Felthaus and Dr. Harold Keener, former students. For many years Mrs. White made her home with Mrs. Hawkins. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

After 41 Teaching Years

Former Students Pay Respects To Vance's Musical Mrs. White

BY JAY HENSLEY
Citizen Staff Writer

She started it with music, and she closed it out on a musical note.

That was the program staged Thursday night by a teacher who learned at an early age that the very best things in life are free.

Mrs. Eleanor Galphin White called the "class" to order in Vance School just to let them know that after 41 years she still appreciates them.

Mrs. White planned the "Program of Appreciation" herself, and if there was a hitch in the projected schedule of events, it wasn't noticed.

Mrs. Edgar Ford opened the program with music— a number of selections on the organ. Then there were solos, and Mrs. White's fourth-grade class—25 little boys and girls—trooped onto the stage to recite devotionals.

"It seems but a few years ago since I came to Asheville and was assigned to Vance School," Mrs. White told former students and associates in the teaching field.

"In reality it was 41 years ago—in 1924," Mrs. White said.

She had come to Asheville from South Carolina with a major in music from Winthrop College. She has served under five principals at Vance.

She spoke of the first principal, the late Charles B. Anderson. "From him and his wife I learned to appreciate the unbounded beauty of the mountains and the art of simple living," Mrs White told the gathering in the auditorium of Vance School.

Several times each school year the principal would organize mountain camping trips, Mrs. White recalled. "All of this," she said, "was wholesome recreation at a very small cost."

"I learned at that time the very best things in life are free. In the great silence of the forest I felt a close communion with God—my creator and the creator of the universe," she told her audience.

Of another principal she said "It was he who encouraged me and inspired me to increase my knowledge in instrumental music." Mrs. White and her students at Vance had organized an 18-piece harmonica band. She credited another with improvements in teaching her physical education class.

"For the past 13 years I have worked with Mr. (Harold W.) Haden who has been kind to praise me for my work in chapel programs," Mrs. White said.

"To him I am grateful for this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to each of you."

And she made good use of the opportunity She personally introduced a crowd of platform guests—many of them her former students.

"Dr. Harold Keener, my dentist; and Dr. Jack Kettleson, my optometrist," Mrs. White said.

Many others she called by name and profession, and closed the program with "an expression of appreciation through words and music.

Mrs. White retires as a teacher at Vance School with the completion of the current school year.

But none who heard her program of appreciation Thursday night will ever forget her.

- Citizen Times Photo - Ball

APPALACHIA WHOPPER—O. W. Wilkerson of 194 Pennsylvania Ave., displays the 9-pound largemouth bass he caught last week in Appalachia Lake. It measured 24 inches and 18 in girth. A companion, W. A. Kilgo of 50 Blue Ridge, Asheville, also caught a couple of nice bass. Wilkerson made the catch, one of the best of the fall season, on a Dalton Special about 7 p.m. while fishing the shoreline. It is the largest fish he ever caught.

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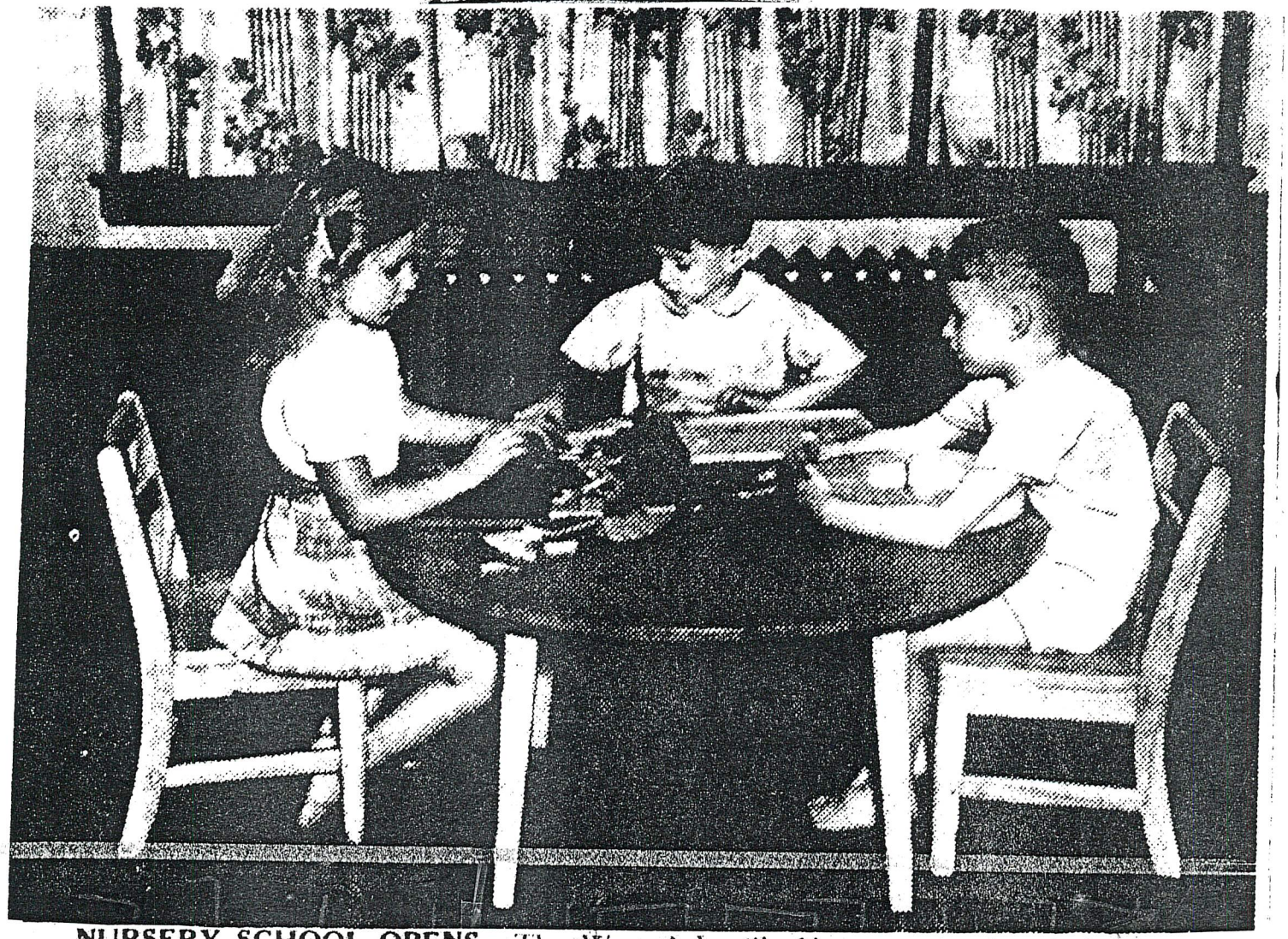

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENS—The West Asheville Nursery school and the second extended school service unit opened at the bank building on the corner of Haywood road and Richmond street in West Asheville this morning. In the above picture are, left to right, Ann Elizabeth Ingle of 82 Herron avenue, Joseph Williams of 602 Haywood road, and Russell Soesbee of 41 Branning street. These children are in one of the rooms of the nursery school, which occupies the top floor of the building.

Bruce Emory Research

GOLDEN WEDDING OBSERVANCE for Mr. and Mrs. Pascal U. Williams, 17 Vandalia Street, will bring their many friends to the home this afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who were married in 1901, have lived their entire married life in Asheville. Williams has been in construction work for the past 58 years. He has been connected with the erection of some of Asheville's principal buildings. Mrs. Williams is the former Miss Sarah McDowell. They have 10 children: Mrs. Sara Eva Williams and Mrs. T. A. Orr of Asheville, R. P. Williams of Morristown, Tenn., R. M. and H. E. Williams of Tryon, C. G Williams of Greer, S. C., Mrs. Ernest Newman, Mrs. J. F. McIntosh, Mrs. J. R. Whitley and J. M. Williams of Washington, D. C.

Asheville Citizen February 18, 1951

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 1894.

THE REFORMERS WIN IT

THE MAYOR GETS A RE-ELECTION.

With Him The Entire Reform Ticket Goes In By A Good Majority—Bond Proposition Safe—Pearson's Campaign Expense.

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Lest there should be some who do not yet fully understand the meaning of those three figures, it should be stated that they represent the vote by which the Democratic ticket was defeated in the municipal contest yesterday.

Thomas Walton Patton was re-elected Mayor of Asheville for a year and carried with him Henry Redwood, Wm. A. Blair and Fred A. Hull, the Aldermen on the Reform ticket.

The Democrats realized in the afternoon that the "goose was cooked," and only waited to hear the majority. The full vote by wards for the various candidates and on the funding bond proposition was as follows, as announced by Chairman West at the First ward polls last night:

CANDIDATES.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Patton	341	197	284	246	1068
Martin	148	151	200	316	815
Low	148	156	209	320	824
Hough	145	151	200	319	815
Sevier	153	158	210	321	842
Hull	339	190	279	237	1045
Redwood	339	197	284	245	1065
Blair	336	191	275	243	1045
Approved	439	336	432	506	1713

When the result had been announced there were loud calls for the mayor, who in response thanked the Reformers from the bottom of his heart for what they had done for him; reasserted his belief in the virtue of a business administration of a city's affairs, and then told all to go home and get a good night's rest, which all needed after the day's hard work.

It will be seen by the figures that the mayor led the Reform ticket, while Mr. Sevier led the Democratic ticket. The funding bond proposition needed 1016 votes to carry, but received 1713 and would have received a larger vote if there had been workers for it at the polls during the entire day. Of the registered vote 92½ per cent. was polled.

The crowd on the streets was unusually small and quiet last night.

It having been rumored about the streets that Richmond Pearson had put money, generally said to be $1000, into the Reform campaign yesterday, and the rumor having come to the ears of Mr. Pearson, he came to THE CITIZEN office today and made a statement of his actual expense, as follows: $10 subscription to campaign fund; $17.25 for blue ribbons; 5 cents for two glasses of lemonade for himself and Wiley Shook; total, $27.30.

The newly-elected officials will be inducted into office on the third Monday in May at noon.

In West Asheville.

The Democratic ticket in West Asheville was elected yesterday by a small majority. There were three tickets in the field. The vote for Mayor was as follows:

S. D. Hall 49
W. E. Logan 47
Joseph K. Gorrell 7

For Commissioners:—

Wm. R. Howard 56
Geo. W. Starnes 46
N. Plamondon 51
Thos. C. Jarrett 57
J. Berkeley Cain 56
R. M. Deaver 49
George W. Starnes 44
J. Warren Clapp 46
Rufus Wills, col 45
Will A. Greenlee, col 45
A. Elisha Clarke 2

Asheville Daily Citizen May 8, 1894

THREE CENTS A COPY.
FOUR DOLLARS A YEAR.

INCENDIARY FIRE IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Stable of Rufus Wills Destroyed Last Night—Live Stock Saved

The stable of Rufus Wills, a well-to-do and industrious negro of West Asheville, was destroyed by fire last night about 9:30 o'clock. When the barn was first discovered on fire the flames were issuing from the loft and Wills with the assistance of neighbors succeeded in getting all the live stock and farm inplements from the place. A considerable quantity of corn piled against the side of the barn was also saved. Wills says that the fire was of incendiary origin; that the stable was locked and that there had been no fire about the place. The loss is between $500 and $600. Several other buildings close to the burned structure had a narrow escape from destruction.

Asheville Gazette News November 5, 1904

GARDEN CLUB FORMED ON HUBBARD AVENUE

Another garden club was formed Tuesday afternoon in West Asheville. Hubbard avenue formed a group who will devote time and effort to beautifying West Asheville and assisting civic projects in that section.

Tuesday's meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. W. Ballew, 61 Hubabrd avenue.

Mrs. Fred Wilson was elected president. Mrs. W. O. Talley, president of Brucemont Garden Club, and Mrs. G. M. Taylor, also a member of that club, installed the officers and assisted the new club with plans.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Ballew, vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Murphy, secretary; and Mrs. O. B. Lance, treasurer. The club flower is the rambling rose, and club colors are pink and green.

The club will meet every Tuesday in each month. There are six charter members.

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U. S. O. ROOM FOR MEN IN SERVICE—Asheville's Southern Railway station offers a room for men in the war service to read and relax, as the result of the cooperation and efforts of railroad officials and members of the Current Literature club and others. Members of the club spent Friday arranging the room and making curtains and they have agreed to make visits there at regular intervals and to supply the room with reading material. The photograph shows a glimpse of the literature club members at work, as they put the room in order. In the picture, left to right, are: Mrs. W. J. Damtoft, Mrs. Edwin Hartshorn, Mrs. Harry Plummer, Miss Frances Goodrich, Mrs. John E. Calfee, Mrs. Joseph Greene, Mrs. P. M. Burdette, Mrs. R. O. Young and Mrs. F. J. Fanning. The soldier in the picture is Private First Class Harry Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson of 161 Montana avenue, West Asheville, who read and made himself at home—the first guest—while awaiting his train to return to Louisiana.

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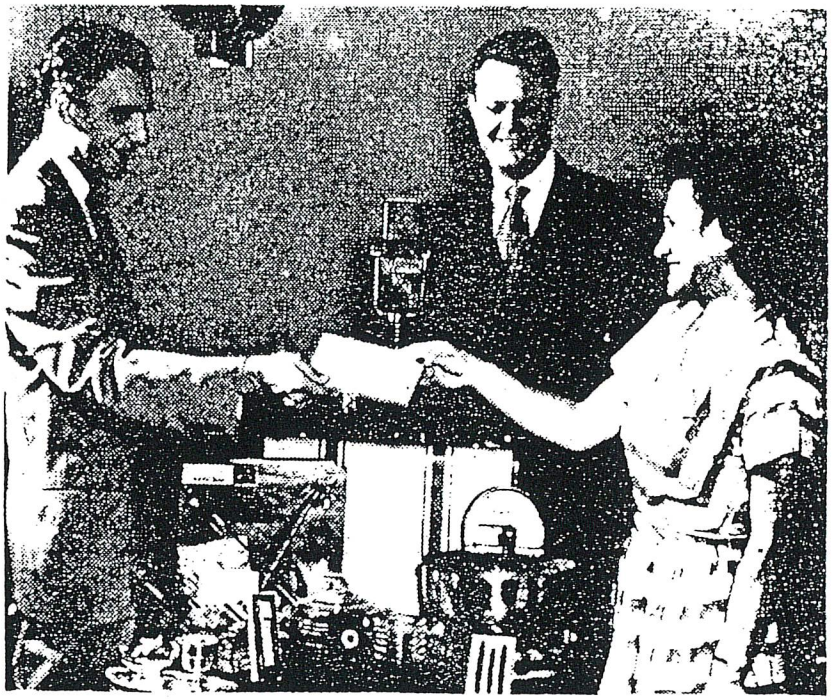
THE WINNER!

MRS. WIX HITS THE JACKPOT ON BELK'S TELLO-TEST SHOW



HARRY VARNER W. S. BURNS (OF BELK'S) MRS. F. M. WIX

Mrs. F. M. Wix of 12 Fairfax Ave., in West Asheville, is shown above receiving the many prizes from Harry Varner of WWNC, and W. S. Burns of Belk's. Mrs. Wix won the prize by answering a simple question on Belk's Tello-Test program.

BELK'S PRESENTS

"TELLO-TEST"

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 3 P. M. WWNC

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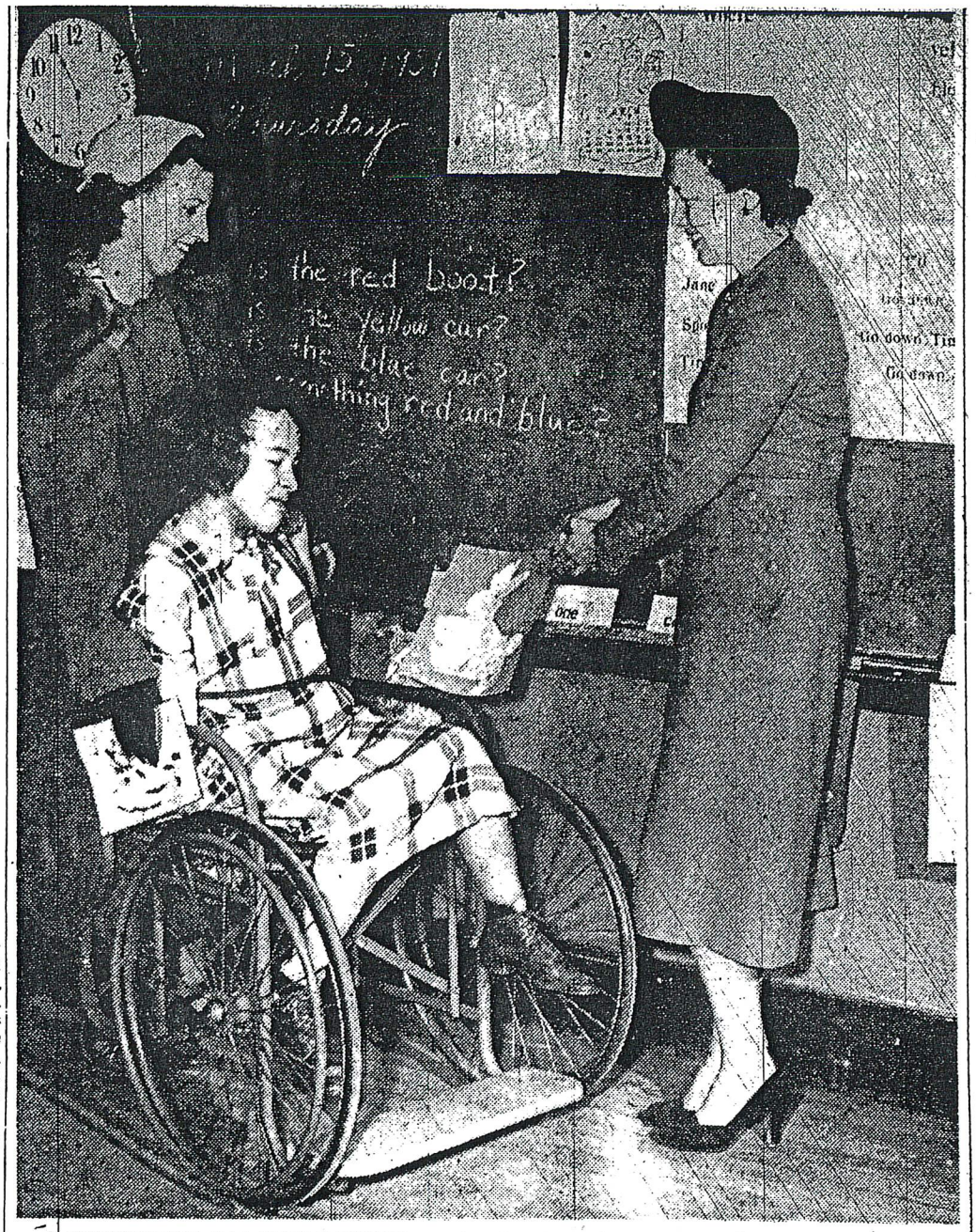

A WHEELCHAIR HAS BEEN DONATED by the Busyettes Club for use at the Vance School unit of the County School for Handicapped Children. Mrs. Holly Keller (left), club project chairman, and Mrs. Robert Presley watch as Dora Woody tries out the chair. The club is an auxiliary of the American Business Club. Four children are now in attendance at Vance, but an estimated 30 additional pupils will begin attendance at classes at Vance and Newton Schools when delivery is obtained on two passenger vehicles. Purchases of the cars—of a type used by State Highway Commission surveyors and similar to station wagons—was authorized by the Buncombe County Commissioners several months ago but delivery has been delayed. The vehicles are now expected within the next few days. Any resident of the City or County who wishes to enroll a handicapped child in the school has been asked to call either J. W. Byers, superintendent of City Schools, or T. C. Roberson, head of Buncombe schools, not later than Monday morning in order that pick-up schedules may be arranged. (Citizen-Times Photo)

Asheville Citizen March 18, 1951

SPECIAL EXHIBITS WILL BE AT FAIR

Educational Exhibits and Demonstrations in Horticulture, Seed Propagation, Etc.

One of the big features of the Western North Carolina fair, which opens here next Tuesday, will be the educational exhibits and demonstrations. Among these will be a series prepared by the Southern Railway company and put on under the direction of Col. T. Gilbert Wood, local agent of the land and industrial department. There will be three of these exhibits, one in domestic science, one in fruit culture and one in dairying. Experts will be in charge of each one and demonstrations will be given every day during the fair.

These exhibits have been put on by the Southern every year since the fair was inaugurated here and have always proved a most valuable part of the exposition. Scientific methods and machinery are shown and displayed and information is given that is of great value to the people of the section. There will be a number of new features to the exhibits this year, and they promise to be more interesting than ever before.

Theer will also be a horticultural exhibit and demonstration at the fair this year that will be in charge of Prof. W. N. Hutt, state horticulturist. This will be an entirely new feature and will doubtless prove a most valuable one in view of the fact that western North Carolina has gained great prestige in the past few years as a horticultural section.

Dr. B. B. Flowe, state veternarian, will be in charge of an exhibit pertaining to hog raising. This exhibition has been arranged for the purpose, primarily, of showing how cholera can be controlled among swine herds. The value of this exhibit will be very great.

An exhibit on seed propagation, with demonstrations showing the best scientific methods, will be in charge of Prof. T. S. Duckett, assistant director of the state test farm. To the farmers of the section, this exhibit will be of prime interest, and it is expected that they will take advantage of this opportunity to learn the most approved methods as worked out on the test farm.

Asheville Gazette News October 10, 1914

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY IN MAMMOTH PARADE THIS MORNING TO THE FAIR

Practically Every School in Buncombe Participated in Line of Review.

BOYS' CORN CLUB AT HEAD OF BIG PAGEANT

Thousands of Young American Hopefuls Brought Gladness to Hearts of Elders Here Today.

The parade and demonstration of the Buncombe county school children this morning through the city and at the Western North Carolina fair was the biggest thing of its kind ever held in Asheville.

Thousands of students of the various institutions throughout this city, noted for its educational advantages, participated. Some of the little boys and girls who took part in the big pageant seemed hardly strong enough to make the long tramp, but they were just as enthusiastic as were their seniors. Many grown young men and women, all students, were in line. In many instances community pride compelled the mothers and fathers of the students to participate also.

All carried banners designating the schools to which they belong. The students wore badges and many of them carried pennants. Drum corps led several of the divisions of the school parade, while all of the institutions of learning had yells of their own pa rticular composition. And it is a "lusty-lunged" set of boys and girls making up the enrollment of the public schools of Buncombe county! This fact was clearly demonstrated this morning.

Many of the schools had their several classes in the parade linked together with streamers of bunting of the national colors. Several schools had large American flags. One or two classes carried garlands of fall leaves and flowers. The Cedar Hill school carried a large banner decorated with sprigs of cedar. The entire scheme of the parade showed much thought upon the part of the principals and teachers, as well as the patrons of the many schools participating.

Early this morning school children from all sections of Buncombe county commenced to gather on the court house lawn. By 10:30 o'clock all was ready for the parade to move. The Buncombe County Boys' Corn club led off with a large banner that required the combined strength of several to manage in the fall winds. The boys made a fine showing. Many were overalls andcarried corn-stalks upon which were attached suitable banners and pennants.

Col. T. Gilbert Wood, land and industrial agent for the Southern railway in Asheville; N. Buckner, secretary of the local board of trade; John A. Nichols of the Agriculture committee of the board of trade; E. D. Weaver, county farm demonstrator, and several others, all clad in overalls and carrying appropriate pennants, were in the first part of the parade. Then came the brass band of 18 pieces from the Great Argyle Shows at the fair.

The West Asheville public schools came next. These schools composed an entire division of the big parade and the boys and girls, and the young men and women participating in this section, were roundly applauded along the line of march.

"Oh, you John Nichols, you Weaverville farmer"! exclaimed a voice from Masonic headquarters in the Drhumor building as the parade rounded the postoffice corner. This called for laughter and applause. Everybody was in a good humor and entered into the spirit of the day with enthusiasm.

The banners carried by the Boys' Corn club were unique, to say the least of it. The following were some of the inscriptions:

"Don't hide your light under a bushel."

"The Corn Stalk is Mightier than the Gun."

"Oh Shucks, boys, if you are beat don't get on your ear."

Corn was certainly king so far as the school cvhildren's parade was concerned this morning.

Prof. W. H. Hipps, county superintendent of schools, was about the happiest man to be found. He was delighted over the record-breaking showing made. Members of the county board of education and other friends of the schools warmly congratulated Professor Hipps upon the showing made. A corps of assistants aided the county superintendent in forming the big parade and everything went off without a hitch.

The following is a partial list of the schools of the county participating in the parade:

Black Mountain, Montreat, West Asheville, Round Hill, Jupiter, Azalea, Indiana, Cedar Hill, New Grove, Tweed, Snow Hill, Morgan Hill, Oak Hill, Cap Creek, Swannanoa, Sand Hill, Leicester, Burnham, Heights, Slate, New Found, Valley Springs, Arden and many others.

Thousands of residents of Asheville and visitors to the fair who arrived this morning lined the downtown streets and watched the parade of the school children as it passed in review. At the Citizens bank corner a halt was made while a photographer took a series of pictures. The moving picture man was likewise on the job and secured, he says, some fine views of the school children.

From the courthouse the children marched around the southside of Pack square, after leaving College street, thence down Patton avenue to Haywood to Montford to the fair grounds, where all were admitted. Shortly afterwards the regular Educational day program on the grounds was commenced.

The weather this morning was ideal for such a parade of children and the demonstration was one of the biggest things of its kind ever seen in this section, if not the entire state.

Asheville Gazette News October 13, 1914

HEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1941

OFFICERS ELECTED BY LEE EDWARDS TRAFFIC PATROL—Officers of the traffic patrol at Lee Edwards high school and their faculty advisor are shown above, following the election at the school yesterday. They are, left to right, F. W. Sumner, faculty advisor, Howard Ruckman, first lieutenant, Charles Worley, captain, and Bobby Bryson, second lieutenant.

WNC Elections 2001

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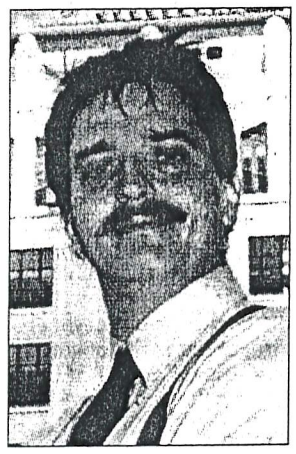
Terry M. Bellamy

Chuck Cloninger

H. K. Edgerton

Nine running for mayor's job

Sixteen file for Asheville council seats



Dave Goree

By Melissa Williams
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — Candidate filing for statewide municipal elections closed at noon Friday, and 25 hopeful will vie for your vote in the Oct. 9 primary.

Mayor Leni Sitnick, the city's first four-year, full-time mayor, isn't seeking re-election, and nine residents are in the hunt for her seat.

Another sixteen residents are looking for jobs as council members, only two less than the 18 who ran for seats in 1998.

The primary will winnow down the race to two candidates for mayor, and two candidates for each available seat on council.

By state law, the race is non-partisan, which rules out the option of voting strictly along party lines. That sits well with voters who like to choose candidates on the issues and not solely based on party affiliation.

But others, like life-long Libertarian Clark Walter, think such connections help grease the wheels of democracy.

"Most citizens don't follow politics," he said, "and over half of them are so passive they don't even vote. It's a noble idea to vote for a man or a woman and what they stand for, but it requires a lot of work and participation in the political process. I think you're better off voting for the platform of a party if you don't know who the candidates are."

To some degree, Walter is right. In the last municipal election, with the wide choice of council candidates, about 20,000 of the county's 130,881 registered voters actually voted. In that November's general election, the number blossomed to 38,405 voters — still only a third of people qualified to vote.

"With a partisan election, you have a rough idea of where candidates stand," said UNCA political science professor Bill Sabo.

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Mickey Mahaffey

Brian Peterson

Charlie Worley

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

2001 Candidates for Mayor of Asheville Primary (Oct. 9):

- Terry M. Bellamy
- William E. Boyd (no photo provided)
- Chuck Cloninger
- H. K. Edgerton
- Dave Goree
- Mickey Mahaffey
- Brian Peterson
- Bill Porter (no photo provided)
- Charlie Worley

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

2001 Candidates for Asheville City Council Primary (Oct. 9):

- George Bancroft
- Harold "Cicada" Brokaw
- Bernard B. Carman
- Jim Ellis
- Fred J. English
- Barbara Field
- Edward Hay
- Sharon K. Martin
- Carl Mumpower
- Brownie Newman
- Susan O'Neil
- Sam Webb
- Rod A. Whiteside
- Kevin Rollins
- Joe Dunn
- Holly Jones

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"But with a non-partisan race, trying to distinguish the candidates tends to discourage voters. The more complex the choice, the harder it is to choose."

But this year, the nine-deep field of candidates in quest of the mayor's seat is bound to generate the lion's share of interest.

Four sitting council members are challenging each other to become the next mayor. The remaining two council members are looking to retain their current seats. And they'll all have to work with each other as they simultaneously campaign against each other.

Anyone who's attended City Council meetings since the election filing season opened on July 6, knows that Sitnick has made a point not to allow any commentary that she deems a "campaign speech."

Sitnick said she still intends to bring the gavel down on any political grandstanding.

"With six members of City Council running for office," she said, "the only campaign speeches I'm going to allow are mine."

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WEDNESDAY,
October 10, 2001

Peterson, Worley top mayoral candidates

Field, Cloninger lose City Council seats

By Jason Sandford
ASSISTANT METRO EDITOR

ASHEVILLE — Brian Peterson, a first-term member of Asheville City Council who has campaigned on a promise to be a "neighborhood mayor," topped the ticket in Tuesday's primary election for mayor, while four-term incumbent Councilwoman Barbara Field apparently lost her seat.

Peterson will face fellow Councilman Charlie Worley in the Nov. 6 election, according to the Buncombe County Board of Elections' unofficial returns Tuesday night. Peterson collected 3,618 votes, while Worley tallied 2,639 votes.

"I've spoken up on issues people care about," Peterson said after watching results come in at the elections board office in downtown Asheville. "It's not just what I've said during the last two weeks, but what I've said during the last two years on council."

Chuck Cloninger, council's vice mayor, lost his bid for mayor and will lose his council seat, according to the results. Cloninger notched 1,821 votes.

In the crowded race for three open City Council seats, Field didn't collect enough votes to finish among the top six candidates who will move on. The six who did are Joe Dunn, Holly Jones, Carl Mumpower, Brownie Newman, Jim Ellis and Councilman Edward Hay. Dunn collected 5,607 votes, while Jones had 4,646, Mumpower tallied 4,442, Newman got 4,199, Ellis had 3,708 and Hay nabbed 2,728 votes.

Field was dogged by controversy over comments she made last month as council discussed a resolution regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Field had said she disagreed with the use of the word "cowardly" to describe the attacks in the resolution. She later apologized for the comments.

In Hendersonville, incumbent Mayor Fred Niehoff Jr. will face Mark White next month in the race for mayor, according to unofficial results. For council, incumbent Mary Jo Padgett advanced with Ron Stephens, Jon Laughter and Mark Cordaro. The four are vying for two open council seats.

Tuesday's results in Asheville will pit pro-neighborhood Peterson against pro-business Worley.

The results also set up the unusual scenario of council appointing one person to fill the vacancy created when either Peterson or Worley takes the mayor's seat, because neither of their seats was up for election Tuesday night.

Candidates heading to general election

MAYOR

Brian Peterson

Charles Worley

CITY COUNCIL

Joe Dunn

Edward Hay

Carl Mumpower

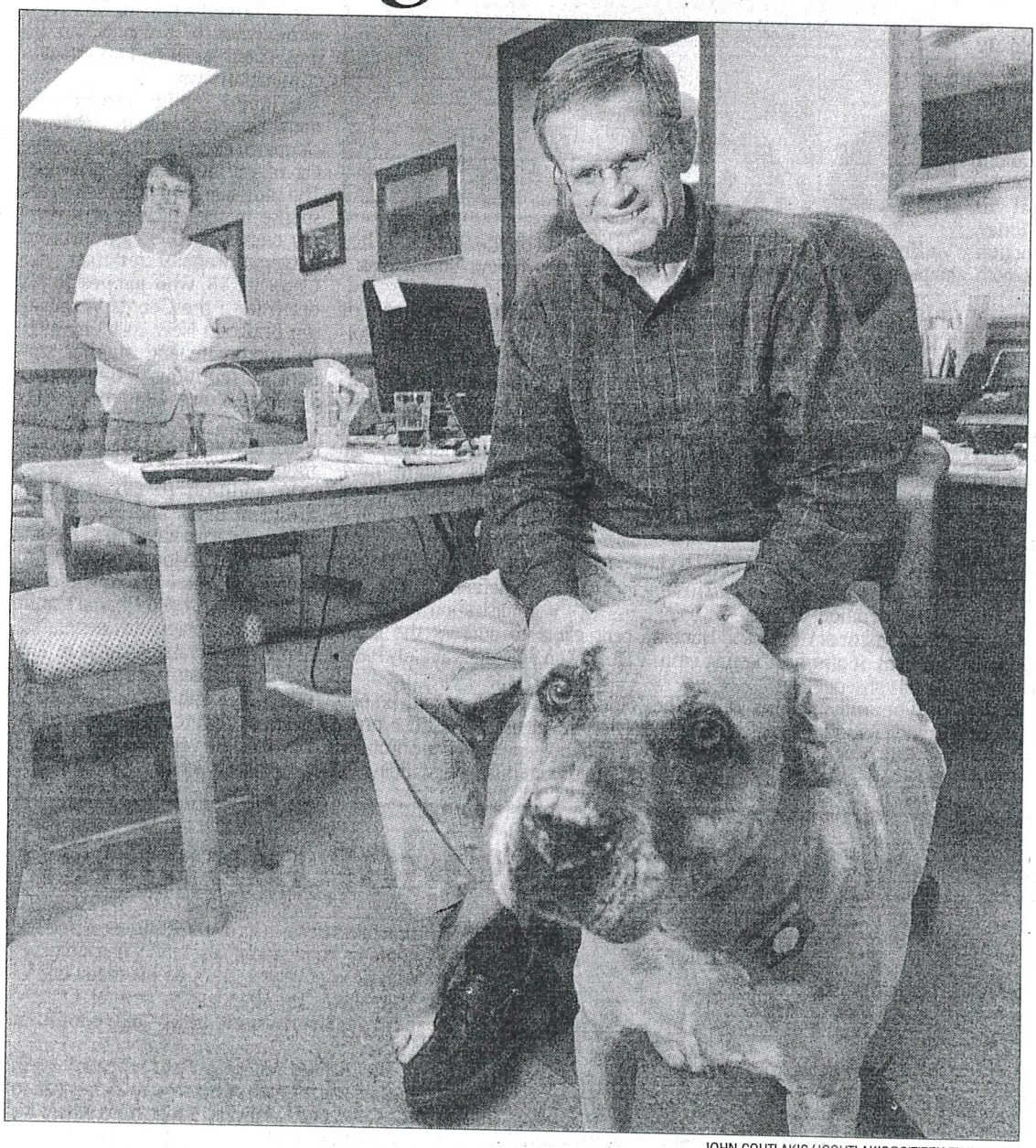
Jim Ellis

Holly Jones

Brownie Newman

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

Worley recovering after big heart scare



JOHN COUTLAKIS/JCOUTLAKIS@CITIZEN-TIMES.COM

Former Asheville Mayor Charlie Worley required quadruple heart bypass surgery despite being an avid runner. He is recovering well and has a good outlook. Pictured with him is his dog, Phoenix, and wife Nancy.

Former mayor had quadruple bypass

By John Boyle
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Former Asheville Mayor Charlie Worley always considered himself a fit guy — right up until quadruple heart bypass surgery a week ago.

An avid runner who plays soccer in an adult league, Worley, 65, started noticing problems late last year. Mayor from 2001-05 and a six-year veteran of City Council before that, Worley also works full time as an attorney but often goes running during lunch breaks.

"I'd start running, and I noticed I'd be breathing heavier, and by three-quarters of a mile or a mile, I was totally out of breath," said Worley, adding that he kept on with his regimen until about two weeks ago. "I was out running with Kelly Miller, and it happened again."

Miller, executive vice president at the Asheville Convention & Visitors Bureau, said he knew something was seriously amiss

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with his friend. Back in the 1980s, Miller worked as a physical director at a YMCA and did exercise prescriptions for members.

As Miller tells it, he and Worley went out for "a nice, easy 3-4-miler."

"We get about a mile, mile and a half out, and Charlie says, 'I've got to walk a little bit,'" Miller said. "He's telling me his symptoms — can't catch his breath, he's feeling worse in his fitness level even though he's running a lot. I said, 'You need to get in and see your doctor and get a stress test ASAP. You're too healthy to feel this bad.'"

The 'widow maker'

Worley called his doctor, Virgil Thrash, that afternoon. The doctor ordered a treadmill stress test, which gauges heart function, for Worley on Wednesday, March 2.

Overall, the results from that test, formally called a stress echocardiogram, were good. But another, considerably less high-tech indicator — the electrocardiogram, or EKG — was suspicious.

"I think he went for 15 minutes on that treadmill — they told me he was running the socks off that thing, and that usually means there's not a problem," said Thrash, an internist with Biltmore Medical Associates. "But his EKG showed a very classic sort of change that indicates the heart is not getting enough blood supply. When I saw that, I said, 'That's not right. And more importantly, Charlie's not right.'"

Thrash, in practice for 40 years, ordered a heart catheterization, a procedure in which dye injected in the arteries illustrates arterial blockages.

Dr. Michael Unks, a cardiologist, handled that procedure, and he didn't like what he saw.

"The next thing I knew, I was getting a call saying (Worley) was going to surgery," Thrash said. "In his left coronary artery, he had an 80 percent blockage. That type of blockage is called 'a widow maker.'"

The name refers to the deadliness of the condition, which occurs in about an inch-long section of the aorta before it branches in two.

"If you put a block in that inch, you've got no chance," Thrash said.

Worley could have dropped dead from a heart attack, especially considering he had continued with his running regimen.

"If we were talking about somebody who's 75 pounds overweight and had diabetes and had an 80 percent blockage in the left main, they'd probably have been dead," Thrash said.

When it comes to arterial blockages and heart issues in general, Worley has plenty of company in the mountains.

One out of every four deaths during 2009 in Western North Carolina can be attributed to heart disease, and about 1,700 people a year in WNC are transported to Mission Hospitals with a heart attack.

The mountain region has a higher percentage of people who get emergency bypass surgery than other areas of the country.

Worley said he knew his life was about to drastically change when he came to after the heart catheterization.

"Before, (the cardiologist) had said there was probably a 50-50 chance that they'd have to put in a stent (a tubular device implanted in an artery to keep it open)," Worley said. "But when I came to on the heart cath table, everybody was gathered around me, so I knew something was up."

They sent him to the operating room immediately for triple bypass surgery. During the operation, the surgeon found another substantial blockage, so the bypass became a quadruple.

Mind 'the little things'

Worley had never had any heart problems before, and he has no significant family history of it. He's 5 feet 11 inches tall, 160 pounds, has never smoked and had excellent cholesterol readings.

Thrash said Worley's plaque buildup most likely just comes down to him having a genetic predisposition to it. Thrash understands that some people may be tempted to say, 'Why bother with staying fit then?'"

But Thrash stresses that Worley is probably alive because his heart was otherwise in such excellent condition and he had taken such good care of himself.

"The take-home lesson here is to be as cognitive of your body as you can," Thrash said.

The bypass surgery Worley had will greatly improve the blood flow to the heart by providing new routes around the section of clogged artery. While Worley feels like he "got run over by a truck" right now, his prognosis is strong and he says he's feeling stronger every day.

The surgery recovery will take six-12 weeks.

"As I recover, the doctor tells me I will get to feeling so much better than I have in years that my wife (Nancy) is going to have to stock up on Valium," Worley joked.

He did say he will go back to running three or four times a week and playing soccer, and he'll return to his law practice full time.

Known for his upbeat personality, Worley said he'll also redouble his efforts at living a healthy lifestyle, cutting back even more on salt and fatty foods.

In short, he's not going to waste the second chance he got.

"I can tell you without hesitation I'm not going to change anything in any negative kind of way," Worley said, referring to people who may be tempted to throw in the towel.

In fact, Worley wants to talk about his experience in part to encourage other people, no matter their fitness level, to listen to their bodies.

"Pay attention to the little things," Worley said. "Don't wait until they become big problems."

SYMPTOMS OF CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

The most common symptom of coronary artery disease is angina (also called angina pectoris). Angina is often referred to as chest pain. It is also described as chest discomfort, heaviness, tightness, pressure, aching, burning, numbness, fullness or squeezing.

It can be mistaken for indigestion or heartburn. Angina is usually felt in the chest, but may also be felt in the left shoulder, arms, neck, back or jaw.

If you have angina or any of the symptoms listed below that last for more than 5 minutes, call 911 without delay. These symptoms could be the signs of a heart attack (also called myocardial infarction or MI) and immediate treatment is essential.

Other symptoms:

- Pain or discomfort in other areas of the upper body including the arms, left shoulder, back, neck, jaw or stomach
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- Sweating or "cold sweat."
- Fullness, indigestion, or choking feeling (may feel like "heartburn").
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Light-headedness, dizziness, extreme weakness or anxiety.
- Rapid or irregular heart beats.

Source: Cleveland Clinic

FORMER SHERIFF OF BUNCOMBE PASSES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

W. M. Worley Suffered Stroke of Paralysis While on Pack Square Thursday.

W. M. Worley, 62, former sheriff of Buncombe County, died at the French Broad Hospital yesterday, as the result of a stroke of paralysis, suffered on Pack Square Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Worley served as sheriff about 28 years ago. His father was also at one time sheriff of the county.

He is survived by his wife and five children, two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Jones, of Fort Worth, Tex., and Mrs. Clarence Sumner, of Greensboro, three sons, Robert Worley, of Sylva; Charles Worley of Asheville, and Mark Worley, now in the Navy.

Mr. Worley's first wife was Miss Ella Moore, daughter of Captain Robert Moore and sister of Judge Charles A. Moore. They were married about 40 years ago. His second wife was Miss Pearson, of Virginia.

Since ending his term as sheriff, Mr. Worley had been engaged in the tobacco business at Danville, Va.

Funeral arrangements will be announced upon the arrival of his daughter from Texas.

Peasants of Rumania still use walking plows and are willing to use modern farm implements, but many cannot get enough money together to buy them.

MRS. WORLEY DIES AT WEST ASHEVILLE

Funeral Will be Conducted This Afternoon at the Home of the Deceased at That Place.

Friends of Mrs. W. M. Worley, of West Asheville, will learn with regret of her death, which occurred yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock at her home at West Asheville. The deceased had been ill but a week, and few of her friends realized that her condition was such as to cause concern as to her recovery.

The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence and interment will follow at the West Asheville cemetery. The following will serve as pallbearers: R. M. Wells, B. G. Hayes, E. W. Roberts, E. R. Randall, D. C. Clark and Robert Greenwood.

The deceased is survived by a father, Robert Moore, of Leicester; a husband; three sons—Robert Worley, Mark Worley and Charles Worley; two daughters—Mrs. O. C. Jones and Miss Margaret Worley; two sisters—Mrs. M. Ottinger and Mrs. E. M. Kilpatrick, and one brother, Judge Charles A. Moore.

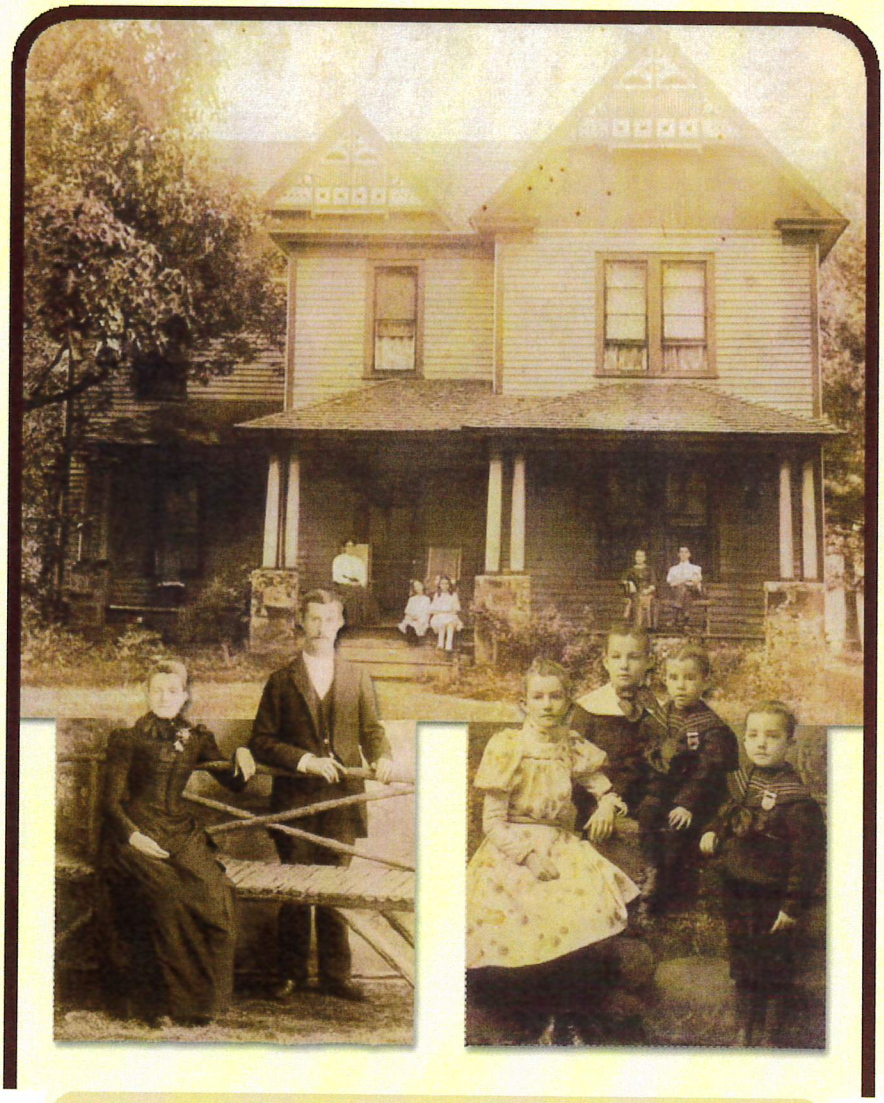
A member of one of Buncombe county's leading families, the deceased was a woman of many traits of character, which won friends and the news of her death will cause sincere sorrow.

Mr. Worley's obituary March 14, 1925 -- Mrs. Worley's obituary February 26, 1915

#1 WORLEY PLACE

To Dad with love

worley place



This 5-gabled free-classic Queen Anne Victorian home was built in 1892 by former Buncombe County Sheriff William McCame Worley on 55 acres of land deeded from his father Wiley Jackson Worley, also a former Buncombe County Sheriff. The 14 room 5 bedroom 2.5 bath home consists of 3,568 square feet, 3 porches comprising of 750 total square feet, 7 fireplaces and sits on a large park-like lot just 1.5 miles from Asheville and 1.5 miles from West Asheville.

According to "A History of Buncombe County NC" by F.A. Sondley, LL.D. 1930, T.F. Reeves, Cane Worley [as he is sometimes incorrectly referred to; but actually, he was nicknamed "Came"] and Bailey V. Jones were important tobacco men in those days, being associated in the operation of one of the most important warehouses in the town. Major W.W. Rollins and J.M. Smith rented the Farmer's Warehouse from the James Thomas estate after Mr. Barnard had ceased operations there. The Buncombe Warehouse was operated by Came Worley, Dr. J.M. Stevens and L.L. Childs and a second market was operated by Mr. Barnard called the Banner Warehouse. This was around 1892-1896.

According to "Cabins & Castles", a local architectural guide, the house is a rambling two-story frame central-hallway house incorporating a somewhat

earlier one-story saddlebag-plan house as ell. Nice scrollwork brackets the posts on shed porch of earlier house. Porch of later section has paired Tuscan columns. Elaborately cut-out gable ornament, boxed and molded cornice with returns. Some molded window cornices. Fine milled woodwork on interior includes mantel composition (trabeated over mantel with beveled mirror) from "Jones Lumber Co., Knoxville, Tenn., 1898." Closed stringer stairway in hall. Worley made money in lumber and tobacco before going into politics. [Factually, he became Sheriff *after* making money in the tobacco business.]

Special thanks go to Frank McCame Worley, grandson of William and son of Robert, for these extraordinary photographs. Mr. Worley lived with his grandparents, Frank Winter and Dora "Crisp" Russell (on his mother's side) for several years. They moved in about 1930 after his grandmother Dora had a stroke.

Also, thanks go to Mark Reese Sumner, grandson of William and son of Margaret Katherine, for the many photographs, verification and invaluable stories associated with Worley Place.

New Website Additions

worley place

Exterior

Restoring the Exterior

This is a picture of the home as it looked from the front after we bought it in March, 2001.

This is a "stitched" photo showing the northeast face of the house. Note the intricate gable ornament, one of four of the original unique ornaments still relatively intact. A fifth gable ornament originally located at the front of the house is missing and will be rebuilt. The small single story section with porch at right is believed to be an existing structure built between 1860 and 1890. The main two story house was added in 1892.

This is a picture of the home as it looked in the Real Estate Listing

The front of the house decorated for Christmas.

The back of the house showing the small back porch with original intact scroll work. Note the

A view from the rear south face of the house. Notice the foundation underneath the older

rear gable ornament that is somewhat different in design from the other three.

Here we are standing on the front porch with the dogs. Little did we know at the time, the tree at the left of the screen was dead and needed to be felled.

Here is part of the northeast face after the loose old paint has been scraped.

portion of the house at left contains different rock and mortar content than that of the remainder of the house.

During a major rainfall soon after we bought the house, the tree broke suddenly at the roots. Fortunately for the house and the car, the massive white oak fell to the northeast damaging only the power lines which were restored soon thereafter.

We finally finished priming the entire exterior. We will give it a full coat of paint next year.

Here is a photo of me standing on the peak of the roof repairing the topside of the chimney.

We lined the chimney for use with our wood stove with this 30 foot flexible steel chimney liner. It was a lot of work making it fit down the narrow curved flue.

worley place

History

This is the Real Estate Listing Photograph taken in Spring of 2000.
This is what the house looked like when we bought it on March 28, 2001

Photograph taken on May 26, 2006 after exterior was repaired and painted.
The gable ornament on the left was reconstructed using dimensions from the one on the right.

This photograph was taken in circa 1930 showing a similar façade as today.

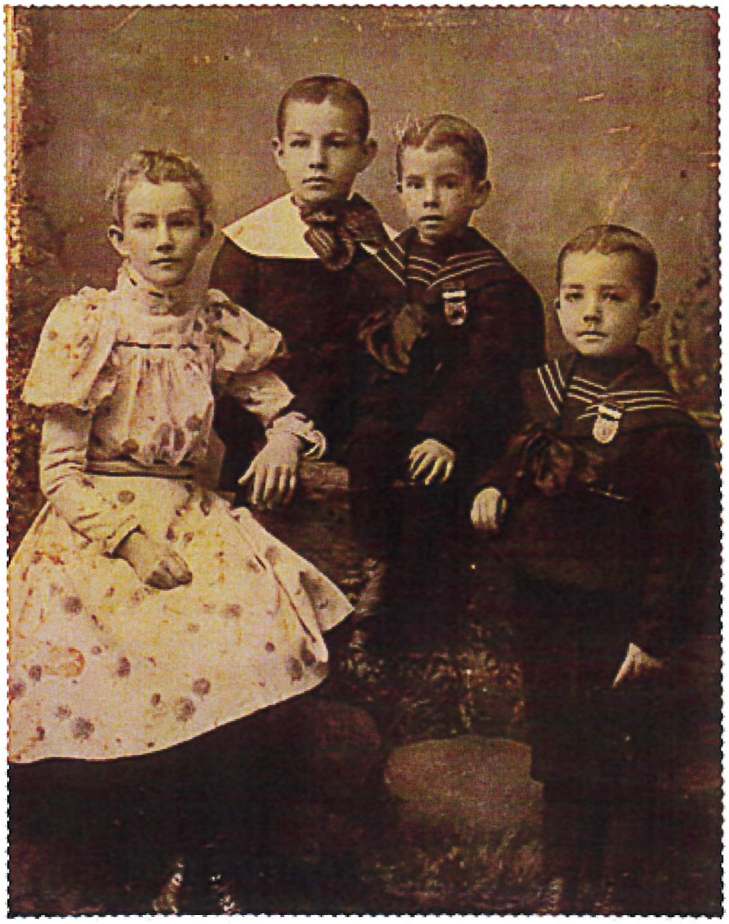
This photograph was taken circa 1906. Notice the hip-style roof on the front porch compared with the porch shown above. In the middle section, the middle hip begins at the center of the middle window. In the photographs at the top of the page, the hip begins at the corner to the left of the middle window. Additionally, the twin columns appear closer together atop stone piers with different patterns and no top slab. There are also only 4 pairs of columns instead of the current 6 pairs. On the left is a window which is currently a door. The front steps in the photo above appear to be made of wood unlike the current steps made of older concrete. The roof above the middle window is completely flat. The current house's roof is slightly pitched and "teeth" are shown just underneath the roof line. It is unclear when this roof line was remodeled. The materials of this original porch roof are constructed of cedar shakes whereas the other older photo above had metal shingles which were replaced with new painted metal to match the roof on the rest of the house.

This photograph was also taken circa 1930. The barn and outhouse are behind the photographer. Notice the well house at the left which no longer exists. Two of the three oak trees in the foreground are still standing today.

Old photo of barn that burned down a few decades ago. The foundation and an old combine still remain on the site as reminders of its existence.

An older photograph of William McCame & Ella Lee taken in the mid 1880's.

William McCame Worley & Ella Lee Moore Worley (Later Photograph)



The Worley Children
Lottie, Robert Jackson, Mark Watson, & Charles McCame
(This photograph was taken circa 1895 before the 5th child,
Margaret Katherine was born on Oct. 23, 1899)

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1937

ASHEVILLE MEN WIN PRIZES IN PHOTO CONTEST

Clodfelter, Wright Given First Awards By N. C. Department

Two divisional first prizes in the state department of conservation and development's amateur photo contest were won by Asheville men, it was announced yesterday.

Frank Clodfelter, fireman attached to the central station; who resides at 8 Chiles avenue, Kenilworth, and J. L. Wright, electrician of 220 Virginia avenue, West Asheville, each won a first prize of $40.

The grand prize of $100 for the best picture in the entire contest, that of a negro boy proudly examining a flowering tobacco plant, went to C. D. Townsend, of Whitakers.

Mr. Clodfelter, who won first prize in the Western North Carolina contest conducted by The Asheville Citizen, won his first divisional prize in the state contest in the recreation division. The picture was of a swimming scene in Lake Eden near Black Mountain.

Mr. Wright's first prize was in the fishing division and depicted trout fishing in Flat Creek.

Thus two of the three division

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ASHEVILLE MEN WIN PRIZES IN PHOTO CONTEST

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first prizes go to Asheville men. In addition to the grand prize there were five first and four second prizes in the following divisions: Scenic, recreation, hunting, fishing, and agriculture.

Other divisional first prize winners were: Scenic, Elizabeth Oliver, of Salisbury, a picture of a boating scene on Lake Junaluska; hunting, Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, showing waterfowl shooting over Lake Mattamuskeet, and agriculture, A. Wesley Carpenter, Durham, of a scene entitled "Evening Chores."

The judges announced that they were unable to find any pictures of sufficient merit to win prizes in the industrial division.

Four second prizes of $20 were given, one in each of the divisions except agricultural. They went to: Scenic, Edgar Abernethy, Stanly; recreation, H. K. Witherspoon, Raleigh; hunting, Thurmond Chatham, Winston-Salem; and fishing, Edmund McLaurin, Wilmington.

Has Fine Collection

Mr. Townsend, the grand prize winner, has specialized in tobacco pictures and has an unusually fine collection of prints relating to this subject. His prize-winning shot will be used as a frontispiece for the forthcoming issue of the department's publication "North Carolina Today."

Judges for the contest were Mrs. H. A. Siddell, James W. Denmark, and William Daniel, Raleigh photographers.

Many hundreds of Western North Carolina pictures were submitted in The Citizen's contest conducted in collaboration with the department. After prizes were awarded here all the pictures were forwarded to the department at Raleigh.

The purpose of the contest was to obtain as many first class North Carolina pictures as possible, to be used in connection with this state's current $250,000 national advertising campaign. Not only the prize-winning pictures but many others entered in the contest are expected to be used in the advertising. All pictures and negatives entered became the permanent property of the department.

Both Mr. Clodfelter and Mr. Wright have been outstanding here

Prize Winners

FRANK CLODFELTER

J. L. WRIGHT

THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Safety Guardians Of High School Elect Officers

The safety of the boys and girls at Lee Edwards high school is vested in the trained hands of the safety patrol of the school. Officers of that body for the spring semester are shown above, left to right: John Laughridge, second lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Laughridge of 33 Caledonia road; James Wright, captain, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wright of 841 Haywood road; and Fred Dickinson, first lieutenant, son of Mrs. Fred Dickinson of 55 Hanover street. The boys of the safety patrol direct traffic in front of the school and time the departures of the busses for the safety of all.

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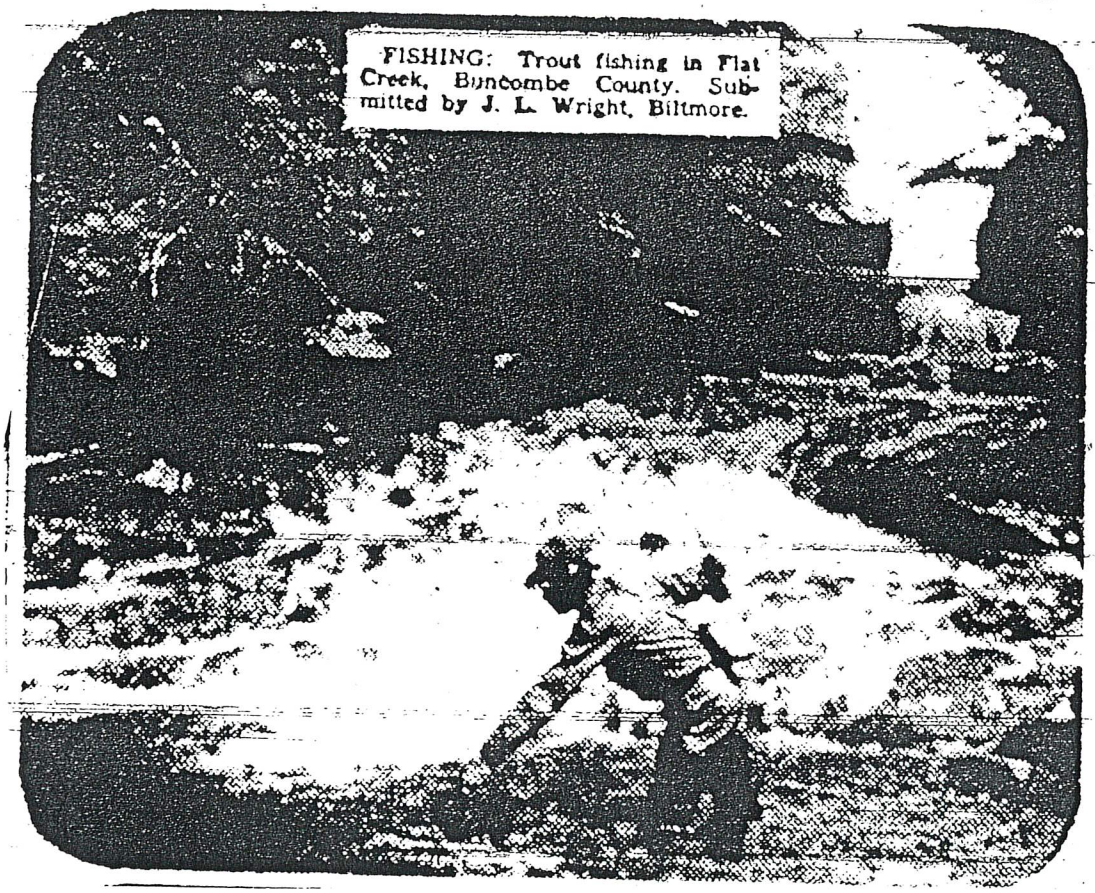

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RICHARD B. WYNNE

Richard B. (Dick) Wynne, born Aug. 25, 1927, joined the Asheville Citizen-Times in 1944. Except for 18 months in the Army Air Force, his service was continuous, since he attended Asheville-Biltmore College (now the University of North Carolina at Asheville) while a reporter and a sports writer for the newspaper.

At age 28, Wynne became managing editor of The Citizen (morning) after newsroom positions that included reporting, sports writing and the various sub-editor jobs: telegraph, state, Sunday, etc. He was promoted to executive editor in 1963 with responsibility for the total editorial product of both newspapers.

In 1968, Wynne was made assistant to the publisher and in 1970 vice president and associate publisher. He was promoted to president and publisher upon the retirement of Robert Bunnelle in 1974.

Wynne has attended many newspaper seminars during his career, including the American Press Institute at Columbia University. He was president of the North Carolina Press Association 1977-78, and also is a past president of the North Carolina Associated Press News Council and the AP Club. He was a Pulitzer Juror in Journalism in 1979-80.

His civic activities have included the presidency of the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce (1973), WNC Tomorrow, (1980-81), the Western North Carolina Development Assn. (1980-81), and Asheville Area Red Cross (1976). He received the Asheville Chamber's Big A Award in 1980. He has been a member of the board of trustees of Western Carolina University, and of the Western Regional Board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., and of several Asheville area civic organizations. He was chairman of the board of the Asheville-WNC Better Business Bureau in 1976.

An Asheville native, he is married to the former Betty Jean Rice of Asheville and has four children: James R., Debra S., Dennis A. and Patrice L. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Wynne. Mrs. Wynne is the daughter of the late J.C. Rice, Sr. and Mrs. Rice.

— Bill Moore

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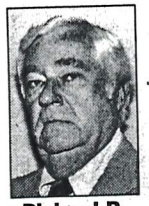
Former Citizen-Times publisher named UNCA's alumnus of the year

By Barbara Blake
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — Richard B. Wynne, former president and publisher of the Asheville Citizen-Times, will be honored tonight with UNC Asheville's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award.

The award will be presented at 6 p.m. at UNCA's Reuter Center during the Founder's Dinner sponsored by the UNCA Alumni Relations Office.

Wynne, a Buncombe County native, graduated from UNCA's predecessor, Asheville-Biltmore College, in 1950. He played a vital role in bringing Asheville-Biltmore into the University of North Carolina system and served on UNCA's board of trustees for many years. Wynne received the Chancellor's Medallion, UNCA's highest service award, in 1988.



Richard B. Wynne

"Over the course of many years, Dick Wynne has been one of UNCA's most effective friends," said UNCA Chancellor Jim Mullen. "As a dedicated alumnus, as a wise and respected trustee, as a trusted counselor to successive chancellors, his service to the university has been invaluable."

A Buncombe County native, Wynne rose through the ranks at the Citizen-Times from copy boy to president and publisher, retiring in 1987.

He has served and held office with numerous local boards, including the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, Asheville Art Museum, Better Business Bureau, Flynn Christian Fellowship Home, Mission St. Joseph's Health System and United Way.

As a board member and chairman of the WNC Development Association, Wynne helped establish the WNC Farmers Market and N.C. Arboretum, and helped develop the Livestock Arena and expand the Horticultural Crops Research Station.

"Dick was definitely one of the outstanding members over the years, there's no question about it," said Bill Edmondson, longtime manager of the WNC Agricultural Center.

Asheville City Councilman Jim Ellis, who was executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce from 1974 to 1983, said Wynne was a powerful force in the business community during his years as an active member of the chamber.

"Dick's been one of the most caring and dedicated — as well as intelligent — citizens that's ever served the Chamber of Commerce," Ellis said.

Tickets to the Founders Dinner are $20. For information, call 251-6512.

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Wynne's latest honor is richly deserved

For years it was one of the first questions for anyone having their first conversation with a person who worked for our newspaper:

"Do you know Dick Wynne?"

Well, yes.

Everybody with more than a passing familiarity with Buncombe County knows Richard B. Wynne, a.k.a. Dick Wynne, a.k.a. one of the most important figures in WNC over the latter stages of the 20th century.

A native of Buncombe County, Wynne knew his way around a newsroom.

He began his career as a copy boy and finished it as president and publisher of the Citizen-Times, from which he retired in 1987. He knows news.

Now, we are not blowing our own horn here. Mr. Wynne was affiliated with a newspaper sporting different ownership in a different era (there were two newspapers, the Citizen and the Times, as opposed to today's Citizen-Times).

Dick Wynne

But the fact is Richard Wynne is a towering figure in our culture altogether deserving of the honor of UNC Asheville Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, which he recently received.

Wynne graduated from UNCA's predecessor, Asheville-Biltmore College. He used his influence on behalf of the community. If there was a good cause, he had his hand in it.

Among them: He served on the boards of the United Way, Mission St. Joseph's Health System, the Red Cross, Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Asheville Art Museum and Better Business Bureau. He chaired the WNC Development Association and helped establish both the WNC Farmers Market and N.C. Arboretum.

Do you know Dick Wynne? Well, since he's stepped out of the spotlight a bit of late, you might not.

But you should know he helped create the community we all love today.

Well done, Mr. Wynne.

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West Asheville People

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Asheville Man Builds 6-Room House By Hand

Y. P. Yarrow, Working Alone, Completes Job In 13 Months

By PHILLIPS RUSSELL

Working entirely alone Y. P. Yarrow has built a six-room stucco bungalow in West Asheville with his own hands. No other person helped him.

The house is beautiful to look at and is estimated to be worth $5,000. It was 13 months in construction and every brick in the foundation, every girder, in the framework, every arch and column bears the imprint of one man's hands.

The structure stands as a ranch-born individualist's concrete and useful answer to unemployment and hard times. It is more than a house. It is the poetry and purpose of a man's life who tells you of himself: "I am a builder."

Here is a man who finds more joy in work and many you will meet. For 315 days, toiling 12 hours a day, resting only on Sundays, he dug out the earth for a basement, laid the brick foundation, cut the joists and rafters squarely, laid them true, mixed the mortar, and gave to the house its strength and form.

Worked 2 Years On Plans

This was not done as a whimsical stunt. The builder worked two years designing the plans before he began and then drove a battered automobile across the continent from San Diego, Calif., to the small squares of land he owns in Asheville. Two days after he arrived here on June 4, 1937, he started excavating for the house. It was completed July 7, 1938.

Located on 122 Richmond avenue the house is now rented to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hill. Yarrow lives in a one-room, rough board shanty on the adjoining lot and has already started preparations for building another house there. If, too, he will build alone.

Yarrow is unmarried. He cooks all of his own food, washes his clothes and has a flourishing vegetable garden. His tomato vines have supplied the neighborhood for weeks and he has several likely looking pumpkins growing. Two neighbor women have promised to bake him some pies this fall. Making pastry seems to be one of the few things he cannot do.

Shanty Strongly Constructed

Aside from his humble and retiring manner a desire for neatness and economy seems to be Yarrow's chief characteristic. Although rough in outward appearance his shanty is strongly constructed with a smooth concrete floor to keep out all dirt and insects. The room contains a two-burner gasoline camp stove, a sewing machine, a kerosene lamp, a canvas-bottomed cot and shelves for magazines, foodstuffs and tools.

In the backyard there is a small round pit about four feet deep lined with stones. All of the wood scraps are burned here and once a week Yarrow bakes a run of bread, biscuits or corn pone to last seven days. At other times he uses the pit for cooking stew, which is his favorite dish.

In 1930 Yarrow left Asheville penniless. Since 1922 he had been associated with his brother, the late A. E. Yarrow, Wayne P. James and the late Frank Whitman in the construction business. He had worked as a finishing carpenter, foreman, or in some capacity on more than 100 houses during the rushing building boom of the late twenties in Asheville, he said.

Acquired Few Lots

During that time he acquired a few lots in the city at high prices. His brother died, the company went into bankruptcy and hammer and saw ceased to sing in Asheville for a while. Yarrow then turned back to the west whence he had come.

Reaching California in 1930, Yarrow found employment for his skilled hands and was able to save some money. While working as a finishing carpenter for the Depew Construction company in San Diego, however, he began to dream of returning to Asheville and building a house alone.

The idea of erecting every part of a structure exactly according to what he considered the most enduring and attractive methods appealed to him. He wanted to build a house that would be as he wanted it when finished. He wanted a house that he could know was properly and firmly put together.

By night he drew plans and made blue prints. He was striving for simplicity, beauty and economy. He wanted no waste space and no waste materials. An inspection of the house he has built will reveal that he has achieved this desire. Every inch inside appears to be livable and useful. Awkward corners and turns were avoided. Closets and cabinets are built in cleverly to displace a minimum of space.

After considering the idea for two years Yarrow announced to his employers that he was quitting and with his savings and drawings set out again for Western North Carolina. That is the story behind the house.

For excavating the basement Yarrow used a pick, shovel and wheel barrow. That task required nine days. He said that he made several attempts to find a man with a horse, plow and scraper to do the excavating but decided that it would be easier to do it by hand than hunt for a helper.

"Later I tried to get some boys to help me mix mortar and carry bricks. But I was unable to hire one who could make two batches of mortar alike or take any interest in the job, so I did it myself rather than worry with them", he said.

Thus the work continued. The frame was built of rough lumber and Yarrow planned ahead so as to be able to handle the heavy timbers by himself. "There's an art to handling lumber so as not to hurt yourself and I found the going easy," he said.

Rough sheeting was placed around the frame and overlaid with 15-pound roofer's felt. Galvanized lathes were placed on top of this covering and an inch thick coat of stucco plastered on the lathes. This stucco was troweled to a smooth surface and all of the corners made perfectly square. Rock lathe was used on the inside and Yarrow plastered over it.

Has Unusual Features

The house possesses two unusual features. It has no wooden window casings showing on either the inside or outside. Stucco and plaster are moulded into straight lines about the openings. The baseboard in the room is laid flush with the wall. Both of these features are found in new homes on the west coast, Yarrow said, and are designed to make for a minimum of woodwork, cleaning and cracks to catch dirt. Picture moulding is eliminated leaving the walls unbroken planes.

The walls of the kitchen and bathroom are finished in smooth hard plaster so that they may be washed when spattered. Applying the plaster on the entire house was the hardest job of all, Yarrow said, adding "when I got through there wasn't more than a bucketful of mortar dropped on the floor and some plasterers put more on the floor than they do on the walls."

Installing the electrical wiring and plumbing fixtures were the only parts of the job not performed by Yarrow.

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Community Life Centers About Organized Groups

West Asheville Folks Combine Efforts In Unity Plan

By GLENN W. NAVES

The people of West Asheville believe in organization.

And, incidentally, they believe in co-operation, and that a combination of these two elements is essential to community growth and progress.

Consequently, they have embodied the two in a number of well organized community groups, each of which is varied in policy and purpose so as to conform with the needs of everybody from the business man down to the boys and girls who are going to school and training themselves to be future citizens.

Beginning several years ago, public spirited citizens of the community grouped themselves in the belief that business, religion, social work, education and community government can best be conducted when each is thoroughly organized. And these organizations have grown with the progressive expansion of that section until each is a valuable asset, something which just as essential in a sense as the streets, schools and churches are, because many of these benefits have been obtained through the efforts of one or more of the organizations.

Club Is Oldest

The largest and oldest of these groups are the West Asheville club, the West Asheville Community club and the West Asheville Merchants Association.

The former was organized in November, 1925 with S. D. Hall as president. Other presidents have been: Don C. Young, 1926, Hugh Sowers, 1927 and H. B. Posey, whose term will expire in November of this year. Both Mr. Posey and Mr. Sowers are bankers, the former being cashier of the Bank of West Asheville and the latter connected with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Young is representative No. 1 from Buncombe county in the General Assembly. G. G. Morgan was elected the first secretary and after his resignation was succeeded by Bert Starnes, who has served in that capacity since.

The club's membership of around 75, includes business and professional men of every calling—lawyers, bankers, ministers, physicians, merchants, public officials, and even one fire chief, a mayor and a few "politicians." The fire chief is A. L. Duckett, of the Asheville fire department, the mayor, Gallatin Roberts and the "politicians" include Mr. Young, who is also among Asheville's best known attorneys.

The club has since its organization shown a deep interest in the upbuilding and progress of the community, and at present has on schedule a number of plans in that direction.

Community Club

Shortly after the West Asheville club was formed the ladies of the community decided that they should also have a similar organization so the West Asheville Community club was formed.

The club has its musical and literary de- which have separate meetings and give programs in which the members participate. One of the most popular of these features is the monthly musical program, usually held at the home of a member. Local talent is used and a visiting artist entertains with vocal or instrumental numbers, or perhaps lectures on some interesting phase of music study. Each month the program is planned under the supervision of a selected member and is arranged so as to provide variety and an opportunity for each member to exercise their talent.

In many other ways the club takes an active part in the social, and church and educational life of the community, and has a large and active membership, many of whom are charter members.

Merchants Group

The West Asheville Merchants Association was organized in January, 1926 with a charter membership of 13 business men. The organization has since grown to 60 members, including practically every business concern in the community.

In accordance with tentative plans this organization has continued to function as a mutual benefit group for business men and citizens, and has accomplished much in the expansion of the business interests of West Asheville.

J. R. Mills, who died about two years ago, was the first president. Other officers elected at the initial meeting who are still serving are O. J. Judd, vice president and V. F. Brown, secretary. John May succeeded Mr. Mills as president.

Other Organizations

Other groups pprovide the essential organization element for the people, of the comunity.

Young people's organizations include two troops of the Boy Scouts of America; the Junior Music club; the Business Girls' Circle; the Young Men of the Presbyterian church, and others.

One of the Scout troops has been organized at the Methodist church and is sponsored by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, and others, Troop 5 of the Presbyterian church is under the leadership of Jimmy Haley, patrol leader and F. Bonnotte, Scoutmaster.

The Junior Music club was organized by Mrs. A. X. Blanchard and has since grown from eight to eighty members. The group was formed so as to give the children of the community with musical talent an opportunity to benefit from study and contact with each other, and to maintain their interest in music. The club is known as one of the most active in West Asheville.

Other organizations are the Calvary Baptist church orchestra and male [illegible] Junior [illegible] Methodist church; Business Girls' Circle, Woman's Auxiliary, Men of the Church and Young Men of the Church, of the Presbyterian church, the Woman's Missionary groups of the community churches, the B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor organizations, the Mitchell Avenue Home club, the Friendship club, the Parent Teacher Association of Hall Fletcher, Aycock, Eugene Rankin, and Vance schools, the Sunday school groups and others.

Fraternal organizations include the West Asheville chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Locke Craig Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Red Men, Moose, Odd Fellows and the A. F. and A. M. Masonic

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1938

PLANS MADE TO IMPROVE PARK IN WEST ASHEVILLE

Will Seek All Varieties Of Rhododendron To Plant In Region

The West Asheville club last night endorsed efforts to make Rhododendron park one of the leading beauty spots of this section.

M. W. Hamrick was named head of a committee that will aid the chamber of commerce in seeking to bring the 65 to 75 varieties of rhododendron in the world to Asheville to be planted in the park.

Four members were named on a committee to confer with city officials and urge widening of Haywood road and construction of a new bridge between Asheville and West Asheville. They are: J. H. Parris, Frank Austin, Arthur Dunn and Don C. Young.

Five were named on a committee to nominate members for the board of directors: O. J. Judd, Bert Starnes, R. E. Reynolds, Jim Justus and Mr. Dunn.

Members of the club were urged to support and attend the beautification contest and flower show to be held in West Asheville tomorrow.

E. D. Roberts, president, presided. The meeting was held at Rhododendron park clubhouse.

Asheville Citizen September 9, 1938

BRIDGE SITE WILL BE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Ferebee To Attend Meeting At Aycock School On Wednesday.

West Asheville civic and business leaders will gather next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at Aycock elementary school to put forth opinions on an "inter-city" bridge rather than one that would divert traffic around West Asheville. The meeting is sponsored by a group of interested persons.

Percy B. Ferebee, commissioner of the ninth district of the state highway commission, is expected to attend.

The state has made a special allotment of funds for the bridge and surveys as to possible locations have been made with two proposed locations under consideration, it was pointed out.

One possible location would have the bridge across the French Broad river connecting a street from the end of Patton avenue on one side and a street ending at the intersection of Waynesville avenue, Westwood place and Haywood road on the other sire. This location would send traffic through the business district of West Asheville. The other would have the bridge located below the old Smith bridge near the rock quarry and connecting with a road ending on Haywood road near Lucerne park, which would mean a diversion of traffic around the business district.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, at which time persons will be given opportunity to express opinions concerning the bridge.

Don C. Young, Asheville attorney, will preside at the meeting and the committee on arrangements including Bert Starnes, S. J. Fortune, Jr., and S. E. Sanders.

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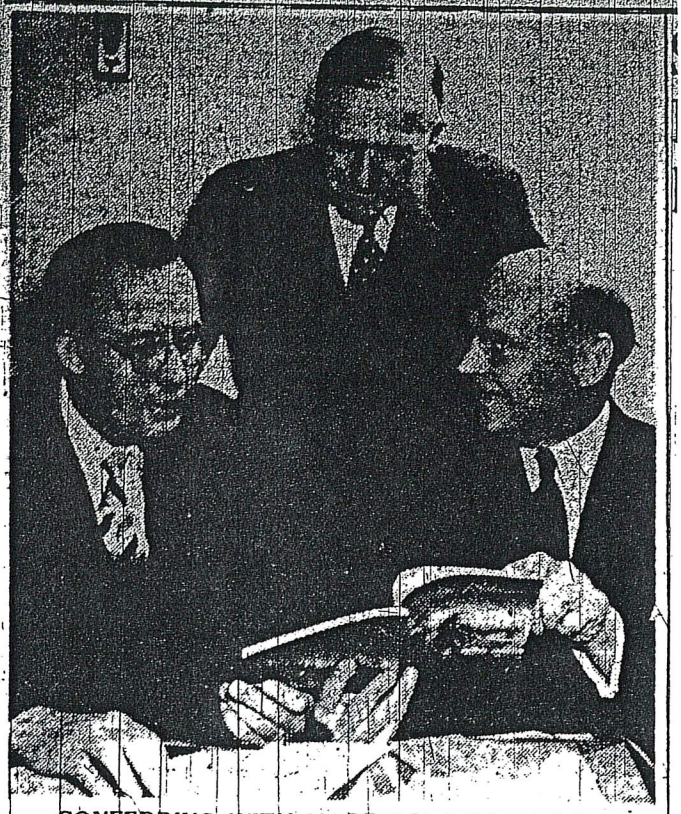

CONFERRING WITH HARRY R. LOGAN, left, chairman of the county-wide religious census to be made here Sunday, are Dr. Embree H. Blackard, right, and the Rev. Earl D. Weed, representing the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County. Some 3,000 canvassers will take part in the census under the over-all direction of Logan. (Citizen Photo)

County-Wide Religious Census To Be Conducted Here Sunday

More than 3,000 census takers will cover Asheville and Buncombe County Sunday afternoon in the first county-wide religious census to be made here in several years.

A large number of churches of different denominations is taking part in the religious census. Groups participating include Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran and Christian churches.

Harry R. Logan is in general charge of the census.

Cooperating in the census is the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County through a committee headed by Dr. C. Grier Davis. Committee members include the Rev. Earl D. Weed, Dr. W. Perry Crouch and Dr. H. Embree Blackard.

The county will be divided in six districts to be surveyed by the canvassers Sunday, starting shortly after noon. District leaders include: Asheville, Don Young, West Asheville, E. B. Roberts; Hominy, the Rev. Carl G. Mauney; Mount Carmel, Vonno Brown; Weaverville, Dewey Brown; Biltmore, Alex Young; Swannanoa, the Rev. A. J. Buckner.

Census takers will ask each individual contacted the following questions: Name, age, address, if church member, denominational preference, church preferance, if Sunday School member.

The information received will be given to the different churches or denominational groups according to the church membership or denominational preference expressed.

Territories in the city and county have been divided as far as possible so that each participating church has a section to cover in the immediate community where the church is located, Chairman Logan said.

Several of the denominations participating in the census plan to follow the census with evangelistic programs designed to attract the unchurched.

More than 60 Baptist churches in the county plan to hold simultaneous revival services for two weeks beginning March 25.

Presbyterians are planning to conduct visitations and special meetings, February through Easter.

Methodists plan visitations and a week of special services in each church between February 18 and Easter.

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N.C. - Asheville - Biography - Young, Don C.

Don C. Young, GOP Leader, Dies At Age 92

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Don C. Young, 92, of 203 Brucemont Circle, Asheville, a lawyer and a veteran Buncombe County Republican politician, died Monday in an Asheville hospital.

YOUNG

A native of Madison County, he was a son of the late J.C. and Jane Anderson Young. He was a member of First Baptist Church. For many years, he was a member of the Buncombe County Republican Executive Committee and in 1929 served as its vice chairman. In 1926, he was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for solicitor of this judicial district.

In 1948, he was named president of the Association for the Handicapped and Health Services for Buncombe County.

Before he was 21 he became an active campaigner for the Republican Party in Buncombe County and Western North Carolina. In 1916, he campaigned with the late L.L. Jenkins of Asheville, then Republican candidate for lieutenant governor. In 1918, he was a candidate for the state legislature on the Republican ticket and lost to his brother, who was the Democratic candidate.

He served as chairman of the 1948 Easter Seal campaign.

He attended Mars Hill College, Fruitland Bible Institute and Wake Forest University. He practiced law for several years with the late Gallatin Roberts, mayor of Asheville.

He was moderator of the Buncombe County Baptist Association, an official of Calvary Baptist Church and former president of the Buncombe County Interdenominational Sunday School Association. He was a former president of the West Asheville Club and had served on the board of directors of the Asheville Community Chest.

Surviving are his wife, Genevieve Buckner Woodson Young; a daughter, Rema Huffman of California; two sisters, Pauline Young of Morganton and Iva Brown of Greenwood, S.C.; a brother, Dr. John C. Young of Asheville; a stepson, Robert M. Woodson of Weaverville; a grandchild, two great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home. The Revs. Nane Starnes and Wayne Davis will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Eliada Home for Children.

Asheville Citizen February 12, 1986

TALENTED

Little Louise Young, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young, of West Asheville, made her formal debut in a recital at the George Vanderbilt hotel on July 29. She is a pupil of Miss Blanche E. Loftain, well known voice and piano teacher. Little Louise has a voice of great promise according to her teacher, and she also plays the piano remarkably well. She is probably the youngest musician in the city.

—Photo by Michael

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Raising Poultry Is His Hobby

W. C. Young, of 31 Salola Street, West Asheville, is shown above with one of the fine cockerels in his flock of 200 pedigree chickens. Mr. Young, an employe of the Enka plant, has been raising poultry for the past five years as a spare-time hobby. Sales of his poultry and eggs net him approximately $500 a year. His flock includes the Original Hansom and the Booth Red chickens.

Asheville Citizen October 22, 1934

JUMPERS THRILL AIRPORT CROWDS

Paul Yow, Bonny Rowe Make Jumps; Thousands Look On

Two large crowds witnessed stunt flying and parachute jumping yesterday at the Asheville-Hendersonville airport and at Carrier Field in West Asheville.

Dozens of young men and women begged for a chance to make parachute jumps, but Paul Yow jumped at the A. and H port and Bonny Rowe at Carrier Field.

Chief Pilot Ed J. Buyck of the A and H port, was to have stunted an old Canadian training ship until it fell to pieces and then save himself with a parachute, but the old ship refused to leave the ground.

Several ships have been at the two ports the past three days carrying passengers over the city on short and long hops. George Keightley and Dr J. E. Owen carried passengers at Carrier Field and T. J. Roberts, Chief Pilot Buyck, Roger Messer and Luther Johnson flew passengers at Fletcher.

Approximately 3,000 persons were at the Fletcher field yesterday to see Mr. Yow make his first jump He is an Asheville boy. A large number of others wanted to make the jump. Luther Johnson made a jump last week. Bonny Rowe is a professional jumper and has made several hundred jumps all over the country The department of commerce now requires that all jumpers wear two chutes for safety

The second group of student pilots will go to Greenville S C, this week for physical examinations Lawrence McClellan, the youngest student of the A and H school will solo this week, T J Roberts president and general manager of the port said yesterday.

Asheville Citizen September 2, 1930

LAST RITES FOR VICTIMS OF AIR CRASH SET TODAY

Gardner And McMillan Will Be Buried At Double Funeral

Funeral services for three West Asheville youths who were killed in an airplane crash near Fletcher Sunday afternoon will be conducted today.

The bodies of Graham Gardner, 18, pilot of the plane, and Sam McMillan, passenger, will be placed in a single grave at Green Hill cemetery. The body of Paul Yow, 22, also a passenger in the plane, was sent to Asheboro, N. C., yesterday for burial this afternoon.

Services for Gardner and McMillan, life-long chums, will be conducted from the West Asheville Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. F. M. Dowell, pastor of the church, and the Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church, officiating.

Gardner is survived by his parents, Dr. G. D. Gardner and Mrs. Fannie Gardner, of West Asheville, and one sister Lois Jean Gardner. McMillan is survived by his mother, Mrs. S. A. McMillan and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. J. Stokes, of Washington, D. C., Josephine, Robert, Hope and Rose McMillan of West Asheville.

Yow is survived by his widow and a four-day-old baby. Mrs. Yow, a patient at the Aston Park hospital, was told of her husband's death yesterday. Dr. C. A. Hensley told her of the tragedy which claimed the life of her husband. She is reported to have received the news bravely.

Active Pallbearers

The bodies of McMillan and Gardner will be placed in steel caskets of the same design and will be buried in the same grave. Active pallbearers for Gardner will be Louis Lutz, Donald Ingle, Ray Householder, Lawrence Miller, Henry Shook, and Eugene Currence. Active pallbearers for McMillan will be: Glen Starnes, William Beckle, William Carter, Harold Franklin, Nelson Austin and Frank Austin.

Honorary pallbearers will be Judge Carl B. Hyatt, George A. Digges, Jr., Dr. H. G. Brookshire, John B. Anderson, Dr. S. S. Fay, George Pennell, Dr. T. W. Sumner, J. Scroop Styles, Ernest C. May, J. W. McRary, R. E. Currence, Philip C. Cocke, Jr., Ellis C. Jones, Sam Cathey, C. H. Bartlett, L. Roy Young, G. T. Verran, D. A. Riddle, Russell Riddle, Melton Glenn, W. W. Edwards, D. T. Blackwell, William Jacobes, James Solesbee, Albert S McMain, Fred V. Riddle, Roy Riddle, Leon Miller, Dr G. E. Brookshire, Ted Bryson, Paul Brewer, and Johnnie Holmes.

The three youths were killed almost instantly Sunday afternoon when the two-seated Eaglerock biplane Gardner was piloting crashed near Fletcher when Gardner attempted to take the machine through a "wing-over" when the plane was at an altitude of approximately 300 feet.

T. J. Roberts, operator of the Asheville-Hendersonville airport, and owner of the plane which Gardner was flying, advised federal authorities of the accident Sunday. Officials of the Federal service were expected to arrive in Asheville to investigate the crash.

Coroner J. F. Brooks, of Henderson county, viewed the wrecked plane and came here to view the bodies of the three youths. He did not call an inquest. Dr. Brooks said that he was not notified of the accident Sunday and did not learn of the tragedy until yesterday morning. He said that he did not authorize the removal of the three bodies from the scene of the crash in Henderson county.

Asheville Citizen May 5, 1931

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RITES HELD FOR CRASH VICTIMS

Final Chapter In Long Friendship Written For Two Boys

The final chapter of a life-long friendship between Graham Gardner, 18, and Sam McMillan, 17, was written yesterday afternoon when the bodies of the two youths were placed in a single grave in the Green Hills cemetery in West Asheville.

The two youths met their death Sunday afternoon when an airplane which Gardner was piloting crashed near Fletcher, in Henderson county. Paul Yow, 22, a second passenger in the plane, was also killed. Funeral rites for Yow were held yesterday afternoon at Asheboro, N. C.

Scores of friends of Gardner and McMillan, who associated with the two in the activities of the West Asheville Baptist church Sunday school, attended the rites for the two youths yesterday afternoon at the West Asheville Baptist church. The Rev. F. M. Dowell, pastor of the church, officiated at the services. He was assisted by the Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church.

Active pallbearers for Gardner were: Louis Lutz, Donald Ingle, Ray Householder, Lawrence Miller, Henry Shook and Eugene Currence. Active pallbearers for McMillan were: Glen Starnes, William Beckle, William Carter, Harold Frankin, Nelson Austin and Frank Austin.

Honorary pallbearers were: Judge Carl B. Hyatt, George A. Digges, Jr., Dr. H. G. Brookshire, John B. Anderson, Dr. S. S. Fay, George Pennell, Dr. T. W. Sumner, J. Scroop Styles, Ernest C. May, J. W. McRary, R. E. Currence, Philip C. Cocke, Jr., Ellis C. Jones, Sam Cathey, C. H. Bartlett, L. Roy Young, G. T. Verran, D. A. Riddle, Russell Riddle, Melton Glenn, W. W. Edwards, D. T. Blackwell, William Jacobes, James Solesbee, Albert S. McMain, Fred V. Riddle, Roy Riddle, Leon Miller, Dr. G. E. Brookshire, Ted Bryson, Paul Brewer, and Johnnie Holmes, Dr. L. R. Russell, Fletcher.

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J. S. Zimmerman, Expert Violin Maker, Is Dead

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Joseph S. Zimmerman, 77, architect, who turned to violin making as a hobby and later made it his occupation, died early yesterday morning in an Asheville hospital. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a week ago.

For many years, Mr. Zimmerman was a leading architect in the state and designed many buildings in Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Salisbury. He came to Asheville approximately 20 years ago and for a time maintained offices in the Imperial theater building on Patton avenue. About 1930, his friends recalled yesterday, he retired and began to give the hobby of violin making all his time.

Worked Slowly

A true craftsman, Mr. Zimmerman worked slowly in his workshop in the Technical building, lavishing the most minute attention upon his beloved violins. Sometimes, he would spend three months or longer in the making of a single instrument.

One of Mr. Zimmerman's friends, a musician, said yesterday that a New York authority on violins had pronounced Mr. Zimmerman's as good as any made in that city.

"He could have made a fortune selling his violins, if he wished", the musician commented, "but he did not care to advertise or push his products".

An interesting conversationalist, Mr. Zimmerman usually could be found working in his shop. He delighted in smoking his pipe, and he would show his visitor the products of his shop and the violins still in the shaping rack. Tone is all important in a violin, and Mr. Zimmerman would draw a bow across the strings of one of the instruments and the product of his craftsmanship would sing out true and clear.

Once a reporter called upon Mr. Zimmerman. The newspaperman wished to write a story about violin making, but Mr. Zimmerman refused. "There's no reason for me to be in the papers", he said.

Mr. Zimmerman sold his violins in all sections of the nation, his musician friends recalled yesterday. He called his establishment the Cremona Violin shop. The name was taken from the famous old school of violin makers, whose products, the Cremona violins, stand in the first rank, and include among its masters Amati, Antonio Stradivari and Giuseppe Guarneri.

For his violins, Mr. Zimmerman obtained wood from the forests of Russia said to be 200 years old. He got the wood through an agent in New York, and musicians said when the wood was hit with a piece of metal it would ring out almost like a bell. He once tried spruce from the forests of Western North Carolina, but found it was not old enough.

Was Well Informed

Friends of Mr. Zimmerman yesterday also commented on his warm love for his fellow man, and spoke of his generous disposition. He was well informed, they said, and had read the Bible through three times from cover to cover and could quote any line from it.

Mr. Zimmerman formerly resided on Hanover street in West Asheville, but for the last few years had living quarters in connection with his workshop in the Technical building. Dunn-Groce funeral home is in charge, but funeral arrangements were complete last night.

Mr. Zimmerman is survived by three sons, Guy, of Denver, Col., Jack, of San Pedro, Cal., and Charles T. Zimmerman, of Washington; and one daughter, Mrs. Grace Ryan, of Chicago.

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Winners In Garden Club Essay Contest

The boys and girls shown above studied the importance of the conservation of trees and then wrote winning essays in a contest sponsored by the conservation committee of the Asheville Garden club. They are, left to right, seated: Nancy Eller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Eller of 60 Brucemont circle, first prize at Aycock elementary school; Jack Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnston of 95 Cumberland avenue, second prize winner at Randolph elementary school; Jo Ann Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Zimmerman of 37 Michigan avenue, second prize at Aycock elementary school; standing, Robert Brackett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee Brackett of 4 Amboy street, second prize at Rankin elementary school; George Lance, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lance of 21 Brotherton street, first prize at Rankin; and Tommy Rezzuto, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rezzuto of 29 Blake street, second prize at Randolph elementary school. Other first and second prize winners unable to be present for the picture are Wayland Plemmons, first, and Mary Frances DeVore, second, at San Hill school, and Georgia Hensley, first at Vance Elementary school. Third prize winners of the schools are as follows: Pat Grice, Aycock; Helen Young, Rankin; Thomas Sumner, Randolph; and Granville Corn, Sand Hill. Cash prizes amounting to $12 will be given the winners at a meeting of the garden club Wednesday, February 18 at the George Vanderbilt hotel.

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